

Surrey Spotlight #9

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HELPING OUR CLUBS TO PROSPER
AND THRIVE



**Merry Christmas
and enjoy the
read!**

**IN THIS
EDITION**

**Honda Awards
Surrey U18 Boys
Surrey Rugby Strategy
Social Media Workshop
...and much more!**

Front Cover Photo:

Our choice was this amazing photo by Andy Painter of a game between Old Ruts and Old Wimbledonians!

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Chat from the Chair

Dear Surrey Rugby Community,

As we enter the festive season, I want to extend my warmest Christmas wishes to every player, coach, referee, volunteer, parent and supporter across the county. 2025 has been a remarkable year for Surrey Rugby—filled with growth, development and outstanding participation. Here's a snapshot of what's going on below, but please read the whole newsletter, which is filled with information vital to the continued success and growth of rugby in Surrey..



- We are currently developing our updated Operational Pillars and Strategic Priorities for 2026–2029 and will be conducting consultations with clubs, schools, volunteers and partners in early in 2026 to ensure the plan reflects Surrey's needs and ambitions.
- The RFU will be running a new Leadership Course programme in 2026 and we will be contacting clubs for nominations.
- Volunteers remain the heart of Surrey Rugby. This year we have rewarded volunteers with matchday experiences at Twickenham, trips to The Stoop, visits to England training sessions and restaurant and experience rewards. The 2026 Volunteer Recognition Programme will launch in the New Year with an expanded range of opportunities
- Surrey Senior 7s will return in June 2026 with both social and competitive divisions. Entries will open in February.
- Youth Competitions – The U15–Colts pre-Christmas fixtures have concluded with strong engagement. Over 90 teams have entered youth competitions this season.
- A New Touch Rugby Festival is launching in July 2026. It will be open to ages 14+, be mixed, inclusive, non-contact, be held at multiple venues across Surrey and be designed to aid recruitment, retention, and summer engagement. We are also working with schools to introduce this format to non-rugby schools.
- Planning continues for an expanded VetsFest—a celebration of social rugby and playing longevity.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to all our sponsors whose support powers our programmes, competitions and development pathways. We proudly work with: Gauchos • Sporting Class • Inside Rugby • Keltbray • Plastech Southern Ltd • Enigma Security • Upfold Construction • Surrey Oak Barns • Stonebond • OCS Group • CMP/Leaders. Details on how to sponsor Surrey Rugby teams, leagues or initiatives are available on our website.

Yours in rugby

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the awards

Honda Awards

The final awards season under the sponsorship of Honda saw the event hosted at London Irish Amateur RFC on a blisteringly hot evening. There was a great turnout of nominated volunteers and their guests for an excellent spread and an evening filled with celebration and surprises, with some great raffle prizes.

The Surrey Rugby team will be coming out to clubs over the season getting the awards out to those recipients who couldn't attend. The finalists, chosen by Surrey, were Jorge Campos Gonzales (Battersea Ironsides), Mike Riley (Chobham), Jason Hiller (Guildfordians), Miriam Brown (London Irish), Hollie Foster, Sally Hampson, Petra Sakslova and Matthew Chandler (Mitcham & Carshalton) and Matt Tallboys (Warlingham).

The two finalists, chosen by the RFU to go up to Alliance for the lunch, behind the scenes tour and the awards dinner, were Jorge and Matt. Congratulations! Full pictures of the evening via [GALLERIES](#)



the awards

Honda Awards



Finalists Matt & Jorge with Past President Dave Doonan



All the raffle winners!



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Front Cover Fame



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Governance Reminder

We ran the front cover competition again for this newsletter. Lots of great entries, here's our pick of the best. Keep them coming in!



Lucas Bibb - Warmlingham RFC



Sarah Hall - Surrey U18 Boys



Andy Painter - Hammersmith & Fulham v Ironsides



Ruth Harvey - Old Reigatian v Sutton & Epsom



Joanna Gordon - Surrey U18 Girls v Kent



Thomas Judd - Old Amplefordian RFC v Met Police

RULES & GOVERNANCE

A reminder of key governance regulations that are frequently overlooked by clubs during the season. These are all RFU regulations and must be followed, as breaches could result in sanctions, including points deductions against senior teams or bans for individuals.

- 1. Playing Players Up or Down an Age Group**
Requests must follow Regulation 15 guidance and be approved by the CB.
- 2. Running Competitions or Festivals**
Any minis festival, junior or senior competition during the season or off-season (including 7s, 10s, 15s, or touch) with more than 3 clubs or schools must be approved by the CB.
- 3. 17-Year-Olds in Adult Rugby**
Clubs must obtain club approval and then individual player approval before fielding a 17-year-old in adult matches.
- 4. Permission for Tours Outside England**
Youth and senior teams must obtain CB approval for any tour outside England, including Wales and Scotland.
- 5. Hosting Teams from Outside England**
Clubs must obtain CB permission before hosting a team from outside England.
- 6. Pitchside First Aid**
Every team must have minimum pitchside first aid cover in line with RFU regulations
- 7. Age Grade Player Registration**
All age grade players must be registered on GMS within 45 days of the season starting or 45 days after joining a club.
- 8. Senior Player Registration**
All senior adult players must be club registered to play senior rugby (registration can be completed within 48 hours after the match played).

Full details of all these regulations, guidance documents, and templates are available on the Surrey Rugby website. Clubs are strongly encouraged to familiarise themselves with these rules to ensure compliance throughout the season.



the thanks

Out and about

The committee has been out and about in the country, celebrating volunteers and supporting clubs. A snapshot below of what's been going on but we also gave lots of Honda nominees treats: Lydney Denyer (Cranleigh) Riacharad Lawson (Worthing) Steve Alder (Battersea) and Ian Sibley (Chobham) all went to the England v Argentina game, enjoying the hospitality tent and a great game. Gary Sell and Beena Chadra went to the England v Fiji game along with Surrey volunteer coaches from the U17 Boys and U16 Girls teams - Giles Bedloe, Rob Carlos, Rod Jermy, Chris Cloughly and Ettienne Kok.

The Argentina game was also our Volunteer of the Year and President day, when our Surrey RFU Rep Paula Carter hosts a table in the famous RFU Spirit of Rugby. This year Miriam Brown (London Irish) was awarded the Volunteer of the Year and Surrey President Jo Fisher was celebrated for her role this year but also the many years she's given to the county.



