



DORSET & WILTS. RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION LIMITED

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2nd October 2024

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Annual General Meeting will be taken as having been read]***

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The Running Order for 2023 – 2024 Annual General Meeting of the Dorset & Wilts RFU is as follows:

1. President declares the meeting open **(SM)**
2. The decision to postpone the AGM in July was taken by the President and the General Secretary, due to the lack of available information or committee reports submitted.
3. **Registered Attendance, Inc. apologies**

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Attendance

Name	Organisation	Role
Sean Macey	D&W RFU & Corsham RFC	President
Michael Moysey	D&W RFU & Wimborne RFC	Immediate Pass President
John Constable	D&W RFU	RFU Council Representative
Nigel Mattravers	D&W RFU & North Dorset RFC	Deputy President
Jane Hart	D&W RFU & Oakmeadians RFC	Chair of Governance
Gerald Burden	D&W RFU	General Secretary
Alison Hunter	D&W RFU & Weymouth & Portland RFC	Treasurer
Nicola Wallace-Walton	Oakmeadians RFC	(Hon) Secretary
David Hart	Oakmeadians RFC	
Tim Rose	North Dorset RFC	Chair
Janet Dimmack	North Dorset RFC	Director of Safeguarding
Ben Littlewood-Hillsdon	Marlborough RFC	(Hon) Secretary
Howard Wilkinson	Marlborough RFC	Chair
Liam Grover	Wheatsheaf Cabin Crew RFC	(Hon) Secretary
Julie Fisher	D&W RFU	Safeguarding Manager
Michael Bamsey	D&W RFU	Representative Rugby
Steven Dufford	Bournemouth RFC	
Aaron Brailey	Melksham RFC	
Ian Wilkins	Amesbury RFC	DoR
Ed Taylor	D&W RFU & Dorchester RFC	Area Representative
Nicola Rawnsdon	Salisbury RFC	President
Jason Yarwood	Salisbury RFC	DoR (Age Grade)
Russell Jugg	Salisbury RFC	President
Richard Larcombe	Salisbury RFC	
Jess Fry	East Dorset Dockers RFC	(Hon) Secretary
Andrew Gassor	Royal Wootton Bassett RFC	President
David Thompson	Royal Wootton Bassett RFC	Discipline Secretary
Stuart Murrow	Chippenham RFC	President
Jason Yarwood	D & W CSU	Community Clubs Rep
Charles Bromley- Gardner	D&WSRFUR	Discipline Secretary

Apologies

Name	Organisation	Role
Dave Wookey	D&W RFU	Area Representative Lead
Gordon Harding	D&W RFU	Age Grade
Robin Natham	D&W RFU	Rugby Safe

Nicola McCombe	RFU	CBRM
Chris Taylor	D&W RFU	Area Representative
Neil Bibby	D&W RFU	Age Grade Lead
Tim Wynn	Poole RFC	Chair
Phil Sinkinson	Bournemouth RFC	Chair
Paul Clark	Blandford RFC	(Hon) Secretary
Matthew Cowland	Blandford RFC	President
Dennis Fry	Wimborne RFC	Chair
Sean ORourke	Swindon Collage Old Boys RFC	Chair
Ian Archer	North Dorset RFC	(Hon) Secretary
Chris Wood	Bridport RFC	(Hon) Secretary
Peter McAllister	Minety RFC	(Hon) Secretary
Daz Rogers	Amesbury RFC	Chair
Ed Watson	Sutton Benger RFC	Chair
Jan Edwards	D&W CSU	Secretary
Ron Jones	D&W RFU & Trowbridge RFC	(Hon) Life Member
Marcus Monier-Williams	D&WSRFUR	Chair
Graham Hillier	Salisbury RFC	(Hon) Secretary
Tony Foot	Dorchester RFC	Chair

4. Pause for a moment to remember those of the rugby family that we have loss this year.

5. **President's Welcome**

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to the 2024 Dorset & Wilts RFU Annual General Meeting. Once again, thank you to Salisbury RFC for hosting us tonight.

You will see from the attached agenda and reports that we have as far as possible been able to deliver a full season of rugby and associated activities during 23/24. Although it is often referred to, the disruption caused by the pandemic seems to be well behind us now.

A vital part of the delivery of any sport, and of course rugby is no different, is the volunteers. I was so pleased to see so many of our club volunteers being recognised by their peers at our recent awards evening. Whether its emptying the bins, coaching the minis or being the club Chairperson each and every volunteer plays a valuable part in our sport. Without a volunteer nothing happens, so be proud of what you do for your club. Thank you.

I would also like to thank the volunteers who undertake roles on the various Dorset & Wilts RFU committees. Without their considerable contribution the union would not be able to support our clubs in managing and growing the game.

I was so proud to be at Twickenham to watch our U20's in the national final in June. A huge achievement by all involved to reach the final, ultimately missing out on victory with the last kick of the game. Indeed, all of our representative sides proved that Dorset and Wilts are on the rugby map and I am sure that we will continue to be in the coming years. Thank you and congratulations to each and every one of you.

I am sure that we are all looking forward to the coming year with optimism as we look to improve and modernise the effectiveness of the Union to the benefit of our member clubs. In order to do this we are always seeking new and additional volunteers to help deliver the best possible experience to our clubs as possible.

Now that the season is underway and the early challenges of the new player registration system seem to have settled down, I wish all clubs and individuals within Dorset and Wilts a successful and most importantly, an enjoyable 24/25.

Sean Macey President

6. **Foreword**

Welcome to the 2023-24 Annual General Meeting of the Dorset & Wilts RFU.

It's nice to see so many old familiar faces, but also to be able to meet and welcome our new friends for the first time.

But with rising costs and reduced income, the future is not going to be easy but with closer cooperation between clubs and the willingness to support each other things can improve.

Both the RFU and D&WRFU will endeavour to support clubs where possible, this may be advice based to make the most of any resources available.

There is some funding available, but this is limited.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who have worked so hard to make D&WRFU a success again in another trying year.

The Annual General Meeting is not just for the election of officers and county representatives for the next season but is also when we report formally to our membership about the activities that Dorset & Wilts. RFU Ltd has undertaken, as the local governing body of the game and as a Constituent Body ("CB") of the RFU, during the past season. Most of those activities are carried out by various committees and sub-committees, which have produced great achievements yet again this season. I will let their reports speak for themselves.

The management team of the D&WRFU will be planning to visit as many clubs as possible during the 2024-25 season.

Finally, can I ask for your support.

Could you all make sure that your personal details are up to date on GMS.

Additionally, can you please make sure that your clubs contact details are also correct.

We estimate that about 15% of all D&WRFU GMS records are incorrect that's about 6,000 people.

If your club is submitting an invoice to the D&W RFU, please could you ensure that your club submits the invoice in a timely fashion.

To help the D&W RFU improve its response times, please can your club make sure that a copy of any invoice is forwarded to the D&W RFU Treasurer within 14 days of the event date.

Please note that payments are made on the last weekend of the month.

Gerald Burden

7. To declare the results of the following votes, which was held prior **(GB)**

Number of Eligible Voting Clubs **36**
Number of Eligible Clubs who voted **28**

a) To approve the minutes of the previous AGM circulated via electronic means prior to the AGM, for consideration and approval (with or without amendments)

Result of the vote **Yes –** **No –**

b) To approve the reports from the General Secretary and on behalf of the D&W Committee about the affairs of the Constituent Body since the previous AGM, Circulated via electronic means prior to the AGM

Result of the vote **Yes –** **No –**

c) To approve the Treasurer's Draft Report circulated at the AGM

Proposed by **Seconded by**

To elect the Officers for the coming year, including:

➤ President	Sean Macey	Corsham RFC
➤ Immediate Past President	Michael Moysey	Wimborne RFC
➤ General Secretary	Gerald Burden	
➤ Treasurer	Alison Hunter	Weymouth & Portland RFC

Result of the vote **Yes –** **No –**

d) To elect Members of the Committee for the ensuing year, being the Five Area Representatives from the two counties

➤ Lead	Dave Wookey	Amesbury RFC
➤ West Dorset	Ed Taylor	Dorchester RFC
➤ East Dorset	Danny Jones	Wimborne RFC
➤ South Wiltshire	Brendon Bale*	Wheatsheaf Cabin Crew RFC
➤ North Wiltshire	Chris Taylor	Supermarine

Appointment to be confirmed *

Result of the vote **Yes –** **No –**

e) To elect Members of the Committee for the ensuing year, being the Three Non-Area Representatives from the two counties

➤ Woman & Girls	TBA	
➤ Age Grade	Neil Bibby	Oakmeadians RFC
➤ Governance	TBA	

Result of the vote **Yes –** **No –**

To elect the Deputy President for the ensuing year, being

➤ Nigel Mattravers North Dorset RFC

Result of the vote **Yes –** **No –**

Plus, to confirm the appointment of following Sub-committee Chairs

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|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| ➤ Joint Chairs of Club Support | Alan Ottaway | |
| ➤ Community Rugby | Sean Macey | Corsham RFC |
| ➤ Chair of Representative | Michael Bamsey | North Dorset RFC |

Result of the vote

Yes –

No –

f) The following Member of the Committee will be Co-opted on to the Committee at the meeting on Tuesday 15th October 2024 – **(Date to be Confirmed)**

- Referee's Representative Marcus Monier-Williams

7. To admit any new Members and/or elect any new Vice-Presidents or Life Members.

Vice Presidents Of The Dorset & Wilts RFU

8. To consider a resolution disapplying the provisions of Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act, 2014, relating to the obligation to appoint Auditors

Result of the vote

Yes –

No –

9. To consider any other motion or business that has been submitted in writing to County Secretary by Tuesday 30th April 2023, duly proposed by one Member and seconded by another Member.

None

10. To hear any other relevant matter for the consideration of the Committee during the ensuing year (details of which must have been submitted in writing to County Secretary not less than 48 hours before the time for which the AGM has been convened) but on which no voting shall be allowed.

