



**AWARDS** Matthew Sheill, Georga Rose Davis, Lamin Keita and Paul Westworth with Sophia Warner

## Top paralympian is guest at games

ONE of the world's top Paralympians was the special guest at a sports event for young disabled athletes.

Sophia Warner, the world number two T35 (cerebral palsy) sprinter, attended the sixth Parallel Youth Games in Burgess Hill.

The 36-year-old Hove resident was there to give support to more than 500 young people from 19 special schools across Sussex.

Participants aged 10 to 18 competed in sports at The Triangle leisure centre.

Among the winners was the

team from Hamilton Lodge School and College in Brighton. Sophia said: "I am in a fortunate position to be able to raise the profile of disability sport in this country."

For more information about the event go to [www.activesussex.org](http://www.activesussex.org).

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**PURPLE PATCH:** Hamilton Lodge enjoyed three successes

## Hamilton Lodge secure silverware

**HAMILTON** Lodge School left with triple honours from the sixth annual Sussex Parallel Youth Games, which took place at the Triangle Burgess Hill.

Students from the Brighton school, which caters for deaf children, placed first overall in the athletics and cricket competitions.

Hamilton Lodge also won silver in the Boccia Power League event.

This year's Parallel Youth Games, in partnership with The Co-operative, was a resounding success with 18 special schools from across the county competing in six separate events.

Competitors range from ten to 18 years of age.

Five special schools from Brighton took part in the Games this year.

In addition to Hamilton Lodge School, there was Downs Park, which won medals in the pool including two for 14-year-old Reba Chapman Davies, Downs View, Cedar Centre and Patcham House School, Brighton. Patcham won the the New Age Kurling power league event.

### DISABLED SPORT

The awards and medals were presented by Hove Paralympian Sophia Warner and BBC sports commentator Paul Dickenson.

Warner said: "It was an amazing experience attending the Games. I saw some really talented competitors. Giving these young people the chance to participate and compete, regardless of their individual circumstances - it's a fantastic opportunity for them.

"I wish there had been more events like this when I was their age."

**MEDALS:**  
Chapman-Davies