Surrey President Jo Fisher awarding Chobham's Mike Vandenberg with his Vice-Presidency



Surrey out in force attending a London Irish pre-match lunch hosted by President Chris Kane



Hospitality in the Spirit of Rugby for the Argentine match, hosted by RFU Rep Paula Carter



Bundee Shariff, Steve Alder, Mark Rose and Bertie Rose - Ironsides Massive



The annual Past President's Lunch



Surrey coaches enjoying hospitality



the thanks

RFU Recognition

Each year, as well as asking us to nominate our Volunteer of the Year, the RFU asks us for top volunteers to give special awards to. So far Jason Hillier of Guildfordians has been to see England Men train - what a treat!



Miriam Brown getting her award at the RFU



Amazing photo celebrating women in rugby, featuring the Red Roses!



Jason Hillier with his rugby heroes!





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Full Pathway Engagement



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Charity Update

Girls Pathway

U16 Girls - The RFU sponsored Development Players Programme has 60+ players in the squad with a season-long development programme and three fixtures across the year

U18 Girls - After a well-attended open trial a squad of 35 was selected to train and participate in a strong competitive calendar across local CBs

Boys Pathway

U17 Boys - 60+ players in the squad partaking in season-long development with competitive fixtures in May

U18 Boys - Completed all their fixtures for this season with several players nominated for divisional honours

Adult Pathway

U20 Men - Open trial in December, programme begins February. With the ambition to build a strong and sustainable Team Surrey, Head Coach Tommy Burkett is strengthening connections with Universities, outgoing U18s and previous U18 cohorts

Senior Men & Women - Both senior squads begin their competitions in May, with finals scheduled for June. Fixture details and coaching updates are available on the Surrey Rugby website.

Vets Representative Rugby – Relaunching the Oaks

We are delighted to relaunch Surrey’s representative Vets Mighty Oaks (35+) and Mightier Oaks Super Vets (50+). These are led by Anthony Shenton and Bric Tyson alongside Captains Phil Shenton and Rich Fenech

Women’s Vets; An Historic First - Led by Beena Chadda, Surrey’s first Women’s Vets (35+) will play their inaugural representative fixture in May.

ATTENTION ALL CLUBS!

I am very pleased to announce that, following the Annual General Meeting, I am undertaking a newly created role for Surrey Rugby, that of head of Charity and Community Engagement. This is the next step for our initiative to coordinate work already being undertaken within the county, and dedicate resource to supporting clubs with their existing community focused initiatives, and helping others to map their journey for new projects.



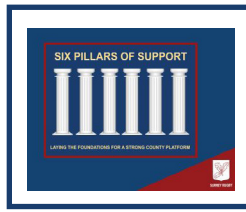
With the above in mind, I have already started to contact clubs who have existing community projects aimed at broader inclusion of members of the community, both young and [not so] young, who would not otherwise have access to the social and “inclusion” benefits offered by the rugby family.

However, I know there are many great initiatives flying under the radar across Surrey, so I would be really pleased to hear from you if you have an existing or potential project, notably if there could be an element of support which Surrey Rugby could provide.

My email is community-charity@surreyrugby.co.uk and mobile number is 07989 494162 and, with the new season rapidly approaching, I really look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks, and all the best to our whole Family.

Bruno Plaskow
Surrey Rugby
Charity & Community Engagement



what we do

Pillar Impact Report

Pillar 1 – Retention of 14–23-Year-Old Male Players (Game Development)

Objective: Sustain participation and strengthen the player pathway for young men transitioning from youth to adult rugby.

Impact to Date:

- Over 28 clubs supported with player retention initiatives including transition festivals and social 10s/12s rugby formats.
- New revamped U23 Club Cup” pilot competition delivered successfully in summer 2025 with strong engagement and local sponsorship.
- Improved coordination between Surrey Schools, Colleges, and Clubs leading to increased player movement into adult teams.
- Coaching and transition workshops delivered with RFU support, focusing on post-colts retention strategies.

Next Steps:

- Expand the U23 Cup to include additional community clubs.
- Develop a “Player Return” campaign for university students rejoining local clubs.

Pillar 2 – Growth of the Women’s & Girls’ Game

Objective: Continue to grow participation and opportunity in the female game.

Impact to Date:

- Participation up across Women’s and Girls’ sections compared to 2023–24 season.
- 6 new Girls’ rugby hubs established across the county with clear player pathway alignment and cluster groups set up.
- County-wide Coach & Referee Development workshops for female volunteers successfully delivered.
- Women’s Development League launched, giving emerging teams regular, structured fixtures.
- CB cup to be delivered this season alongside 7s festival to enhance women’s calendar

Next Steps:

- Support clubs developing U12–U14 girls’ teams to ensure a sustainable pipeline.
- Launch targeted campaign to recruit and train female referees.
- Continue to support and develop coaches in the W&G game

Pillar 3 – Club Facilities & Grounds Development

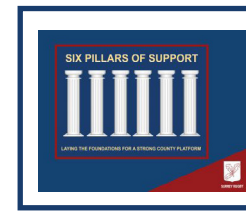
Objective: Ensure club facilities are safe, inclusive, and sustainable for long-term community use.

Impact to Date:

- Over £20,000 allocated to 8 club projects including floodlight replacements, pitch improvement, and accessibility upgrades.
- Collaborative funding achieved through Sport England and RFU partnership, London Rugby Lodge, LA grant schemes.
- Facility audit programme launched to help clubs identify development priorities and sustainability improvements.
- Shared best practice case studies amongst clubs to cluster and collaborate

Next Steps:

- Develop a “Club Facilities Support Pack” for funding and planning guidance.
- Encourage collaborative bids for shared-use community facilities



what we do

Pillar Impact Report

Pillar 4 – Player Welfare & Game Safety

Objective: Promote best practice in safety, player wellbeing, and mental health awareness.

Impact to Date:

- Over 250 coaches and volunteers trained in RFU First Aid, concussion management, and welfare modules.
- Mental Health Awareness campaign launched across clubs, including partnership with Nick Dark & Mindset.
- Clubs supported to appoint Welfare Leads and publish welfare policies online.
- Increased access to Defibrillator funding and maintenance support shared to clubs.
- Assistance with rugby safe audits from Hollie and advice and support given.

Next Steps:

- Deliver County-wide Player Welfare Month in early 2026.
- Develop mental health peer-support network for club volunteers.

Pillar 5 – Inclusion, Diversity & Volunteer Development

Objective: Promote inclusivity across rugby in Surrey and recognise the contribution of volunteers.

Impact to Date:

- Surrey Rugby signed up to the Rugby United Inclusion Charter and launched the “Everyone’s Game” initiative.
- Volunteer Recognition Awards expanded with over 80 nominations in 2025.
- Planned Delivery of Leadership & Mentoring programme for new club administrators and team managers.
- Increased engagement with mixed-ability, walking rugby, and touch rugby groups.