None

11. Announcement of annual and other awards.

The Bob Stock Trophy

The Referee Society

This year's recipient is RFC

The Bowden/Wildash Trophy

Willie Wildash

This year's recipient is from RFC

The DJAW Walking Rugby Award

This year's recipient is Chippenham RFC

Remember to share a problem – it will not make the problem go away – but it will help



DORSET & WILTS. RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION LTD

FIRST CALLING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of Dorset & Wilts. RFU Ltd will be held by Salisbury RFC Castle Rd Salisbury SP1 3SA at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 2nd October 2024.

PROPOSED AGENDA

1. To note attendance and any apologies
2. To consider and approve (with or without amendments) the minutes of the previous AGM
4. To receive and approve reports from the General Secretary and on behalf of the D&W Committee about the affairs of the Constituent Body since the previous AGM
5. To receive the Treasurer's Report and approve a financial statement for the preceding financial year.
6. To elect the other Officers for the coming year, including:
 - President.
 - Immediate Past President.
 - General Secretary.
 - Treasurer.

*Voting to be carried out by electronic means prior to the AGM.
The results of this vote will be declared during the AGM.*

7. To elect Members of the Committee for the ensuing year, being:

Five Area Representatives from the two counties

- Huddles

Three Non-Area Representatives

- Woman & Girls Portfolio Manager.
- Age Grade Portfolio Manager.
- Governance

*Voting to be carried out by electronic means prior to the AGM.
The results of this vote will be declared during the AGM.*

To elect the Deputy President for the ensuing year, being

*Voting to be carried out by electronic means prior to the AGM.
The results of this vote will be declared during the AGM.*

Plus, the following Members of the Committee will be Co-opted for the ensuing year at the next Full Committee meeting on Tuesday 15th October 2024, being – **(Date to be Confirmed)**

- Chair of the Referees Society.
- Chair of the Management Board.

Plus, to elect the following Sub-committee Chairs

- Chair of Club Support
- Representative Rugby
- Community Rugby

*Voting to be carried out by electronic means prior to the AGM.
The results of this vote will be declared during the AGM.*

8. To admit any new Members and/or elect any new Vice-Presidents or Life Members.
9. To consider a resolution disapplying the provisions of Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act, 2014, relating to the obligation to appoint Auditors

*Voting to be carried out by electronic means prior to the AGM.
The results of this vote will be declared during the AGM.*

10. To consider any other motion or business that has been submitted in writing to County Secretary by duly proposed by one Member and seconded by another Member.
11. To hear any other relevant matter for the consideration of the Committee during the ensuing year (details of which must have been submitted in writing to County Secretary not less than 48 hours before the time for which the AGM has been convened) but on which no voting shall be allowed.
12. Announcement of annual and other awards.

Dated: Saturday 21st October 2024

[Please see the Notes herewith]

Gerald Burden General Secretary

NOTES TO CALLING NOTICE AND PROPOSED AGENDA

1. Following incorporation of Dorset & Wilts. RFU Ltd as a registered society under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act, 2014, the AGM has to be conducted in accordance with the Constitution, which means that

- (a) Nominations for the election of Officers and other Committee members (which must have the consent of the nominee) have to be sent in writing so as to reach County Secretary by 30 April;
- (b) Proposals for additions or alterations to the Constitution (which must be proposed by one Member¹ and seconded by another Member) have to be sent in writing so as to reach County Secretary by 30th of April,
- (c) Under the Regulations duly passed since the 2007 AGM, details of any other relevant matter for the consideration of the Committee during the ensuing year must be submitted in writing to County Secretary beforehand and not less than 48 hours before the time for which the AGM has been convened.

2. The provisions of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act, 2014 would oblige us to appoint qualified auditors (which would represent an inordinate expense for us) each year; but the Act also allows for this requirement to be dispensed with in the following circumstances: -

- (a) Where the assets and turnover of the organisation are below certain levels²;
- (b) Where the Constitution so allows (which ours does) and;
- (c) Where the appropriate Resolution is passed at the AGM (provided that less than 20% of votes at the AGM are cast against the resolution and that less than 10% of the membership votes against the resolution.

Please contact me if you should have any queries.

Gerald Burden
General Secretary

¹ Being: a duly elected Officer or Committee member; the RFU Representative; each affiliated Club

² Currently set at: assets of less than £2.8m; and turnover of less than £5.6m for the year

Nominations for Election at AGM 2024

The Officers <i>who, by reason of their office, are automatically on every committee or sub-committee</i>	<i>Explanatory Note – Under Rule 12.1 of D&W’s Constitution the Officers of the Constituent Body shall be: -</i>
President Secretary Treasurer Immediate Past President	Sean Macey [Corsham] Gerald Burden [Independent] Alison Hunter [Weymouth & Portland] Michael Moysey [Wimborne]
and the Committee <i>which is known as the D&W Council</i>	<i>Explanatory Note – Under Rule 13 the Committee (i.e. the D&W Council) shall consist of The Officers - so, the above - plus 7 (or more, but not exceeding 20) other elected members; and D&W has previously resolved that these should include: -</i>
Five Area Representatives	Area Representatives Lead – Dave Wookey [Amesbury] East Dorset – Danny Jones [Wimborne] West Dorset – Ed Taylor [Dorchester] South Wiltshire – TBA North Wiltshire – Chris Taylor [Supermarine RFC]
Three Non-Area Representatives Womens Age Grade Governance	TBA Neil Bibby [Oakmeadians] Jane Hart [Oakmeadians]
RFU Representative [elected separately, this being the second year of a three-year term of office]	John Constable [Swanage & Wareham]
<i>* Explanatory Note – The D&W Committee has the power to co-opt, so those candidates who are not elected under Rule 13 may still be co-opted, subject to Rule 11.2</i>	
Plus, the following: - Who be co-opted on to Committee at the next Committee meeting on Tuesday 15 th October 2025 (Date to be Confirmed)	
Club Support Referee’s Representative	Alan Ottaway [Independent] Marcus Monier-Williams
To confirm the appointment of following Sub-committee Chairs	
Chair of Club Support Community Rugby Representative Rugby	Alan Ottaway [Independent] Sean Macey [Corsham] Michael Bamsey [North Dorset]

REPORTS

RFU Council Member

This season has been a very busy one, in any role if you are going to give it your best shot you have to put in the time attending meetings, listening to views and so on. Also, it is important to get out and about around our clubs and give support where possible, including our Representative sides. The result is hours of driving, as our Twin Counties do not always have the best of roads!

Can I thank all the clubs visited for their warm welcome and hospitality- it is always a pleasure to visit our clubs within the Twin Counties and listen to their viewpoint.

As ever, watching games across the different league levels, both male & female, it is encouraging to see so many players running around enjoying the game. These games can be Friday night, Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning and afternoon. I would like to thank all the players, coaches, team managers and volunteers in our game for their efforts in the last 12 months, all working hard to ensure this wonderful game continues to thrive.

On that note it is pleasing to report that the match completion rate has improved in the Adult Male game with playing numbers heading back towards pre-covid levels. In Age grade there is also a slight increase in numbers playing whilst the Ladies game seems to have levelled off a bit. However, we have the RWC 2025 coming next summer and hopefully that will give a big boost to the Women's & Girls game and playing numbers.

One area there was concern this time last year was around the new tackle height laws and the impact it was going to have on the game. It is pleasing to report there has been no evidence of a drop off in playing numbers as some feared, if anything the playing numbers have gone up. The number of head injuries has stabilised and the fear of an excess of red cards did not materialize.

Continued monitoring around head injuries and injuries in general continues. World Rugby are due to look at Tackle height in the top end of the game later this year. They will be looking at data obtained from the RFU, NZ union, France and others.

As reported elsewhere, the Representative sides have given it their best shot again this season.

Highlight has to be the U20's reaching the final at Twickenham in June and it was a pleasure to see the team run out at the home of English Rugby. Sadly we lost in the last 2 minutes of what was a compelling game- well done to everyone involved. The Senior Men's team had similar back luck in their semi-final away to North Midlands, losing by a point with the last kick of the game. The Ladies team acquitted themselves well against strong opponents and credit should be taken from losing in the pool narrowly to Devon, who went on to win the Competition comfortably in the final. For all players who pull on a County shirt the experience is something that will live with them for ever.

As well as attending RFU Council meetings, I am on the Adult Competition Management sub-committee. As well as overseeing the leagues, ACMSC also has oversight of the RFU Cup (Papa John's), Ladies Leagues and Cup and regulations around the game. We also undertook the first review of the Future competitions Structure, which is due a review every 3 years because whilst we have only had 2 years of the new structure, any changes to be made need to be given 12 months' notice.

I have also been part of the oversight group keeping an eye on the Adult Player Registration process, as well as an oversight group dealing with re-writing and ordering of Reg 19- Discipline.

Nationally, it is good to see the fortunes of the England Men's team pick up as last season went on. It has also been great to see the success of the Red Roses and hopefully this set up the team well for RWC2025. The U20's has also enjoyed success this season and shows there is a pathway to the National team, hopefully the future National sides in both the Female & Male games looks rosie.

Linked to this success is the new Professional Game Partnership that is being put in place for the start of next season. This should give the England teams better access to the players but also to their playing data, injury management, game exposure and so on. Linked to this is the new 2nd tier (Championship) which all being well should help to provide more game time to the up and coming younger English stars of the future. You may read in the Press about the Championship clubs wanting more money, just one word of caution, there is a pot of money and if more goes to the Championship then there may be less for the community game!

The other area you may have seen mentioned is around Community Game Future. Work on this has continued in the last 12 months with the proposals to be moved forward early next season.

The 4 focus areas are:-

- Running rugby
- In the Game
- On the Pitch
- In the clubhouse.

Some of this is likely to be devolved to local levels- more details are awaited.

I hope the clubs have found the notes sent around post Council meetings of benefit, I plan on continuing doing these, in conjunction with a couple of my fellow Council member's next season.

