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International Squash Exchange a Great Success!

In April 2008 Cheshire Junior Squash hosted the first part of a tri-nation squash exchange. Young squash players from Royan in France and Malmo in Sweden spent five days with Cheshire junior players training and playing under the guidance of Drewe Williams coach to the Cheshire Juniors.

The exchange was established at the suggestion of Jenny Lavaud and Anna Blaix from Espace Royan, a club linked with the local school, which has squash as an integral part of its curriculum.

Hosted by Cheshire families, eight French and eight Swedish players (*4 boys and 4 girls from each country*) met to enjoy a few days together with squash as the point of contact.

Using the courts at Warrington Sports Club and Chester Rugby Squash Club, the players took part in a full programme of routines, fitness and circuit training, conditioned games, international team games. The exchange finished with a tournament and a farewell get together in the evening.

During the visit they were visited by the Mayoress of Warrington, and the Lord Mayor of Chester. They are both very much in favour of cultural and sport exchanges such as this.

Exchanges such as this require funding and Cheshire Junior Squash are very grateful to the support given by England Squash and by the Cheshire Senior Committee, without whose help it may not have taken place.

The second part of the venture is likely to take place in October, probably in Royan.

The Swedish Group



The French Group



Photograph: Squash Exchange Players with the Mayoress of Warrington, and the Lord Mayor of Chester.