Next Steps:

- Establish “Future Leaders” network to develop young administrators and coaches.
- Extend inclusion workshops to all clubs by end of 2026.

Pillar 6 – Communication & Best Practice Sharing

Objective: Strengthen two-way communication between Surrey Rugby and member clubs.

Impact to Date:

- Launch of the quarterly Surrey Rugby Club Update, now reaching over 1,500 club contacts.
- Improved digital presence through redesigned website and increased social media engagement.
- Establishment of Club Liaison Officers within each region for better contact and feedback.
- Introduction of a Best Practice Resource Hub for sharing templates, policies, and success stories.
- WhatsApp groups set up for key golden roles to share best practice key comms and discussion forums

Next Steps:

- Introduce Club Forums (online and in-person) to discuss key issues and share innovation.
- Expand targeted communications for specific club roles (e.g. Safeguarding, Coaching, Volunteer Leads).



the plan

Surrey Rugby Strategy

Strategic Pillars 2026-2028

1. Participation & Growth – increasing membership, teams, fixtures, engagement across clubs.
2. Quality of Competition & Playing Experience – ensuring leagues, cups, reserve & vets offer are strong, well-run, meaningful.
3. Club Development & Facilities – supporting clubs with governance, facilities, grounds, volunteer/ leadership capability.
4. Inclusion, Diversity & Access – widening access, ensuring everyone has opportunity regardless of background.
5. Sustainability & Governance – financial health, registration/administration, strong structures, risk-management.
6. Pathways & Performance – for players/coaches/officials: development, coaching standards, progression.

Strategic Plan 2026-2028

1. Rugby Development - Priority: Support adult male game recovery, transition from Colts into seniors, and provide inclusive formats (Vets, Touch, Tag, Walking Rugby).
2. Referees - Priority: Recruit, retain, and develop referees, focusing on Young Match Officials (YMOs).
3. Coaching - Priority: Recruit, retain, and develop coaches via CPD, mentoring, and flexible delivery.
4. Women & Girls Rugby - Priority: Drive participation and growth following the Women's Rugby World Cup.
5. Representative Pathways - Priority: Deliver quality coaching and playing opportunities across all age and ability levels.
6. Governance & Finance - Priority: Strengthen club governance, compliance, and financial health.
7. Club Development - Priority: Help clubs thrive via sustainability, leadership, and engagement.
8. Age Grade & Education - Priority: Deliver inclusive competitions and ensure alignment with Age Grade Codes of Practice.
9. Diversity & Inclusion- Priority: Ensure Surrey Rugby reflects and welcomes its full community.
10. CB Leadership & Succession Planning- Priority: Lead effectively today, plan sustainably for tomorrow.



the people

Meet the Team



John Kilby
Honorary Treasurer

John's family originated in Yorkshire although he grew up in Derbyshire. He is now a firm Surrey rugby and cricket supporter but his family have never quite reconciled themselves to this.

John spent his 45 year working life in the City apart from a 3 year secondment to New York. He was a partner with Deloitte for many years, specializing in property tax and finance. Latterly he was head of tax at a major property company.

John has been the club photographer for Cobham RFC since 2016 and has run the Surrey RFU photography team since 2022. This is ideal as it combines 3 of John's passions – photography, rugby and IT.

He is a keen Harlequins supporter. He has wanted to go on a British & Irish Lions tour since 1971 and finally achieved this with the successful tour to Australia.

John doesn't see the finance function at Surrey as a bean counting exercise but more of an opportunity to manage the finances so as to maximise funds available to support all aspects of the game in Surrey.



Anthony Shelton
Deputy President

Anthony played school rugby, then joined Dorking at 17, achieving a first team position in the first season. A year later John Douglas (Minis' Chair) asked him to become secretary of the first mini/youth committee and selection organiser each week for 6 teams.

Anthony's playing time concluded after 13 years due to work commitments in the printing industry and parenting 4 boys. He turned to coaching, becoming one of the first Level 2 coaches in the county and helped managed his eldest son's colts team at U18 level.

Realising it was essential to retain players after 18, in 2006/07 he formed the U21s Competition with his dear friend Phil Smith (Reigatians), and they worked tirelessly building it to become a fundamental part of Surrey clubs retaining players. This now known as The John Douglas U22s Competition and 24 clubs participate.

Anthony also set up a 3rd team at Dorking, but after tens years left Dorking due to family commitments. Several years later he came back to rugby at Cobham to help the continuation of their 3rd team and has been a member of Cobham for ten years.

Anthony is currently Deputy President for Surrey Rugby and looking forward to next year when the U22's will celebrate 20 years in his year as President



Fay Khan
Office Administrator

Fay Khan is the Surrey Rugby County Administrator, having joined the team in June 2025. She brings a strong background in international event management and administration.

Her son joined Reeds Weybridge aged seven and Fay soon realised that by volunteering to manage the tuck shop she could stay warm and dry and still watch the action from the clubhouse!

During Covid she was a Manager in the Walton vaccine centre where she met Ty and Joanna. After lockdown she continued working with the vaccine programme, only stopping that role recently.

When Jo Fisher retired Joanna and Ty thought Fay would be great in the role of Office Administrator and luckily Fay was looking for some part time work, didn't mind the thought of working with them again and joined the Surrey team in the summer.



the discipline

Important Regulatory Reminders

The Surrey Rugby Discipline Team is here to support clubs, players, coaches, and volunteers in upholding the values of the game and ensuring consistency and fairness across the county. We hold disciplinary hearings every other Wednesday evening at Esher Rugby Club, and we are always happy to provide guidance or clarification where needed.

As the season progresses, we would like to remind all clubs of several key regulatory processes that are essential to the smooth and safe running of rugby across Surrey.

Red Card Process - <https://surreyrugby.co.uk/what-we-do/discipline/red-card-procedure>

All clubs are reminded to familiarise themselves with the Surrey Rugby Red Card Procedure, which outlines the required steps following a red card, including reporting requirements, timelines, and hearing processes. Adherence to this procedure ensures fairness, consistency, and timely resolution for all parties involved. Full details are available on the Surrey Rugby website under Red Card Procedures.

Disciplinary Judgements - <https://surreyrugby.co.uk/what-we-do/discipline/judgements>

Clubs, coaches, and players are also encouraged to review the published disciplinary judgements for the current season, available on the Surrey Rugby website. These provide transparency, guidance on sanctions, and help reinforce consistent standards across the county.