Finally I just wanted to end saying it's been a pleasure representing Dorset & Wilts clubs again this season, thank you for re-electing me to continue this role. I will continue to do this to the best of my ability. As ever, I am at the end of the phone or e-mail should you ever need to raise any issues or have any questions.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and I look forward to seeing you during the coming season.

John Constable
D&W RFU Council Member.

Community Rugby

Once again, the league seasons were affected by weather conditions, with several clubs having a build-up of fixtures resulting in playing back-to-back weekends for a considerable time. Despite this I am pleased to say that the Dorset and Wilts leagues concluded as per the schedule and the details of this can be found below.

Keeping a watchful eye on proceedings were the Dorset & Wilts Competitions Committee who met on a regular basis, not only to maintain a perspective on the league situation from the league secretaries, but also to formulate cup competitions for those teams who would not be eligible for the national Papa John Cup. As was the case with the leagues, we fulfilled our objective to offer a meaningful cup competition across Counties 2 and 3. Details of the 4 finals can be seen below.

As mentioned, the season had its challenges, but they were overcome. Below is an overview of leagues and how they look in the 23/24 season, followed by a summary of this season's leagues/cups

Leagues

Levels 5 – 7 (Regional 1 & 2, Counties 1): Dorset & Wilts have 2 teams competing at Regional 1 next season, Royal Wootton Bassett and Marlborough, both of whom will play in Regional 1 South West. Of our clubs competing at Regional 2, 3 are playing in the London & SE Division, Bournemouth, Wimborne and newly promoted North Dorset. The remaining 3 clubs that will play at R2, Chippenham, Swindon and Trowbridge will all play in R2 Severn.

C1SS holds all our L7 clubs, with D&W occupying 9 of the 12 places in the league. Coming down from R2 are Salisbury with Chippenham II and Melksham moving up from Counties 2. This will be the first time that Chippenham II have competed at this level and a return to L7 rugby for Melksham after a 12-year absence.

Levels 8 – 9 (Counties 2 & 3): We have continued with the 3 way, North, Central, South split with our leagues at these levels and the reduced travel this brings seems to be welcomed by clubs and enables greater fulfilment of the playing calendar.

The 3 Counties 2 leagues have been increased to 10 teams, giving a playing season of 18 games. It is felt that this will improve the competitiveness of the leagues and that the extra games will help the teams who are promoted at the end of the season in their preparation for a 22-game season at Counties 1. In Counties 3 the North and Central leagues have 6 teams playing each other 3 times i.e. 15 games. Teams in these leagues will be encouraged to seek friendly games in their break weekends, with league secretaries being on hand to assist in this where possible. C3DWS continues as a 9-team league and will feature 16 games.

The league season will start on 7th September for R1, R2, C1 & C3DWS. C3DWN/C will start on 21st September, with a league season end date of 5th April 2025.

League Winners 2024-24: R2S saw **Royal Wootton Bassett** make a quick return to L5 with the best points differential of any team at this level nationally. C1SS saw **North Dorset** achieve their 2nd promotion in 3 seasons. The Counties 2 D&W leagues produced 3 champions, C2DWN **Chippenham II**, C2DWC **Melksham** and C2DWS **Lytchett Minster**. From these 3 leagues only 2 could be promoted and a play-off between Chippenham II and Lytchett Minster resulted in Chippenham winning an epic encounter at Allington Field to join Melksham in Counties 1 Southern South next year. In Counties 3 **Fairford** won C3DWN, **Bradford On Avon** won C3DWC, and **Swanage & Wareham II** were victorious in C3DWS. The league winners were recognised and awarded their shields at a St Austell Brewery; Tribute sponsored evening on 14th June.

Cup Competitions

Despite some issues thrown up by the RFU's decision to change non playing weekends and to also extend the season past 6th April if games were deemed relevant to league positions, we successfully completed our Counties Cup/Plate finals within our timeframes. Thanks to both Chris Jones and Mike Moysey as competition administrators for all their hard work in successfully delivering this season's competitions.

Competition	Winners	Runner Up	Date/Venue
Counties 2 Cup	Marlborough II	Lytchett Minster	20th April - Lytchett Minster RFC
Counties 2 Plate	Wimborne II	Blandford	27th April - Wimborne RFC
Counties 3 Cup	Chippenham III	Swanage & Wareham II	27th April - Chippenham RFC
Counties 3 Plate	Bournemouth III	Swindon II	20th April - Bournemouth RFC

The Competitions Committee have agreed to continue the same format for our cup competitions in the coming season and will circulate details relating to Dorset & Wilts tournaments, covering all aspects of the rugby that we provide in a newsletter format in the near future.

Friendly Matrix

John Constable has once again steered the Dorset friendly matrix through the season, ensuring that as many players as possible get the opportunity to play rugby for those teams sitting outside of the league structure. John is keen for this initiative to continue in 2024/25. At present there doesn't appear to be the same requirement for Wiltshire.

Tribute TOTM Awards

Tribute (St Austell Brewery) will continue their sponsorship of the leagues in the South West next season and I encourage all clubs to include the Tribute logo or name in their social media posts as a means of acknowledging their support.

Part of the sponsorship package involves D&W selecting a Team of The Month (TOTM). It is once again pleasing to note that D&W are held as an exemplar in South West in our speed of delivery and social media promotion of these awards. Thanks to Gerald Burden for his work on our social media platforms.

The winners in 2023/24 were as follows:

September: Melksham RFC
October: Sutton Benger RFC
November: Swanage & Wareham II RFC
December: Lytchett Minster RFC
January: Swindon II RFC
February: Cricklade RFC
March: Royal Wootton Bassett RFC
April: Bradford On Avon RFC

Sean Macey – Community Rugby Lead

Touring

The following deadlines will become mandatory within the Dorset & Wilts RFU from the 2024-25 season

- Closing date for all touring application including the completion of Schedule One
30 days before tour date
- Visiting Union approval
20 days before tour date
- Risk Assessments
30 days before tour date
- Consent Forms
30 days before tour date
- Safeguarding Requirements
30 days before tour date
- As per RFU Regulations 10.7
“which reads”
30 days after the tour date

Record Keeping

Constituent Bodies must ensure that they have a record, available to the RFU when requested, of all Incoming and Outgoing Tours (including Home Union cross border matches) arranged by their clubs during the season. Where the Constituent Body has provided its clubs with pre-approval for matches, as permitted by RFU Regulations 10.5 or 10.6, then at the end of the season the Constituent Body must collect from the relevant clubs the following information for each match:

a) Name of RFU Club

b) Date of Match

c) Venue (Home or Away)

d) Name of Opponent's Club and which Union it is a member of

e) Details of teams involved (1st XV men, 2nd XV Women, U16s boys etc)

f) Result

Any player or individual serving a Disciplinary Sanction will not be permitted to participate in or to travel on any tour.

All documentation requested to be submitted to the D&W RFU by the deadlines set out above, any failure to do so could result in one of the following actions to be instigated.

1. Any existing tour approval to be withdrawn.
2. Disciplinary action against the Club and/or the Tour Management.

Any club has the right to apply to the RFU for consent to be involved in a tour if they so wish.

Representative Rugby

Proposed Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ U17/ U18 – Planning Phase, budget confirmed.➤ U20 – Nil➤ Women’s XV – Nil➤ Men’s XV – Nil
Detail Fixtures list attached	<p><u>U18 Male</u> Programme complete.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Team manager – Julie Sheppard➤ Lead – Kevin Dobie➤ Forwards – Jake Krige➤ Backs – Marc Ewart <p><u>U20 Male</u> Programme Complete</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Team Manager – TBC➤ Lead Coach – TBC➤ Forwards Coach – Mark Ado➤ Back Coach – Martin Oxland <p><u>Senior Women XV</u> Programme Complete</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Team Manager – Emma Santer➤ Lead Coach – Lauren Leatherland➤ Forwards Coach – TBC➤ Back Coach – Aimi Dallyn <p><u>Senior Men XV</u> Programme Complete</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Team Manager – Richard Elliott➤ Lead Coach – Don Parsons➤ Forwards Coach – TBC➤ Back Coach – TBC <p>Points for discussion/ remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Representative Pathway Manager (Ian Moore) has been agreed. The job description is to be confirmed by the Board once written. <p>Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Representative kit store remains at Trowbridge, £400 quote received to move it to NDRFC. Being left in place for now.• Can the representative budget be confirmed please.
<p>Representative Rugby is alive and well within Dorset & Wiltshire. Our volunteers across the piste have been amazing in them giving up their time and expertise – thank you!</p> <p>Highlight was the U20’s reaching the final at Twickenham in June and it was a pleasure to see the team run out at the home of English Rugby. Unfortunately, we lost in the last 2 minutes of what was a very competitive game.</p>	

The Senior Men's team had similar luck in their semi-final away to North Midlands, losing by a point with the last kick of the game. Our team consisted of players from Levels 6-9 who acquitted themselves immensely against players all playing at Level 5 – an immense achievement, of which they should be proud.

The Ladies team acquitted themselves well against strong opponents and credit should be taken from losing in the pool narrowly to Devon, who went on to win the Competition comfortably in the final.

U18's is the first rung of the ladder for male and female representative teams this year and I'm extremely happy how last season panned out but we can always tweak things going forward.

Next steps, Player Pathway manager Ian Moore is now helping me to ensure the players experience next season is a positive one and reaching out to those clubs who, for whatever reason do not fully engage in Representative Rugby.

We would like a single POC in each club specifically for Representative rugby, thanks you to the four clubs who have already appointed one. Sherbourne, Westbury, Avonvale & Bridport.

Sponsorship, we need to really attack this issue as travel costs and feeding etc all come from the RFU budget and any additional sponsors for any of the teams will enhance the player experience as money, as always, is tight.

Michael Bamsey

Women Rugby – No report filed

Girls Rugby

The Girls U16 ERDPP has been taken in-house by the RFU and renamed the Players Development Group this will cover Girls under U18 and U16 age groups.

Girls U16 is the Foundation Phase, our CB will now be D&W's Girls U16 PDGFP and we will have two centres for the 24/25 season, one at Dorchester RFC and the other at Melksham RFC.

