



# NEWSLETTER

## News for 2014

The Dowty Judo Club has held a presentation evening at the Dowty Dojo, when Peter Beard the Western Area Development Officer presented the Club with its re-validation for the Clubmark status which the Club has held for the past 6 years. The Clubmark status confirms that the Club meets all the necessary criteria for the successful delivery of the Sport of Judo.

The Dowty Dojo was the venue for a Coach Re-validation event, when 25 Coaches attended from various Clubs in the County, and from various parts of the Western Area. All Coaches within the British Judo Association have varying criteria to meet in order to re-validate their Coach award, and this practical session is one such requirement. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year that the Dowty Club has acted as a venue for such an event, with Coaches from the Dowty, Newent & Apollo Club's in attendance. Each re-validation event requires a specific subject to focus on, and this year the subject was S.A.Q, speed, agility and quickness. The course was delivered by the Western Area Technical Officer, Sandra Klinger.

More improvements have recently been made to the Dowty Dojo, with the current project involving the replacement of the lighting system within the Dojo. This will just about complete the extensive renovation which has taken place both inside and outside of the Dojo building, giving the Club a Dojo which it is rightly proud of.

From a membership point of view, the Club continues to grow its junior session with a core membership of around 20 Players both Male and Female. Whilst a small number of these juniors have started to participate in competition, the ongoing aim is to increase the competitive element. From a senior point of view, whilst the Club can boast a still active group of some 15 Dan grades, we are always, with an eye on the future, on the lookout for Youth and Senior be-ginners, and anyone interested should contact Head Coach, Pete Salter.

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