Tour Approvals – Hosting & Overseas Touring

A reminder that all tours, whether hosting visiting teams or touring overseas, must receive formal approval in advance in line with RFU and CB regulations. Failure to obtain the required approval may result in sanctions, which can include:

- Disciplinary action against the club
- Suspensions or other sanctions for individuals (including coaches and tour organisers)
- Fines or other administrative penalties
- Invalidation of insurance cover, placing participants and clubs at significant risk

Full details and the approval process can be found in the Tour Approval section of the Surrey Rugby website, links below:

<https://surreyrugby.co.uk/what-we-do/touring/touring-overseas>

<https://surreyrugby.co.uk/what-we-do/touring/host-a-tour>

A Final Reminder

We ask all clubs to take this opportunity to remind players, coaches, parents, and volunteers of the regulations currently in place. These frameworks exist to protect everyone involved in the game and to uphold the standards and values of rugby across Surrey.

The Discipline Team is here to help — if you have any questions or require support, please don't hesitate to get in touch via: discipline@surreyrugby.co.uk

Sarah Hall - Discipline Secretary



the leagues

National Leagues Overview

Championship

Richmond have returned to the Championship after a three-year absence and have been competitive throughout the first half of the season as they look to consolidate their position at this level.



National League 1

Rosslyn Park remain firmly in the promotion hunt, showing consistency and ambition as they push for a return to Championship rugby.



National League 2

Surrey interest remains strong. Barnes and Dorking are pushing towards the top of the table while Esher sit in the lower half but are aiming for a strong run after Christmas.



RFU Men's Leagues – Regional 1 & 2

Regional 1

Wimbledon and Camberley continue to challenge for higher positions. Farnham sit securely mid-table and are building solid momentum.

Regional 2

Surrey has eight sides across three Regional 2 leagues. Results have been mixed, but clubs remain positive heading into 2026.

Surrey County Leagues 1-5, Vets & Merit Leagues

Our county leagues remain among the most competitive in the region. Across Counties 1-5, margins are tight, with promotion and relegation battles set to go the distance. The Vets and Merit Leagues continue to deliver sustainable, enjoyable rugby.





Player Registrations & Completion Rates

Player registrations across the men's and youth game are up again this season, showing positive long-term engagement.

Completion rates in the Men's Merit Leagues have declined. To address this we are expanding flexible playing options:

- Game On variations
- Second Chance Saturdays
- Triangular fixtures
- Barbarians-style playing opportunities

Current completion levels:
70% – Men's Merit Leagues
93% – Men's RFU Leagues

Women's Rugby - Growth & Development

Following the success of the Women's Rugby World Cup, Surrey Rugby is committed to expanding opportunities for female players. We are recruiting a CB Women's Lead to support development, strengthen pathways and provide strategic direction.

Key areas of focus for 2026:

- Launching a U22 Women's Representative Team
- Expanding U22 club competitions at Christmas and Easter
- Strengthening relationships with universities
- Introducing CB Women's 7s and Touch festivals
- Supporting clubs with recruitment and retention strategies

Our ambition is clear: ensure every female player in Surrey has the pathways, support and opportunities to enjoy and excel in rugby.

Girls Rugby

Girls' rugby continues to grow significantly:

- Multiple festivals delivered across U12-U18
- Girls' Waterfall Competitions launch in January
- Finals Day at The Stoop in April for U14, U16 & U18 Gold tiers

Social Media Workshop

Did you know Surrey rugby is the most followed county in the country on Instagram? And that we get an average of 100k views a month? (Thanks if you're already following 🙌 and if you're not, it's @surreycountyrugby 😊) This means our rugby community is engaged but also helps us get support from sponsors which in turn helps keep the community game thriving.

It's not as hard, or need to be as time-consuming, as it sounds. Find out how you can improve your club's engagement with help from the pros at the RFU.

To sign up [CLICK HERE](#)



Ready to take your club's socials to the next level?

Surrey Rugby and the RFU are hosting a free workshop for all clubs on the topic of growing your social media

Monday 2nd February
Cobham RFC
From 6:45pm

Go to RFU Updates on Linktr.ee Profile to book your spot. Up to 3 per club.

New RFU Account - Community Game Instagram

You may not know but the RFU has recently launched its own Instagram account, dedicated to the community game. They are looking for stories from the community game so your club and players could feature!

Follow them: @communityrugby





the teams

Surrey U18 Boys

Unbeaten in 2 out of the last 3 seasons

Surrey U18s completed their 2025 campaign with a statement win over a strong Essex team 67-31. With a close fought 24-24 draw with Hampshire in Game 2 and equally contested close win 33-38 over Middlesex in Game 1, it means the 2025 squad go unbeaten, emulating the 2023 cohort.

Super proud of this year group, genuinely thought this squad could be the best Surrey U18s team I have had the pleasure to be involved with. The things the coaching group were seeing in training were outstanding and we hoped they would transfer it to the pitch. The first 2 games we saw their potential in patches but, on Sunday 21st Dec, they put it all together to beat a very good Essex team. Excellent basic at the set piece and breakdown, combined with razor sharp attack, we scored 11 tries, 7 of them by our wingers.

The performance was extra special to me as it was my last as Surrey U18s head coach. After 5 years of being involved with the youth boys program and 4 years as Head Coach, for the boys to save the best to last was a fitting way to sign off.

Programme overview

I very much see the U17s and U18s programs as one program, the foundations of the U18s performances are set during the U17s Monday night training sessions. The country program normally inherits 80-100 boys from Quins DPP. This is supplemented with lads scouted around the county (7 lads scouted made the final squad this year). These lads are then invited to the U17s Monday night sessions where we aim to install the game plan and develop them both individually and collectively across 8 monthly sessions.

At the end of the U17s they get 3 playing opportunities. The aim is to see all the boys that are available in a full contact game situation. During the off season we, as a coaching group, will assess the players and make a provisional U18s selection. At the start of the U18s season we will hold an open trail where boys outside of the program get an opportunity to stake a claim for selection. This year we had around 60 lads attend the Open Trial of which 7 boys who were not part of the U17s program made the final squad

The successful lads then join the pre-selected boys from the U17s games in a Squad Day. A full day event hosted at Brunel University. Here we run a mixture of classroom based analysis focused around the game plan, pitch based training and end with conditioned games. The final squad is then selected for the U18s campaign, normally around 45 players.



the teams

Surrey U18 Boys

This year we tried something new, using one of our U18s training sessions to play a conditioned game vs Ealing Trailfinders U18s academy. Personally I think this was a great success. To test ourselves against a championship academy just before our first game was really good prep.



The U18s games are watch by regional selectors from the South East of England, if the boys impress during the 3 games they get invited to attend London and South East trials. If successful they then get 2 playing opportunities for the region. Surrey have been proud to supply 4 lads in 2023 and 5 lads in 2024 to the London and South East of England team. Fingers crossed for the 2025 cohort .