Two assessments days are planned for each centre, one on 19th August and the other 02nd September. Details of how to nominate players have been circulated to clubs and schools.

Gordon Harding

The last year has been very busy with in particular the change over of the U16 & U18 systems.

A number of the older U16 girls were put forward at the end of the season to the new U18 PDG now run by the RFU.

The U16 girls now known as the PDG FP (previously ERDPP) has seen over 100 girls apply this autumn to participate in the programme. Initially 22 have been selected for the Melksham Centre and 32 for the Dorchester Centre. The majority of the rest have been ask to 'Call Back', in November. The programme emphasis is on inclusion and personnel development.

The U18 put forward players at the end of the season to the U18 PDG which is now in operation.

The new season will see :

Week commencing 23/09/24 request for nominations from clubs

Sunday 27/10/24 – Assessment day

Sunday 10/11/24 – development day

Sunday 01/12/24 – D&W v Oxfordshire

Sunday 12/01/25 – Bucks. V D&W

Sunday 16/02/24 – Berks. V D&W

There is provision for an extra assessment day depending on the number of girls being put forward.

Recent D&W/RFU Coaches & Managers meeting Actions:

There will be 3 festivals

- **20th October - Wimborne**
- **19th January - Salisbury**
- **27th April – Marlborough**

Sharing best practice between coaches

- We are looking to start 'Coaches' Corner' meetings for girl's coaches across the counties.
- The first meeting will be online, with an aim to devise a code of conduct specifically for coaches, made by those involved.
- A date will be sent out in due course - please let us know who the best contacts may be from your club.
- D&W Girls Instagram page is an idea that would be welcomed by clubs.
- Idea: F2F CPD sessions (potentially two sessions throughout the season, one north and one south) with PDGFP/ County coaches. These would likely be after Christmas.

D&W WhatsApp Community

We have set up a WhatsApp Community for those involved with girls' rugby in Dorset & Wiltshire. There are different group chats for strands such as age groups, rep. rugby and general information.

Administrators/ Team Managers/ Coaches can join via this link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/EiGBfKt3isi49edGIVf5wu>

Other

- Clubs have found that running sessions for year 6 girls works well for recruiting U12s.
- Some clubs run their warmups on Sunday mornings, with all girls together which they find beneficial for retention through the age groups.
- A session/ day at the club for all females (women's teams all the way down to minis) to ensure that girls feel they can stay in the game - this is run by some clubs, who receive positive feedback on the event.

- We'll use contacts on GMS to contact clubs - please ensure your Girls' Leads and Youth Leads are up to date.

The forums are supported by Olivia Jenkins from the RFU.

The season has started off with lots of girl's rugby and we look forward to a very busy time.

Carol Durston

Governance

Safeguarding

23/24 Activity	<p>14 Play It safe courses delivered across the region. Julie Fisher has been externally assessed twice in the last 12 months and has been approved to continue to deliver the course. Courses are being booked for August onwards with tutors from neighbouring regions being used to deliver courses to the far North West of the area, this is due to the time it takes to travel to those areas, deliver the course and return home.</p> <p>106 17-year-olds have been assessed by coaches with forms submitted for them to play adult rugby. These are now submitted electronically allowing me to be able to check the details and approve or reject within a matter of days with the RFU holding a central document on our behalf. This is cross checked against any 17-year-old that has been registered in an adult game, we have not noticed any 17 yr. olds playing without approval so the process is working well. Going forward these will not be approved past Thursday lunch time, this is to ensure the club is able to get the player registered as an adult in time.</p> <p>Late applications for Out of Country tours or incoming teams are continuing to be received. The normal safeguarding process still needs to be followed even if the approval paperwork is being worked on by Gerald as the CB need to apply to the external Governing body for permission, so this is managed by the Secretary. Reminder of the process to be sent to all clubs before the start of the season as several tours were very last minute which didn't give any time for in depth checking.</p> <p>Festival applications are continuing to come in, these are assessed by Joe Walsh and approved as needed. These will be on a SharePoint document for 24/25 season.</p> <p>In England Tour notifications are again coming in and assessed by myself for safeguarding concerns at the club then as needed are approved by Joe. I am looking to see if the RFU will enable this to be done using the SharePoint portal for next year. This process was discussed at the CBSM conference, and a focus group is to be formed to pull the info together. Multiple other CB require all cross-county festival attendances to be approved so we need to decide if this is something we need in D&W.</p> <p>Playing up or down applications are managed by Joe Walsh, again these are now submitted electronically allowing us to maintain a SharePoint log of these. We need to be aware of cross-checking combining age groups against GMS as</p>
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there are some clubs who applied to combine but had enough players to maintain an age group on GMS.

8 deep dive Audits have been completed this year with follow ups from several clubs who had audits last year. The plan for 24/25 Audits is being drawn up now. Bradford on Avon, Chippenham, Swindon, Trowbridge are all on the list following incidents this year.

We have not managed to hold a CSO conference this year, when discussing with CSO there appears to be an issue with when the majority could attend. This is to be prioritised for later in the year.

CSO calls are now being held on teams, these are still not attended by all clubs, often we have 20+ say they will attend but on the day, it is the same people who log in.

Calls and emails are continuing to be received for advice and referrals to the RFU. These are managed and passed upwards for RFU to look at and assess further needs for the family involved.

Coaches who have applied for DBS and have information needing explanation are continuing to fail to provide this in time so are excluded from rugby until such time as they resubmit and provide the evidence needed for the DMG to assess risk.

The RFU CB Audit was held, and the results were sent over. This highlighted several areas for improvement, mainly around notifications for U18 Red cards as these are not being notified to me at all. Request to be copied in when requesting further information from the club following a red card so I can ensure the CSO is able to support the child throughout the case. Concerns were also raised directly to me about Junior discipline cases being held late at night, can we look to hold these at the start of the evening going forward please.

The CBSM and Assistant attended the CBSM Conference at Teddington. Updates for proposals for tours discussed. Self-audit to be completed by October. Most other areas require notification for cross county fixtures but being notified that the club is attending a cross-county festival is enough at present.

STAR charity information was shared at the conference, this supports children from deprived areas to attend rugby clubs, providing kit and travel etc for these children so we need to look into which clubs across the region would be willing to be involved in this as it can literally change a child's life.

Travelling across the region to complete deep dive audits is time consuming, especially as I am based at the bottom end of the region, having a trained volunteer in the north who can assist with this would be beneficial. The person needs to complete the volunteer application form and have experience.

I have not been notified of the coaches or manager details for the Age grade representative teams and so am unable to advise if they are DBS compliant or have attended play it safe within the required time. Can this be sorted please?

	<p>We discussed last year that officers of the CB need to attend the play it safe course, but I am unaware of any such course being delivered or attended by the officers of the CB. Can I have confirmation that this has happened, or can we book the session?</p> <p>Communication online between u17 manager and players was requested on a Tweet and Instagram, this was seen by the CBSM, and advice given immediately to remove the tweet. reminder that nobody should be having direct communication with any player under 18. Please form a SPOND group and use that instead.</p> <p>Volunteer application forms are still not being used across all clubs, this is a vital part of safer recruiting and needs to be completed to provide evidence that the club has completed due diligence in recruitment. If clubs or the CB fail to do this then that leaves the club or CB open to further action if something goes wrong.</p> <p>Please ensure that the form is fully completed references are checked, DBS is actioned. Then add a note to the GMS record stating Safer recruitment process followed. This has been requested for clubs to adhere to for the last 4 years across D&W.</p> <p>A reminder that all cases must be reported to the CBSM immediately regardless of how small, the club are not able to investigate any safeguarding concerns unless advised to do so by the RFU team. There have been 5 incidents this year where this didn't happen which then left a bigger case to deal with that meant that a child was left unsupported for an extended period.</p> <p>A reminder that the club need to notify the CBSM, when the CSO or assistant changes at a club to make sure that the correct details are held and information is shared appropriately. Several clubs have CSO who are not attending the calls or responding to emails/ calls. It is important that they are responding to email requests for information in a timely manner to ensure safeguarding guidelines are maintained. If the CSO is unable to attend the calls then a representative should attend on their behalf.</p>
<p>Proposed Activity (including estimated cost)</p>	<p>Full start to finish process for all Tours to be updated and provided to clubs before start of season.</p> <p>Plan a CSO update session/ Conference</p> <p>Contact made with the Welfare officer at Active Dorset following the CBSM conference to see what additional training may be available for us to utilise, especially important are courses for Neurodiversity and EDI</p> <p>Play it safe course for CB Officers to be booked and confirmed</p> <p>Representation rugby coaches and managers to attend play it safe and DBS to be checked, names to be supplied to me please</p>

GDPR

During the last season the documentation for the website was reviewed for inclusion on the Dorset & Wilts website.

I have also received two enquiries for advice regarding club and county GDPR requirements. Both queries were dealt with over the phone.

Nicola Wallace-Walton

Anti-Doping & Illicit Drugs – No report filed

Inclusion and Diversity – No report filed

Rugby Safe

Our region has made great strides with Rugbysafe with every playing club having a named Rugbysafe lead, and the risk assessments and first aider requirements as mandated in Regulation 9. There is still some work to be done to ensure this information is kept up to date as club RSLs leave and are not necessarily replaced before the start of the next season.

CRISP - as a region we are not showing much commitment to the Community Rugby Injury Surveillance & Prevention programme with only 2 clubs and three teams reporting. This initiative is vital to the ongoing safety and injury monitoring of the RFU and I will be asking clubs to participate if they are able. Clubs that do participate will have a year's subscription to ProActive paid for by the RFU in the following season.

Proactive is gaining traction with more teams subscribing and benefitting from having everything in one place. Proactive have now launched the concussion tracking module which monitors a players GRAS protocol and provides automatic updates to both the player and the club.

There is a move by the RFU to ensure that all clubs are compliant with regulation 9 before the end of the year and I am sure all our clubs will be compliant.

We have had some issues in the region booking First Aid courses, but we have a new tutor for the region who is keen to get courses on the books. He has, however, been hampered by clubs booking courses which are then cancelled at the late minute as the club cannot get enough attendees. We need to establish more discussion between local clubs to help each other getting these courses fully booked to avoid future cancellations.

All in all the region is in a significantly better place than it was 12-24 months ago, and the upward trajectory is continuing.

Robin Nathan

Disciplinary Panel

Firstly, I would like to thank all the panel members, and the clubs involved in this year's hearings for their support, without you all working together this would be an impossible task to manage.

The Disciplinary Panel received a total of 111 cases this year. Full details attached below.

- 53 Proven
- 2 Overturned
- 23 Not Proven
- 30 Passed to RFU or other CBs

How to save money – Discipline Fees

Please note that the fee for failing to report a Red Card or a Match Official Abuse, has increased from the 12th of January 2022 to £125.00 from £100.00. This is due to the extra workload involved due to clubs failing to report an incident within 48 hours as per RFU Regulation 19.

If a club complies with the RFU Regulations within the 48-hour period, the fee will be reduced to £85.00.

Case List Breakdown see the end of this report.

Gerald Burden

AREA REPRESENTATIVES

Area Leads – Council Members (Elected)

Currently at 5 areas, 3 Wiltshire, 2 Dorset. We have a project in place to change the way the areas are made up, Dorset will remain as is, but Wiltshire will be split into 2 10 club areas, North and South, having a lead for each and a coordinating council member sitting over all 4 areas as a reporting point and mentor. We have a requirement for these positions in Wiltshire to be filled. We have had one co-opted member this season taking on East Dorset who will stand for election at this AGM. The Representatives are the link between the clubs and the CB, Reps will visit clubs when requested and will hold area meetings 3 or 4 times a season to allow sharing of views and ideas and the dissemination of information from RFU and CB to the clubs and comments and requests from clubs to CB. The reps are also the clubs point of contact for any issues they have.

This season has seen meetings in West Dorset and the old S Wiltshire taking place, but the other clubs have not been represented as well as we would have liked. It is my intention that over the upcoming season this will be rectified and meetings held, either in person or via Zoom, to ensure we have good contact with clubs. It must be emphasised that the meetings are not just for club executive members to attend, a club can bring along anyone along who needs to have an involvement in facilities, playing (any form), Grounds, Fixtures, regulation, safeguarding welfare or anything. While we have a set agenda, clubs can add other items if they want to discuss, it's an open forum and can be "Chatham House Rules" if needed.

We as Council look for club people to stand up to be on Council and help deliver Rugby in Dorset and Wiltshire, please contact me if interested.

GMS

As Data Officer for Dorset & Wilts I carry an oversight of clubs GMS within the CB as well as our own. To that end I am a little disappointed to find that many clubs are still carrying people records which are either no longer with the club or are incomplete or carrying email addresses that are duplicated, unverified or missing. As we move into a new era where players undertake their registration this has to be sorted otherwise clubs will find that they have unregistered players for next season. We now have a 2-tier system for below Level 8 men (C2)/Level 5 Women (NC2) where players only need to be club registered and can be registered with more than 1 club – and they control that themselves. It therefore is vital that all players access their GMS accounts and complete the actions required. As an RFU trainer I can help clubs and there are YouTube recordings of Players and Club seminars on what this involves – it is very simple and is almost as per Age Grade.

Walking Rugby

Once again, this year I stood as lead for Walking Rugby in D&W. This is a coordinating role and encourages participation by clubs in D&W

At the end of the previous season we had 4 active clubs, we now have 14, which is absolutely brilliant, however only 1 of those clubs is in Dorset, therefore my push this year is for more take up in Dorset (Wimborne are out on a limb)

I ran a Festival/Tournament again this season (Walking Rugby “season” is March to October, although most clubs offer some rugby in the winter as well – some inside) This was won again by Chippenham in a Final against Salisbury again. To that end it has been decided to move away from a tournament structure next season (29 March 2025) to a less structured festival where fair play is the name of the game, Clubs can keep scores if they wish but there will be no finals played and the winner on points awarded by referees in each game. I am hoping we can get at least 16 teams participating by then.

Talking of Referees, we do have a Referee trainer located at Amesbury who is happy to train any club referees, please contact me and I will put you in touch with Roy. I am hoping that some of the Referee Society folk who are looking to step back from the full game will join our band of Walking Rugby Referees in the future.

Dave Wookey

CLUB SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Facilities

Currently there are limited opportunities available for external funding, but with the aid of the RFU South-West Facilities Team, we are only too willing to discuss your clubs’ requirements.

Impact 25 Facility Fund - Social Space Upgrade Award

The RFU are currently in discussions with

Trowbridge RFC
Supermarine RFC

Club Development Grants

This year the D&W RFU had Ten Club Development Grants available of £500.00 each. We received two applications for this Grants, and the following awards was agreed.

Chippenham RFC (Mixed Ability Rugby)
Green Gazelles Rugby

Club Support Grants

The following grants were approved

Royal Wotton Bassett RFC (CRC programme)
Amesbury RFC
Pewsey Vale RFC
Swanage & Wareham RFC

First Aid Courses

This year the D&W agreed to part fund First Aid Courses in readiness for next seasons requirement, the take up of this funding was poor with many clubs registering an interest but failing to follow up their request for support.

The remaining funding will be carried forward until next year for more First Aid Courses.

For more details on all these schemes please contact your Area Representative or any member of the D&W RFU Management.

The D&W also offered small grants for the purchase of the Pro-active App, which will be carried over to next year.

All funding carried over until next year is subject to the approval of the D&W RFU Council.

Volunteer Report

The Volunteering Awards Evening was held at The Udder Farm Shop, East Stour on the Friday 14th June and was attended by 114 people, with Sean Macey giving well-earned awards to a host of deserving people.

There were 50 nominations, which are listed below by category:

UNsung HERO

ALFIE MCGREGOR (BOURNEMOUTH)
RICK MCCABE(CHIPPENHAM)
ANDY CORNELL(CORSHAM)
AMANDA PALMER (MARLBOROUGH)
MIKE FORD (N DORSET)
ZAC PEARCE (N DORSET)
RUSSELL TONKS (OAKMEADIANS))
BRYN STEW (D&W REFS SOCIETY)
KEN PIPE (D&W REFS SOCIETY)
JANET JONES (PEWSEY VALE)
GARY LONSDALE(SHERBORNE)
MIKE REDOUT (S&W)
CLAIRE CARLTON (S&W)
STEVE CARR(SWINDON)
GRAHAM BUSSON (TROWBRIDGE)
RACHEL FAZACKERLEY (WARMINSTER)
CAMERON FAZACKERLEY (WARMINSTER)
JAMES REPPER (WHEATSHEAF)
DARREN ROGERS (AMESBURY)
RICHARD CARLILE(MELKSHAM)
DONALD SMITH (N DORSET)
SUE LONSDALE (SHERBORNE)
TILLY LONSDALE (SHERBORNE)
JONATHAN SANTER (WARMINSTER)
JOHN PARKER (SWINDON)
DANIEL LLOYD (CRICKLADE)
GAVIN WEEKS (N DORSET)

PAUL DUNSFORD(OAKMEADIANS)
HORACE LETCHFORD (D&W REFS SOCIETY)
JANET EDWARDS (D&W CSU)
TIM GALLIMORE(RWB)
CHRIS LAMB (TROWBRIDGE)
SHAWN WHITTAKER (SHERBORNE)
ARCHIE WHITTAKER (SHERBORNE)
PAUL HARDING (DEVIZES)
SAM ANSTEY (EAST DORSET DOCKERS)
CAROLINE DURSTON (SHERBORNE)

GAME FOR ALL

HUW SOLLY (CHIPPENHAM)
NICK WEST-ORAM(MARLBOROUGH)
TAMMY ARGENT (SHERBORNE)
MUIR STERLING (WARMINSTER)
RICHARD HOWE (WARMINSTER)

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

MATTHEW STEPHEN (CHIPPENHAM)
JASON YARWOOD (SALISBURY)
LOUISE HAWKINS (WARMINSTER)
MATTHEW BARKER (BOURNEMOUTH)

GAME CHANGER

DUNCAN MCGREGOR (BOURNEMOUTH)
JOHNNY ANGELL (CHIPPENHAM)
TIM ROBBINS (BOURNEMOUTH)
JAMIE BARRETT (SCOB)

SPECIAL AWARDS (THREE NOMINEES)

CHRIS LAMB, JANET JONES, JAMES REPPER

The Volunteer of the Year 2024 was

James Repper from Wheatsheaf Cabin Crew RFC

Honda Volunteer Recognition

Dorset & Wilts RFU have returned our nominations for consideration in the National Awards later in the year. We wish them luck in the National awards.

Alan Ottaway – Chair of Club Support

Referees

The season for capturing appointments runs from 1st Aug 2023 until 31st May 2024, this covers most of the season, although some county fixtures went beyond this point. we were asked to provide 1028 match officials as either Referees or Assistant Referees compared to 1058 the previous season.

We appointed in total 958 Officials during this season with a breakdown can be seen below in Table 1.

As with previous seasons the appointments covered every day of the week, with clubs branching out from the traditional Saturday and Sunday.

As you can see most of our games were at L8 and L9 and still adult games; but the more positive note compared to last season, is the dramatic drop-in games we could not fill, only 70 this season compared to 211 for the season 2022/23.

Total Appointments as at 31/05/2024	Level							Type				
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Adult	Junior	School	
921	3	100	111	368	162	84	72	21	657	197	67	
Total Not Appointed as at 31/05/2023												
70		0	0	17	12	3	15	23	11	41	18	

Table 1- breakdown of appointments

This reduction in unappointed games is a credit to the society's members for coming forward, when the appointers asked for volunteers.

As per last season, the relationship with Bath Academy has moved forward, with not only officials supporting NLMOT Referees for the Prem Academy games but providing full Teams of Three for the U17 fixtures.

This season, saw changes in how the RFU appointed to the Papa John's at R1 and the end of season county fixtures at Senior Men's, Ladies and U20's with more fixtures delegated to society's rather than the Regional Match Official Teams.