In addition to the representative side of the U18s Pathway, we have tried to grow the pathway by creating relationships with the Super Bucs universities. Surrey has good relationships with Nottingham, Loughborough, Brunel, Surrey, Cardiff and Cardiff Met to name a few. In the summer Nottingham ran a Super Bucs experience, of which a number of boys in the Surrey Program attended. The boys got to stay overnight in halls of residence and take part in pre session training with the Nottingham Super Bucs squad. The squad includes 5 ex Surrey U18s now attending Nottingham Uni. For the boys who attended I think meeting lads a year or 2 older, who have been on their journey and now on the next stage of their rugby development at University, was invaluable. Hopefully it also gave them a real incentive to do well with their A-Levels

As mentioned above this is my last session with U18s, so I would just like to thank all the coaches, managers and physiotherapists who have been part of the journey. Its been a truly enlightening and enjoyable experience.

Big thank you to this years coaching team Tommy Burket, Stu James, Giles Morgan, Alex Steedman, Robin Cormack, Darrell King, David B and Charles Carey .

Also a massive thank you to the management team – Pandy Patel, Jools Goringe and Michael Lambert-Griffiths our coaching physio .

Finally big thank you to the players for your commitment and talent. I will be watching to seeing where your rugby journey takes you .

Best of Luck
Nick Atkins
Surrey U18s Head Coach



the people

Meet the Team



Bruno Plaskow
Charity & Community Engagement

Bruno has been on the Management Board of Surrey Rugby since 2020 in the role of Treasurer. During the Covid period, though, Bruno also assisted the insolvency sub-committee of the RFU, resulting in the revised Regulation 5 to improve the financial monitoring and transparency of clubs.

His professional background is financial risk management, both in banking and commercial environments, including working for companies in France, Belgium and the USA. He is also Trustee of a charity which promotes volunteer work experience in developing countries for less fortunate young people who would otherwise not get the opportunity.

As a player, Bruno played for Old Tiffinians for many years – from schoolboy days through to captaining a very successful Vet's side, and in his youth played a number of times for an unbeaten Surrey Schools team. Whilst at Old Tiff's he also served on the rugby club committee and was Hon. Secretary.

Bruno is very much looking forward to being the first person holding this new key role, linking charities and communities.



Joanna Gordon
Rep Rugby Administrator & International Tickets

Joanna has been working with Surrey Rugby since 2020 as Chair of Comms & Marketing and heading up Volunteer Reward, Recruitment and Recognition under the Honda scheme. In these roles she has launched a new website and greatly enhanced our online presence and engagement with clubs throughout Surrey.

Last season she took over Chair of Club Development and has enjoyed working with clubs to help them with loans or grants where possible as well as connecting with other sources of funding.

Joanna has now taken over part of Jo Fisher's role - the part relating to representative rugby. This involves comms with players/parents, kit and stash purchasing as well as pitch hires and team announcements.

In addition she is taking over international ticket purchasing for our Sponsors and Patrons.



James Henderson
Chair of Club Development

James' love of rugby began at prep school and continued with playing for Wellington College 1st XV. He then went on to London University where he read Geology and enjoying playing college rugby, both fifteens and sevens.

His working career began in Investment Banking, specialising in equity derivatives for both the UK and US houses.

James then became a Partner in a financial recruitment company and also a Director of a wireless connectivity company specialising in the Africa region.

He remains a frequent visitor to Twickenham and an occasional visitor to the Stoop. He is a keen sailor and skier and new to golf!

James is delighted to be more involved with rugby again and looking forward to getting to know the clubs in Surrey through his role as Chair of Club Development.

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Post-Christmas Competitions

Quins Cup – U15, U16 & U18 boys
Surrey Waterfall Cups – U12, U13 & U14 boys
Minis Festivals throughout the spring U7-U11 Surrey Minis Festivals in April

Details are available on the Surrey Rugby website and Minis WhatsApp groups.

Schools Rugby

Schools rugby remains extremely active, with a full spring programme including:

- Year 7-11 Schools 7s in March & April
- The Surrey U18 Schools 7s, ahead of Rosslyn Park
- Primary-school 7s & Pitch Up & Play festivals

Updates and Continental Cup progress are available on the Surrey Schools Rugby website.

Surrey U22 Christmas Tournament

This will be our largest event yet and is a crucial bridge between youth and adult rugby.

- 36 teams
- 500+ players
- Running throughout Christmas
- Finals Day – Easter Saturday 2026

Working with the RFU Support Team

We continue to work closely with:

- Adam Cottenham – CB Relationship Manager
- George Maxwell – Club Development
- Nathan Spratt – Coach Development
- Josh Bence – Competitions Support
- Rick Bruin – Grounds & Facilities

This collaboration remains vital in supporting club needs and local priorities.

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Coach Development

We have delivered 6 coaching CPDs so far this season, with 100+ coaches attending. Another 6 will run in early 2026. Specialist CPDs launching in 2026 are:

- Preparing players for DPP & university-level rugby
- 7s development
- Kicking mastery
- Strength & conditioning fundamentals
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Over 100 coaches have also attended RFU-run coaching courses this season.

Alongside supporting the take up of the RFU CPD courses through whatsapp groups and marketing. Such as:

- ERCA x 5 c
- Tag coaching x4
- 1st Contact x5
- Principles of scrum x3
- Principles of lineout x3
- Catch & Pass X 4
- Tackle & Kick skills x 4
- DOR course x1
- rugby readiness x2
- primary school coaching
- secondary school coaching

The Rugby Coach: delivered by Dan Cottrell

- Decision Making defence x 2
- Decision making Attack x 2
- Tackle & Contact U9-U12 coaches x 2

Coach Centered Courses supported by John Bates

- Building & Evolving your game model
- Strength & Conditioning wellbeing Nutrition & Mindset
- Season Planning for DOR & Coaches
- Understanding kicking as part of your game plan (Steve Shingler - Ealing Trailfinders Women)
- Launch plays - trends and why (Rich Whiffin - Head Coach Wales U20s)
- Attack Play with Nick Evans

To Come

- Attacking theme, transition - Lou Meadows - Red Roses Attack Coach)
- Scrum Half master class by Patrick O'Grady
- Lineout theme
- Mirroring principles either side of the breakdown (Amy Turner - Harlequins Pathway Coach - Mens)
- Attacking theme, e.g., kick off / winning the edge - Chris Cracknell
- 7s Master Class
- Values & Philosophy
- Club Coach coordinator evening with RFU Coach Development Lead



the courses

Referee Development

3 Take Up the Whistle courses delivered and 60+ U15s progressing through the YMO programme

Regular referee network events have focused on:

- Law updates
- Best practice sharing
- Match experiences

Over 100 adults have completed introductory refereeing courses this season.