Also, a first for Dorset & Wilts, with a voice on the Bath Combination Committee, the society was invited to provide officials for the Bath Combination Vase Final, that was played at the Rec on the 8th of May.

Looking forward to this season when we hope to run club referee courses to try and reduce the number of non-appointed games. The courses will be for about 3 hours in an evening, and on successful completion of the course (subject to RFU funding being available), candidates will receive an Acme whistle and lanyard and a reversible bid, with the words "Club Referee" on. By attempting to generate more grass roots referees we hope that we can bring down the total number of unappointed games considerably, by allowing clubs to use their trained club referees when the society is not in a position to appoint. More details will be promulgated once funding is confirmed.

Marcus Monier Williams

School's Union

Season 2023 – 24, has to date seen another great series of rugby playing opportunities for young people in schools across Dorset & Wilts. With this season, also seeing a continued growth in the number of events for Girls, with the focus being on developing opportunities for U12 Girls (Y7) in line with RFU drive, whilst at same time providing opportunities for U14 Girls (Y8 & 9). Additional developments have also been taking place for U16s (Y10 & 11) & U18s (Y12 & 13) too.

This first half of the season has also seen the continuation of great examples of stakeholder collaborative working, between D & W CSU, Bath Grassroots Dept & a number of Clubs across D & W area,

D & W CSU Rugby Activity provision during the first half of Season 23 - 24.

Boys Rugby in schools

A variety of playing opportunities, have taken place this season, in response to what teachers felt best worked for them & their players.

Dorset State Schools Invitational 10s Boys Rugby Festival series.

Following the success of Autumn term season 22/23 events, a further series was run in Autumn term of Season 23/24.

The series saw a big increase in the number of state schools taking part & is a reflection of & with big thanks to the teachers running the rugby in their schools.

Each event was organised by Jan Edwards, D & W CSU Committee & the superb teachers from across Dorset & South Wiltshire who brought their teams along & helped events run so well on the day. Big thank you to them all.

A mixture of Schools & Club venues was used.

October 5th Year 10 Boys (U15s)

Venue Bournemouth School for Boys, 14 teams took part, & were a mix of schools just developing their rugby & schools with a more established rugby programme. Thank you to Rich Thomas from BSB for the venue.

October 11th Year 11 Boys (U16s)

Venue Bryanston School 12 teams took part & were a mix of schools just developing their rugby & schools with a more established rugby programme. Thank you to Nick Williams DoR at Bryanston for his work with JE in making this event possible & to all teachers who worked so hard on the day, A much appreciated venue.

November 9th Year 9 Boys (U14s)

Venue Swanage & Wareham RFC. 17 teams took part, & again were a mix of schools just developing their rugby & schools with a more established rugby programme. The best performing school at the will be taking part on 8th February at the South West Eric Blackman U14s state schools rugby festival, for state schools who are either unlikely to enter the Continental Tyres

Schools Compt at any level when they move into Y10, / are unlikely to go further than first round of compt. Thank you again to all the teachers for making this event possible & to all teachers who worked so hard on the day, A much appreciated venue. Big Thank you to Claire from Swans for kindly providing the excellent venue.

November 16th Year 7 Boys (U12s)

Venue Swanage & Wareham RFC (massive thank you to Claire at Swans who saved the day, as Bryanston pitches were flooded & the event venue was moved. We were delighted to have 18 schools taking part. It was an excellent event, lots of enjoyment & rugby played in the true spirit of the game. Support from all the teachers involved was tremendous & it was good to see a few parents came along & they said how excited their sons were in anticipation of the event.

November 28th Year 8 Boys (U13s)

Venue - Bryanston School. This was the final event of the series & 20 teams entered, lots of enjoyment evident & camaraderie between teachers/ organiser. Thank you to all involved & again to Nick Williams DoR Bryanston & his site team for having us at Bryanston.

U15s Boys D & W Schools County Cup Competition

Organised by D & W CSU Committee Vice Chair Luke Cannon - Leweston School, schools from across D & W have taken part. Thanks to Luke for his work in this area. We know just how much work goes into these events organisationally.

U16s Eastern Dorset U16s Boys

Organised by D & W CSU Committee Member Dave Tomlinson - Bournemouth Collegiate School, which was open to both Indep & State Schools - thanks to Dave for providing this opportunity, which we are sure will grow year on year.

U18s Boys D & W Schools Competition

Organised by D & W CSU Committee Member Rich Thomas - Bournemouth School for Boys, thanks to Rich for providing this opportunity. This year unfortunately the very small number of entities meant the competition itself didnt happen, however entrants were encouraged to make connections for fixtures.

Annual Schools West Dorset Invitation Festival, for Y7s & Y8

Run by D & W CSU Committee member Jordan Webber - Budmouth School & Rory Legg also Budmouth School, working closely with Weymouth RFC. This was an excellent well attended event, with the young people involved really enjoying their afternoon. Thanks go to all involved.

This was a great example of School & Club working together, & also involves some Club coaches going into school to help with the rugby.

Annual Thomas Hardy School,

Geraint Hughes & Sean Bradley have once again been running the West Dorset Schools invitation 10s festivals for Y9, Y10, Y11 & Y12 @ Dorchester RFC. Each afternoon was extremely well organised & well attended. The Y12 Event, which had over 100 participants included a £1 per player entry fee, with the money raised going to a nominated charity.

In Wiltshire, the Mid/ North Wilts Annual Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, & Year 10 Schools, Festivals/ County Cup Competition.

Run by Scott Ferguson D & W CSU Committee (Kingsbury Green School)

28th November Year 7 Boys 10s (U12s)

Event took place - 10 state schools took part, venue Devizes School. Many thanks to Scott & all the teachers involved. Schools with a wide range of rugby experience took part.

21st November Year 8 Boys 10s

(U13s) event with 9 state schools taking part, venue Hardenhuish School, again a wide range of rugby experience, & the format of the event facilitated that.

23rd November, Year 9 (U14s)

10 state schools took part, venue Kingsbury Green School. A really enjoyable event, thanks to all involved. The best performing state school goes on to take part in the Eric Blackman regional event where they will join a Dorset school & one from each geographical CSU area in the South West on 8th February 2024

7th November , Year 10 Boys (U15s)

11 states schools took part, venue Chippenham RFC. A really enjoyable event, thanks to all involved and to Chippenham RFC for the venue.

Many thanks to Scott & all the teachers in Mid / North Wilts for these opportunities for young people.

South Wiltshire Schools Invitational U15s & U16s Super 12s Schools festivals,

D & W CSU Committee's Rich Dermain- Griffiths - Bishop Wordsworth School & Jason Yarwood – Salisbury RFC & Co-opted Community member of D & W CSU Committee. these events took

place in September as part of an introduction to the new school year, thanks to work of Jason , Rich & Mark Lepinier from Trafalgar School Downton.

The Continental Tyres Schools Competition

Has once again seen a number of our D&W Schools taking part, in the various levels of the competition, students enjoying the chance to take part in this National competition. Congrats to Tom Farmer (D & W CSU Committee E D & I Lead) & his players from Malmesbury School who reached the last 16 of the U15s Vase Compt.

Thank you to the staff involved from all our schools who took part as some distances travelled by teams in the competition, were not 'just down the road'.

Girls Rugby in D&W Schools.

Dorset Schools U12s & U14s skills Development Day - 23rd November.

Schools from across Dorset brought girls to this event organised through stakeholder collaboration, including Active Dorset's Joey Wormington & his team, Jan Edwards D & W CSU & Lia Gingell & Marlo Boyd from Bath Grassroots Dept. 150 girls from schools across Dorset took part. It was a very successful day with lots of praise from teachers & most importantly lots of enjoyment by the girls. Thanks go to Claire at Swans RFC for the venue, Candice Wong our prof pitch side medic cover & to coaches from Swans, Poole & Wimborne RFC' s who came along to help run the skills carousels.

North Dorset Schools Girls U14s & U16s Invitational Festivals, October/ November

Jodie Jeffery D & W CSU Committee (Gillingham School) , has run festivals for both U14s girls, followed by an U16s festival. for the 2nd year running. This year 4 schools took part in each event. Thank you to Jodie for growing these opportunities for girls in our schools.

South Wilts Schools

U16 - U18s girls skills development sessions & playing opportunities, have been run by Jason Yarwood D & W CSU Committee/ Salisbury RFC Youth Chair & Bath Grassroots Dept, & also Rich D- G. D & W CSU Committee & Bishop Wordsworth School Salisbury. Thanks also go to Mark Lerpiniere of Trafalgar School for his on going work in growing the rugby for both girls & lads in the area.

Mid & North Wilts Schools .

Justin Derby D & W CSU Committee - Corsham School & Tom Farmer D & W CSU Committee - Malmesbury School, Jan Edwards D & W CSU Committee, Chloe Moss D & W CSU Committee (St Joseph's School Salisbury) & Jason Yarwood D & W CSU Committee (Salisbury RFC) have been working collaboratively with Bath Grassroots dept to create skills dev session & small, sided

games, to replicate the event in Dorset on 23rd Nov. This was due to be on 7th Dec , venue Chippenham RFC, but weather meant it had to be cancelled and is being re scheduled for Spring term. Tom has also been linking up with Gloucester Community Dept to create playing & training opps for girls at schools like Malmesbury etc who have students who travel from Tetbury etc which lie in Gloucestershire.

Bath DPP & PDG Rugby & D&W Girls & Women Super Clusters & D&W CB Rep Rugby at y12/13

We are delighted that so many of the young people in D&W Schools are taking part in these development & performance opportunities. Also that a number of the coaches involved in these areas are D&W teachers. Particularly pleasing to note the increase in the numbers of girls being part of the development pathways from schools & clubs across our area.

D&W CSU continue to work closely with our colleagues who are stakeholders in ensuring continuing opportunities for both young people in our schools & teachers happen in the next half of the season. These will be included in D & W CSU End of Season Report in the Summer Term

Thanks go to everyone involved in all these great opportunities for our young people.