Our key priorities for referee development for this season are:

- Fund 4 x Take up whistle course for 100 club referees
- Fund a Take Up The Whistle course for 20 university students
- Fund 2 x Young Match Official Take Up The Whistle courses for 40 14-16 year olds
- Support 2 clubs for Introduction to Referee course for 50 refs
- Supply Surrey refs shirts to those who complete the course
- Hold 6 x network evenings throughout the season focusing on law changes and local issues with The Referees Society
- Support referee mentoring throughout the county
- Supply Surrey referee mentor shirts to designated club referee mentors
- Support 5 people through RFU ERRA course
- Deliver club referees CPD sessions at live tournaments and festivals
- Run a CB Club referee coordinator network evening in March 2026

Respect & Discipline - Abuse of officials is unacceptable. We continue to work with clubs to reinforce positive matchday environments.



Well-being, RugbySafe & Discipline

Surrey achieved:

- 100% RFU First Aid Audit completion
- 100% RFU Safeguarding Audit completion

RugbySafe & First Aid

- 10 First Aid courses scheduled over the next six months
- Promotion of recommended First Aid training partners

Safeguarding

Rob Byrne continues to provide exemplary support across clubs, ensuring high standards of welfare and practice.

Discipline

Discipline cases remain down on previous years and lower than neighbouring CBs - an encouraging trend.



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RFU Council Bulletin

Dear All

I expect many of you will be aware of the sad loss of our dear friend John Crate last month. He and I had served you together since August 2021 and I will very much miss his companionship and deep rugby experience. Surrey CB have been given permission to send an alternate to Council meetings while we work out the best way to fill the role that John performed. In the meantime, I will do my very best to make sure that you continue to have a strong Surrey voice at in all RFU meetings and discussions.

We had our first RFU Council meeting of 25/26 on 3rd October, hot on the heels of the Red Roses wonderful win at RWC25. I could not resist the opportunity to get up close to the Cup...

We had a useful update from the CEO which covered the proposed R360 competition and the position of the major unions that players contracted to this event would not be eligible for international selection. The International Rugby Players Association are not recommending that their members sign contracts with R360. Bill Sweeney told us that the first Nations Cup Final weekend will be held in London in Autumn 2026 which will provide a boost for rugby in England and incremental revenues. There was also good news on RFU sponsorship deals which are growing year on year and he expects to see double digit growth this financial year. We heard that plans to invest in the Stadium are moving forward despite some opposition being expressed by local residents to the additional events being proposed to Richmond Council. The licence application needed for these additional events may be delayed until after local Council Elections take place in May 2026.

You may be aware that the new Chairman of the RFU, Sir James Wates, is a Surrey rugby man and an honorary Vice President of Dorking Rugby Club. This was his first Council Meeting and he stressed the importance he puts on good communication. He told us he wants to work with the media to get greater transparency about the RFU and game more generally. In his view, England Rugby should be a dominant force in World Rugby.

Francesca Pearce, CFO, took us through the budget for financial year 25/26. This will be the second year of the RFU's four year financial cycle when a small (£3.8million) loss is expected as a result of there being one less men's international at the Allianz Stadium. Investment in rugby remains at £100 million of which £29.6 million will be into community clubs. This will show as £35.1 million in the Annual Accounts where the revenue from Twickenham Experience Ltd, the joint venture with Compass, is shown in full rather than the RFU's share.

When asked about the shortfall in merchandise supplied by Castore during the recent Rugby World Cup, we heard that there would be a full review but that Castore had acknowledged their mistake in not ordering correctly from their suppliers.



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Council approved the County Championship regulations for 25/26, with two main updates.

- The eligibility criteria for Bill Beaumont Division 2 and 3 and Gill Burns Division 2 and 3 had been widened to allow Men's players from National League Clubs 2nd XV's and below (provided that such players have not appeared on a match card for a team participating in National 1 or National 2) and Women's Championship 1 Clubs 2nd XV's and below (provided that such players have not appeared on a match card for a team participating in Championship 1).
- The place-kicking competition which would have taken place in the event of a draw in a pool containing two counties, the quarter-finals, semi-finals or final has been replaced with a count-back mechanism

Alex Teasdale, Executive Director of Women's Game, presented some headline statistics from the Women's Rugby World Cup, including a record breaking 444,465 tickets sold; Red Rose social media posts receiving 120 million views; a 50k increase in RFU database growth; over 1 million now following Red Roses player channels; and over 32,000 visits to englandrugby.com since the tournament. 5.8 million people watched the final on the BBC. The new Red Roses Action Plan, running to 2030, has a goal of 70,000 female players registered with clubs and 100,000 active female players.

We discussed possible changes to the men's professional rugby system in England, and in particular how this would interact with other areas of the game. Council voted to acknowledge the need and rationale for changes to the Professional Rugby System; to support the need to find a solution to the issues identified in discussion, and to support the Men's Professional Rugby Board bringing proposals back to Council by February 2026.

David Roberts, Community Game Board Chair, and Steve Grainger, Executive Director of Rugby Development, provided us with an update on work to align the work of Constituent Bodies, the RFU, professional clubs, and planned Regional Growth Boards.

The proposed approach was for these bodies to begin to share their work in year 1, look for opportunities to collaborate in year 2 and be able to set up partnerships in year 3. Any additional funding needed to support rugby delivery will come from the Strategic Growth Fund.

The Governance and Representation Review Group, established by Council in 2023, presented its final recommendations following a wide-ranging consultation. With this piece of work concluded, Malcolm Wharton CBE is now stepping down as chair and it was agreed that the Group be reconstituted with the addition of several extra Council Members. The reconstituted Group intends to work on final plans likely to be put before Council, and ultimately the wider RFU membership, before the end of the season.

If anyone has any questions on this or any other rugby matter, please don't hesitate to get in touch - my contact details are below.

Paula Carter
RFU Board Member

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Engagement Sessions



John Crate
Surrey RFU Rep

John was Hon Sec and President at Trinity RFC. He joined Surrey in 2001 with many roles including Vice Chair, Treasurer, League Secretary, Discipline Secretary and Surrey Rep on the RFU Board serving on the Age Grade Governance Committee and the Steering Committee for the consultation on lowering the tackle height.



Gail Shelton
Deputy President

In 2000 Gail became Mini Chair for Dorking and was seconded to work with the RFU in setting up child protection/welfare nationally and at county level, working alongside John Douglas, Fred Bachelor and Keith Heel. In 2010 she also set up the first women's competition for Surrey.