D & W SCHOOLS (CSU) ‘ End of Rugby Season ‘ 23 / 234Report.

Thanks to the continuing efforts of Education Staff in D & W Schools the Spring term & into the start of the Summer Term has seen the further provision of a wide range of rugby activity for young people in our schools. Activities have included -

D & W Schools , ‘Wessex’ U15s Competition Final.

Rounds began in the Autumn Term, which was open to both State Schools & Independent Schools, & with the Final took place in Spring Term. This very successful competition, organised by Luke Cannon - Vice Chair D & W Schools Committee/ Rugby & PE Teacher Leweston School Dorset, provided stretch & challenge for stronger teams, whilst at same time providing a competition playing opportunity for U15s School teams from across Dorset & Wilts region. Trafalgar School, Downton near Salisbury won this year’s Compt.

Thanks to Luke for the tremendous amount of work which went into both the organising & running of this Competition.

Bournemouth School for Boys U18s 7s.

Organised in February by Rich Thomas , D & W CSU Committee Member/ Bournemouth School for Boys Sport teacher. This event is now in its second year with the driving factor being to create further playing opportunities for schools who do maintain their numbers into 6th Form but also for those who may have seen numbers dwindle, often as a result of changes of schools etc.

Building from the success of last years’ event. This year 12 Schools from across Dorset, Wiltshire & from Hampshire took part, An addition this year has included invitation to FE colleges to take part, as part of building playing links between Schools & Colleges.

Dorset & South Wilts State Schools - Boys 7s - 2024 - 20th Anniversary Event.

Organised by D & W Schools Committee member, Jan Edwards in collaboration with teachers from schools across D & S Wilts.

The series which took place between February & March, consisted of 5 events, one for each of Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10, & Years 12/13.

Across the series (which included at times 20 schools taking part on one afternoon alone), 950 + Boys took part.

The feedback reflected the enjoyment of Boys & Teachers alike. Massive thank you to all the teachers who brought teams along & also helped to referee.

Thank you also to Lia Gingell from Bath Grassroots Dept for her support & a Big Thank you to Claire Carlton from S & W RFC for the venue & being part of our event team.

The Eric Blackman RFU Area 1 (South West Schools) U14s State Schools Festival February 2024

Jan Edwards - D & W Schools Committee/ England Schools Committee, in collaboration with colleagues from England Rugby Schools - Andy Marriott, (D & W) Keith Gee (Gloucestershire Schools/ RFU Council Member for Gloucestershire) & Mike Foale (Bristol Schools)

This 4th Annual Festival, held at Millfield School, with Refs from D & W Refs Soc & Somerset Refs Soc, had representation from State schools in each of Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, Gloucester, Bristol , Dorset & Wiltshire.

Participating teams had previously taken part in tournaments/ festivals organised in their respective CSU areas.

St Peter's School, Bournemouth along with their teacher Pat Lucas were representation of the schools in Dorset & Trafalgar School, Downton along with their teacher Mark Lerpiniere were representation of the schools in Wiltshire. It was an enjoyable event, played in the true spirit of rugby, lots of enjoyment & positive feedback from players & teachers alike.

We were delighted to welcome Academy reps, from Bath, (Chris Lilley, Talent ID), Bristol Bears Junior Academy Manager Gary Townsend & Gloucester Academy Manager Gareth Delve, who spent time with the Boys & their teachers.

Girls School Rugby Activity - Spring term 23/24 continuing growth .

This second half of Schools rugby season 23/24 has seen further growth in the number of rugby events for girls in schools across D & W.

West Dorset school's invitational girls' rugby festivals

Jordan Webber - D & W CSU Committee member/ PE teacher at Budmouth School, in March ran the West Dorset Schools Invitational Y7 (U12s) rugby festival, 80 girls from state schools took part.

Jordan followed this with an U14s girls' event also in March.

Unfortunately weather affected the planned U16s girls' event just before Easter School Holidays, so this had to be cancelled.

Y7 Girls Schools Rugby Showcase at Twickenham during National Schools Finals.

Linked to the excellent developmental work in girls' rugby being done in a number of schools in Dorset & Wilts.

Plus the Autumn Term, Dorset state schools Rugby Skills/ Small sided games event back in November for Y7 (U12s) & Y8/ Y9 (U14s) girls, (a collaborative working event between Joey Wormington Active Dorset & his SGOs, Jan Edwards, Jodie Jeffery, Jordan Webber from D & W Schools & Lia Gingell from Bath Grassroots dept.

3 schools were nominated to take part in the Y7 Girls School Rugby Showcase at Twickenham. Just 30 schools from across England took part, the girls enjoying some rugby skills development & small, sided games at Richmond RFC, before heading across to Twickenham Stadium for the main event. Budmouth School/ Gillingham School Dorset & Trafalgar School, Downton Wiltshire, took part. Also Glenmoor & Winton Academy as nominee of United Learning one of the local Multi Academy Trusts who are working in partnership with RFU. The girls & their teachers had a great day.

Schools Rugby Events Coming up before the 1st of May.

25th April Inaugural Wiltshire Schools Girls Y7 (U12s)/ Y8 & Y9 (U14s) Rugby Festival venue Melksham rfc. Being organised by D & W CSU committee's Justin Derby, Tom Framer, Jan Edwards & a teacher's group from across Wiltshire, plus Wiltshire SGO Phil Smith. Currently 12 schools have signed up. aka approx 150 girls will be taking part.

30th April Y9 Schools Mixed Gender Touch To Twickenham (T2T) event

Venue Malmesbury School, this is one of RFU's T2T series & this Wiltshire Event is being run by D & W CSU Committee/ E. D & I Lead Tom Farmer, PE teacher at Malmesbury school.

1st May Y9 Schools Mixed Gender Touch To Twickenham (T2T) event,-

This is also one of RFU's T2T series & this Dorset Event is a collaboration between United Learning (Dorset) & D & W CSU. Venue Swanage & Wareham RFC .

This ' End of Rugby season 23/24' is Report compiled & submitted on behalf of D & W Schools Committee. 9th April 2024

We are delighted to say that following the RFU led Y9 Schools Mixed Gender T2T Wiltshire event held at Chippenham rfc & the Dorset event held at Swanage & Wareham RFC. With Year 10 students from Malmesbury School & Year 12 students from Leweston School, taking part in RFU Coach Educator/ United Learning staff, led refereeing training in order to referee at the respective events.

The following schools progressed to the National event at Sixways Stadium , Worcester , Trafalgar School Downton, Wyvern St Edmunds Salisbury, Royal Wootton Bassett Academy Wootton Bassett & Leweston School, Sherborne.

This year Leweston School Dorset will follow in the footsteps of Malmesbury School, Wiltshire, & will be heading to Twickenham in the Autumn to play in a curtain raiser at one of the internationals, & possibly get the chance to be holding the flags during the singing of the national anthems, which Malmesbury had the chance to do.

Huge thanks go to all the teachers involved in making so many tremendous rugby opportunities happen for boys & girls this academic year/ rugby season.

We look forward to a wide range of events to follow in academic year/ season 24/25.

Janet Edwards

CALLING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 2024 – 2025 Annual General Meeting of Dorset & Wilts. RFU Limited will be held at the Salisbury Rugby Football Club on Wednesday, 16th July 2025, at 7:30 p.m.