John Pownall

A Yorkshireman whose playing career extended over 37 years John was a Farnham RFC member and joined Surrey Rugby in 2013 and has served as Chair of Club Development, Honorary Secretary, Chairman and as President.

National Engagement Sessions

These will open up opportunities for dialogue between clubs and RFU Executive & Board members, including Bill Sweeney (CEO), Steve Grainger (Exec Director of Rugby Development) and David Roberts (Community Game Board Chair) to discuss the current challenges and success stories across the community game, to outline current and future areas of focus and answer any questions from our member clubs, CBs and Referee Societies.

To ensure as many bodies as possible can attend, each RFU member organisation may register up to two representatives.

Please click [here](#) to express interest/book

- 12/02/2026 - VIRTUAL - 8-9:30am
- 18/02/2026 - Richmond FC - 7-9pm
- 19/02/2026 - Aylesford Bulls RFC - 1-3pm
- 19/02/2026 - Haywards Heath RFC - 7-9pm
- 23/02/2026 - VIRTUAL - 11:30am-1pm
- 23/02/2026 - Aylesbury RFC - 7-9pm
- 16/04/2026 - VIRTUAL - 7-8:30pm

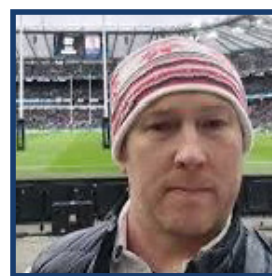
Local Engagement Sessions

These are focused on connecting clubs with RFU staff working both regionally and nationally and will focus on practical support around current, topical issues.

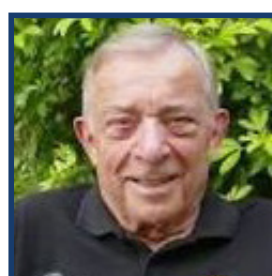
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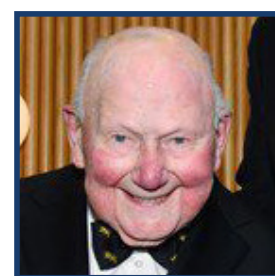
Simeon Barnes -
Surrey Uni Coach,
Cobham



Can Barlow
Esher Player,
Surrey Vets Captain



Roger Berry
Camberley Fixture
Secretary



Basil Lambert
Surrey Vice President
Ex Esher President



Paul Cecil
Old Ruts Coach

LOCAL ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS

We are running a series of local engagement sessions focused on practical support for rugby clubs. Dates/venues can be found on this page and the booking link is in the post.

When you register, please tell us which topics you're most interested in so we can ensure the right expertise is available in each session.

Events will run from 2pm to 8pm, with timed slots being made available for clubs to meet relevant staff members in a clinic style approach. Further information on timings and slots will be shared ahead of each event.

Business operations: advice on how to generate revenue and reduce costs

Volunteers: how to identify, recruit and support volunteers

Coaching and Match Official workforce: understanding our current training offer, supporting clubs to develop their own workforce and updates planned for the 26/27 season.

Player recruitment: ideas for how to attract and retain players including support for girls using our Love Rugby campaign

Education links: building sustainable links with schools, colleges, and universities. Guidance on key priorities and work programmes across Player Pipeline Team

Competitions Development: to understand additional playing opportunities, how to access the most appropriate on-pitch offer for your Men's, Women's and Age Grade players.

Facilities and pitches: expert advice and guidance on club facility development plans and aspirations

| Location | Date |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Towcestrians RFC | 14/01/26 |
| Havant RFC | 19/01/26 |
| Wetherby RFC | 19/01/26 |
| Dartford Valley RFC | 21/01/26 |
| Bury St Edmunds RUFC | 21/01/26 |
| Grasshoppers RFC | 22/01/26 |
| Truro RFC | 22/01/26 |
| Trafford MV RFC | 26/01/26 |
| Droitwich RFC | 26/01/26 |
| Royal Wootton Bassett RFC | 28/01/26 |
| Burton RFC | 28/01/26 |
| Topsham RFC | 29/01/26 |
| Darlington RFC | 02/02/26 |



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Club Development

Surrey RFU Facility Needs Capture

Please complete the Surrey RFU Facility Needs Capture if you haven't recently. This is an ongoing form that highlights your facility needs and on the back of that our facility team can then point the club towards the right opportunities that come along/assist with funding.

[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE](#)

One Club

Introducing One Club — a no-fee service offering dedicated support and tailored solutions to RFU clubs. An alliance between England Rugby and Regency Purchasing Group, One Club has been created to help rugby clubs of all sizes reduce costs, simplify purchasing and strengthen day-to-day operations with expert guidance. Through the One Club alliance, rugby clubs can gain a rare and unrivalled combination of cost savings and practical, operational insight that makes a meaningful difference where it matters most — your club's bottom line.

To find out more please visit @ <https://oneclubrugby.co.uk/>



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Mission Statement

HELPING OUR CLUBS TO PROSPER AND THRIVE

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SURREY RUGBY

RFU Constituent Body

TEAMWORK RESPECT ENJOYMENT DISCIPLINE SPORTSMANSHIP

Surrey Rugby Mission Statement

- Helping out clubs & Members to prosper and thrive.
- Making Rugby accessible to anyone who wants to participate on or off the pitch.

Surrey Rugby's Vision

To ensure rugby thrives in Surrey, embracing diversity, attracting talent, and encouraging inclusivity at all levels of the game.

Ethos & Philosophy

To ensure rugby thrives in Surrey: Surrey Rugby aims to foster a vibrant and growing rugby community within the region, according to their website.

To embrace diversity and inclusion: They are committed to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment for all, regardless of background or ability, according to their website.

To attract and develop talent: Surrey Rugby strives to identify and nurture young talent within the region, ensuring the future of the game in Surrey.

To encourage inclusivity at all levels: They believe that governance and participation at all levels should be inclusive, allowing everyone to benefit from the diverse skills and talents within the community, according to their website.

Our Values

Teamwork:
Rugby is a team sport, and teamwork is crucial for success both on and off the field. This includes welcoming new team members, including everyone, and working selflessly for the collective good.

Respect:
Mutual respect is fundamental to rugby, encompassing respect for the sport, its traditions, match officials, and opponents. This also includes respecting the environment and observing fair play.

Enjoyment:
Rugby should be enjoyable for all participants, from players to fans. This includes encouraging players to enjoy training and playing, promoting a healthy lifestyle, and building life skills.

Discipline:
Rugby emphasizes discipline, both on and off the field. This includes adhering to the laws of the game, ensuring controlled physical endeavor, and being honest and fair.