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DATE	CLUB	SECTION	RECIPIENT	CHARGE	OUTCOME	SANCTION	NOTES
02/09/2023	Weymouth & Portland	Seniors	Ryan Lewendon	2 yellows cards - 9.13 & 9.14	Proven	Sending off sufficient	
	Yeovil	Seniors	Senivalati Waqa	9.27 – Two Yellows	Unknown	Unknown	Passed to The Somerset RFU
09/09/2023	Combe Down	Seniors	Jack Regnard	9.12 Strike	Unknown	Unknown	Passed to The Somerset RFU
	Chippenham	Seniors	David Newman	9.12 Kick	Proven	2 weeks	
	Frome	Seniors	Zach Bartlett	9.11	Unknown	Unknown	Passed to The Somerset RFU
	Frome	Seniors	Unknown	9.28 - MOA	Unknown	Unknown	Passed to The Somerset RFU
10/09/2023	North Dorset	Age Grade		5.12 - MOA	Proven	As per Club	
16/09/2023	Chippenham	Seniors	Alafoti Faosiliva	9.27 - Two Yellows	Proven	Sending off sufficient	
	Supermarine	Seniors	Tom Bickford-Russell	9.13 - High Tackle	Proven	3 match ban	
	Lytchett Minster	Seniors	James O'Shea	9.28 - MOA (YMA)	Proven	4 match ban - TREDs and a letter of apology	Reported via the D&W Safeguarding Manager
	Lytchett Minster	Seniors		9.28 - MOA (YMA)	Not Proven		
17/09/2023	Wimborne Un 18's	Age Grade			Not Proven	Red Card Rescinded	
	Wimborne Un 18's	Age Grade		5.12 - MOA	Not Proven		
23/09/2023	Gordano	Seniors	Oliver Critchley	9.27 - Two Yellows		Unknown	Passed to the Somerset RFU
	Puddletown	Seniors	Spectator	5.12 Verbal Abuse			Unable to identify Person involved
24/09/2023	Chippenham v Corsham Un 14's	Age Grade				Offer training - RFU Regulation 19 Appendix 6 – 1.12.	Received via the D&W website abuse reporting link
28/09/2023	Malsbury School	School		9.13 - Dangerous Tackle	Proven	1 match ban	
30/09/2023	RWB	Seniors	Harry Brookes	9.12 - Head butt	Proven	4 match ban	
	RWB	Seniors		9.12 - Kick	Not Proven		
	Pewsey Vale	Seniors	Oliver Spence	9.12 - Punch	Proven	3 match ban	
	Winscombe	Seniors	Oscar Browne	9.27 - Two Yellows		Unknown	Passed to the Somerset RFU
07/10/2023	Salisbury 2's	Seniors	Eremasi RANATORA	9.27 - Two Yellows	Proven	Sending off sufficient	
08/10/2023	Bournemouth Un16's	Age Grade			Not Proven	Red Card rescinded	Referee failed to submit a Red Card report. (Somerset RFU Referee)
11/10/2023	Bishops Wordsworth School	School		9.11 - Kicking	Proven	2 match ban	
14/10/2023	Newton Abbott	Seniors	Jack Cox	9.20a			Passed to the Devon RFU
	Chard	Seniors	David Morton	9.20a		Unknown	Passed to the Somerset RFU
	Swindon College Old Boys	Seniors		9.12 - Eyes	Not Proven		
	Oakmeadians	Seniors	Tai Ah Kuoi	9.27 - Two Yellows	Proven	1 match ban	
	Pewsey Vale	Seniors	Lee Baker	9.12 - Punch	Proven	1 match ban	
15/10/2023	New Milton	Age Grade		Racial Abuse		Unknown	Passed to the RFU
	Cleeve	Age Grade		9.12 - Punch		Unknown	Passed to the Gloucestershire RFU
21/10/2023	Marlborough	Seniors	Will Grant	9.12 - Shrinking with the Head	Proven	5 match ban	
	Marlborough	Seniors	Spectator	5.12 - MOA			
	Poole	Seniors	Brad Trelour	9.18	Proven	4 match ban	
	RWB	Seniors		9.11	Not Proven		
	Christchurch	Seniors		9.12 - Punch	Not Proven		
	RWB	Seniors		Citing	Not Proven		Passed to the Somerset RFU
	Combe Down	Seniors		Citing	Proven	Unknown	Passed to the Somerset RFU
04/11/2023	Marlborough	Seniors	Villiami Hakaalo	5.12 - 9.28 MOA	Proven	11 match ban	
	SCOB	Seniors	Citing	9.12 - Strike to the face	Not Proven		Received from the Gloucestershire RFU
	Fairford	Seniors	Citing		Not Proven		Passed to the Gloucestershire RFU
	Dauntsey School	Spectator		5.12	Warning		
05/11/2023	Gordano	Age Grade		9.28		Unknown	Passed to the Somerset RFU
08/10/2023	Dorchester	Age Grade		9.28	Proven	4 week ban	
11/11/2023	Avondale	Seniors	Chris Hobbs	9.28		Unknown	Passed to the Somerset RFU
	Poole	Seniors		9.12 - Punch	Not Proven		
27/11/2023	Wimborne Un 18's	Age Grade		9.27 - Two Yellows	Proven	Sending off sufficient	
02/12/2023	Melksham	Seniors	Alex Cox	9.12 - Punch	Proven	1 match ban	
	Trowbridge	Seniors	Bryan Jefferies	9.12 - Punch	Proven	1 match ban	
	Yatton	Seniors	Charlie Harrison	9.12 - Punch		Unknown	Passed to the Somerset RFU
	Wells	Seniors	Mike Dimelow	9.12 - Headbutt		Unknown	Passed to the Somerset RFU
09/12/2023	Warminster	Seniors		9.12 - Punch	Not Proven		
	Devizes	Seniors	Keiran Hiscock	9.12 - Verbal Abuse	Proven	2 match ban	
	Lytchett Minster	Seniors	Callum Barker	9.12 - Punch	Proven	3 match ban	
16/12/2023	Swindon College Old Boys	Seniors	Jack Kimber	9.27 - Two Yellows	Proven	Sending off sufficient	
15/12/2023	Bournemouth	Seniors	Jack Hennings	9.13	Proven	3 match ban	
	Poole	Seniors	Will Grogan	9.12 - Punch	Proven	5 match ban	
16/12/2023	Wheatsheaf Cabin Crew	Seniors	Josh Hough	9.13	Proven	3 match ban	
06/01/2024	Marlborough	Seniors	Maikolo Manu	9.13	Proven	3 match ban	
	Wimborne	Seniors	Hari Taversham	9.13	Proven	3 match ban	
	RWB	Seniors	Club	5.12 - Abandoned Match	Dismissed		Result to stand
13/01/2024	Dorchester	Seniors	Henry Quinny	9.12 - Strike	Proven	3 match ban	
14/01/2024	Dorchester	Age Grade	Makensie Parker	9.18	Proven	3 match ban	
13/01/2024	Bournemouth	Seniors	Ryan Morrell	Citing	Proven	3 match ban	
21/01/2024	Bristol Harlequins	Age Grade	Coach	5.12 - MOA		Unknown	Passed to the Somerset RFU
27/01/2024	Thornbury	Seniors	Jack Pickes	9.28 - MOA		Unknown	Passed to the Gloucestershire RFU
28/01/2024	Marlborough	Age Grade		9.12 - Punch	Proven	3 match ban	
	Frampton/Chipping Sodbury/Thornbury Barbarians U16s	Age Grade	Citing	9.12 - Skiving with the head		Unknown	Passed to the Gloucestershire RFU
03/02/2024	Corsham	Seniors	Josh Macey	9.27 - Two Yellows	Proven	Sending off sufficient	
	SCOB	Seniors	Lewis Newmen	9.12 - Headbutt	Proven	3 match ban	
	SCOB	Seniors	Rory O'Brien	9.27 - Others	Proven	2 match ban	
04/02/2024	Swans	Age Grade		9.12 - Punch	Proven	2 match ban	
03/02/2024	Ventnor vs Christchurch	Seniors		5.12 - Abandoned Match		Club warnings	Reported to the RFU
07/02/2024	Swans	Un 18's Colts - Senior Womens	Club	5.12	Proven	Suspended 10-point deduction against the Mens' 1st team, effective until the conclusion of the 2024/25 season. A 3 month ban from rugby was imposed on 5 club officials also suspended until the end of the 2024/25 season. All players in the Colts and Ladies teams and all Staff involved in training must undergo a "Play it Safe" course by the end of the 2024/25 season	
10/02/2024	Pewsey Vale	Seniors	Sam Flippance	9.11	Proven	4 match ban	
12/02/2024	Cheltenham	Age Grade		9.12 - Punch		Unknown	Passed to the Gloucestershire RFU
07/02/2024	Swans	Age Grade	Coach	5.12 - MOA	Not Proven		
17/02/2024	North Petherton	Seniors	Michael Stevens	9.12 - MOA		Unknown	Passed to the Somerset RFU
	Wimborne	Seniors	Kristian Porcher	9.11 - shoulder to throat	Proven	4 match ban	
18/02/2024	Salisbury	Age Grade		9.28 - MOA	Not Proven		
17/02/2024	Yeovil	Seniors	Ben Parker	9.11 - Punch		Unkown	Passed to the Somerset RFU

25/02/2024	Chippenham	Age Grade		9.12 (Knee) - 9.27 (Others) - 9.28 (MOA)	Proven	4 match ban	Received from the Gloucestershire RFU
17/02/2024	Sherborne	Seniors		Citing	Not-proven		Received for Swans
02/03/2024	Chippenham	Seniors		9.12 - Strike	Not-proven		
	Chippenham	Seniors	Sam Tingey	2.27 - Two Yellow	Proven	Sending off sufficient	
	Combe Down	Seniors	Paul Kuipers	9.12 - Punch			Passed to the Somerset RFU
03/03/2024	Bradford on Avon	Age Grade	Spectator/Coach/Club	5.12 - MOA			Received from the Somerset RFU
08/03/2024	Trowbridge	Seniors	Liam Ellis	9.12 - Punch	Proven	3 match ban	
02/03/2024	Truro	Seniors	Luke Rowe	Citing			Passed to Cornwall RFU
08/03/2024	Bradford on Avon	Seniors		Citing	Not-proven		Received from Trowbridge - Passes to the RFU
17/03/2024	Marlborough	Seniors	Solomone Aniseko	9.12 - Strike - 9.13 Tackle	Not-proven		Received from the SW Region 1 LMOT LMOT
25/02/2024	Chippenham	Age Grade	Spectator	5.12 - Safeguarding		RFU Regulation 19 Appendix 6 – 1.12.	Received from the Gloucestershire RFU
20/03/2024	Glenmoor and Winton School	School		9.13			No Reply
23/03/2024	Pewsey Vale	Seniors	Lai Vinakadina	9.12 - Strike	Proven	3 match ban	
	Salisbury	Seniors	Christopher Vuki	9.18 - A player must not lift a	Proven	3 match ban	
04/04/2024	Wheatsheaf Cabin Crew	Seniors	Michael Salter	9.12 - Verbal Abuse			No Reply
	Wheatsheaf Cabin Crew	Seniors	Spectator	5.12 - MOA			Witness Statement - No Reply
	Combe Down	Seniors	Josh Ridewood-Williams	9.12 - Skrite			Passed to Somerset RFU
	Combe Down	Seniors	Josh Ridewood-Williams	9.28 - MOA			Passed to Somerset RFU
13/04/2024	Melksham	Seniors	Dale Ivory	9.18	Proven	3 match ban	
	Bradford on Avon	Seniors	Iwan Legg	9.12	Proven	1 match ban	
14/04/2024	Chippenham	Age Grade	Spectator	5.12 - MOA		RFU Regulation 19 Appendix 6 – 1.12.	
20/04/2024	Sherborne	Seniors	Josh Ovey	9.27 - Two Yellows	Proven	1 match ban	Received from the Somerset RFU
21/04/2024	Gloucestershire RFU	Seniors	Zac Dinning	9.27 - Two Yellows	Proven	Sending off sufficient	Received from the RFU
27/04/2024	Swans	Seniors	Chris Peters	9.20a	Proven	3 match ban	TBC
28/04/2024	Chard	Age Grade		Citing			Passed to the Somerset RFU
02/05/2024	Chippenham	Seniors	Jack Ward	9.13	Proven	5 match ban	TBC
28/04/2024	Swindon RFC	Age Grade	Richard White & Club	5.12 Tours	Proven	Warning and Training	
05/05/2024	RWB	Age Grade		9.27 - Two Yellows	Not-proven	Red Card Rescinded	Reported by the club- No Red Card Report