Sportsmanship:
Rugby upholds a strong tradition of sportsmanship, which includes camaraderie with teammates and opponents. It also involves observing fair play, being generous in victory, and dignified in defeat.

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Surrey Rugby Purpose 2024

The core purpose of the Surrey Rugby board is defined by the RFU as being "To support the strengthening of member clubs and grow the game in communities around them by effective governance and administration"

To fulfil this purpose Surrey pledges to undertake tasks and support the RFU activity in eight key areas to strengthen its member clubs and grow the game.

These are to:

1. Recruit new players
2. Retain and develop current players
3. Retain, develop and recruit high quality coaches and referees
4. Provide effective and efficient facilities
5. Provide effective and efficient management and governance
6. Promote integration with the local community
7. Retain, develop and recruit high quality volunteers and leaders
8. Support and delivery of all formats of rugby

We encourage Inclusion and Diversity throughout everything we do and promote the RFU Code of Conduct statement for everyone involved in rugby.

Surrey Rugby will provide positive and enthusiastic leadership to support a strong structure so that more people play rugby more often.

We will recognise and reward the contribution of Volunteers, Coaches and Referees, and promote involvement in rugby as a worthwhile and enjoyable activity.

We administer the game locally and support clubs, schools, colleges and universities by providing and supporting the delivery of activity to meet the needs.

Surrey Rugby is committed to:

1. Have a proficient and enthusiastic leadership team
2. Undertake effective communication
3. Support and work to the RFU Strategic Plan
4. Work in partnership with RFU staff nationally and locally
5. Endure strong corporate governance

To this end the county supports the core values of the game to its clubs, schools, colleges and universities in playing, development and administration of the game.

These are:

- Teamwork
- Respect
- Enjoyment
- Discipline
- Sportsmanship

Surrey Rugby has specific responsibility for:

- A. Discipline
- B. Safeguarding
- C. Competition administration for Seniors and Age Grade rugby
- D. Provision of CB accounts to the RFU
- E. Collection of club accounts (Level 5 and below)
- F. Tournament & Festival approvals for clubs and schools
- G. Oversees Tour approval
- H. Age Grade Dispensation

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Surrey Rugby Purpose 2024

With the support of the RFU staff we put into effect the planning, funding and reporting processes for specific target funding to support localised priorities and report back on the effectiveness and impact of these areas.

Through consultation with our stakeholders across the county we create a 3 Year Strategy and review its effectiveness annually.

We arrange and deliver CB Club Development / Network Events and invite various club roles to attend and contribute to our strategy & planning.

We work alongside the Referees Society and ensure matches have adequate match official cover.

We will organise senior representative teams at the appropriate level to provide an opportunity for players and coaches to take part.

We oversee and deliver Age Grade Representative Rugby in line with the correct pathway alongside Academies and divisional rugby and ensure a transparent and fully inclusive selection policy is delivered.

Finally there are a number of other areas that Surrey play a part, but which are mainly delivered by RFU staff and other agencies.

These include:

1. Development of rugby in schools colleges and universities.
2. Player safety & wellbeing support
3. Development of volunteers for leadership roles.
4. Involvement in facility discussions
5. Supporting delivery of referees courses with the local Society.
6. Advertising and delivery of coaching courses.
7. Delivery of Harlequins Development player Pathway.
8. Honda volunteer recognition
9. Submission of clubs safeguarding and 1st aid Audits.
10. Oversee Surrey schools competition activity.

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Surrey Rugby Sponsors



Surrey Rugby is not for profit and exists to support 30,000 players, 5,300 coaches, 2,300 referees, countless volunteers and parents of Youth - all of whom contribute to making our community rugby what it is.

That's over 70,000 members across our affiliated clubs!

We are very grateful for the fantastic support of our current sponsors - without whom we could not help our clubs to Prosper and Thrive. Here is Chair Ty Lawless hosting Surrey Sponsor Enigma at Twickenham.

We are looking for sponsors for our various representative teams: Men, Women, Under 20 Men, Vets, Under 18 Boys and Under 18 Girls. Various sponsorship packages available. Please contact Tyrone Lawless if you would like to discuss a sponsorship deal.

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Surrey Rugby Partners

We have been working with various companies to bring interesting deals to our membership. We hope you'll find something of interest and save a bit of money, or potentially earn some income for your club. If you know of any other relevant companies that might like to work with us, please put them in touch with Joanna at comms@surreyrugby.co.uk



Ruggarobe - the perfect sports coats for both participants and spectators on the sidelines. 10% discount to a Surrey Rugby Club member. [Click to find out more.](#)

My Club - offering very competitive pricing for your club kit. Already supplying several clubs in Surrey. 10% of all sales supports grassroots rugby in the county. [Click to find out more.](#)



The KitBox - [click to find out more](#) about discount off beautiful handpainted rugby keepsakes in your club or county colours - and earn commission for your club.

BillyTong - buy award-winning biltong at reduced prices and other great deals. [Click here to check out the special deals available to Surrey Rugby members.](#)



Braaifellas - [click to find out more](#) about having your south African favourites catered or deliver for your special occasion

GazeboGazebo - Get a discount off rentals when you mention you're a Surrey Rugby member. [Clicking here to find out more](#)



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Have your say

Hopefully you've enjoyed this edition of Surrey Spotlight. We'd love to hear from you! Have you got a story you'd like to share about your club, your players, your volunteers, or details about upcoming festivals or courses you're running?

Have something instant you'd like us to share on social media? Got coaching roles to fill? Email comms@surreyrugby.co.uk or tag us at [@surreyrugby](https://www.instagram.com/surreyrugby) so we're sure to see it. We get an average of 70k views of our social media channels and website each month.

Get in touch

Contact Surrey Spotlight Editor Joanna Gordon via comms@surreyrugby.org or on 077202-44555

Stay in touch

Make sure you keep up-to-date with what's happening in rugby within Surrey, find out first about any courses running and any festivals taking place - by following us on social media! We're the most followed county in the country on Instagram!

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Photos

Many of the photos in the newsletter are taken by our photographer John Kilby. John is happy to send you hi res digital versions of any of his photos - free of charge! Get in touch via [PHOTOGRAPHER.](#)

We are grateful to the many volunteer photographers who we grab pitch side and who join our group to share their photos with us. These include Andy, Jack, Ruth, Tom, Simon, Michael, Madeline, Juddie, Joy, Justin, Vic, Grant and Faye.

If you'd like to join and share your pics with us, please get in touch with John. If you have a team playing in a final and are the photographer from your club, also get in touch as we may be able to get you pitchside for the final, depending on the venue. Our photographers have been at both the Stoop and Twickenham.