



DORSET & WILTS. RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION LIMITED

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Wednesday 23rd July 2025

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The Running Order for 2024 – 2025 Annual General Meeting of the Dorset & Wilts RFU is as follows:

1. President declares the meeting open

Sean Macey

2. Registered Attendance, Inc. apologies

Attendance

Name	Organisation	Role
Sean Macey	D&W RFU	President
Dave Wookey	D&W RFU	Lead Area Representative
John Constable	D&W RFU	RFU Council Representative
Nigel Mattravers	D&W RFU	Deputy President
Jane Hart	D&W RFU	Chair of Governance
Gerald Burden	D&W RFU	General Secretary

Apologies

Name	Organisation	Role
Chris Taylor	D&W RFU & Supermarine RFU	Area Representative
Stuart Murrell	Chippenham RFC	President
Ron Jones	D&W RFU	Hon Life Vice President
Richard Lloyd	D&W RFU	Vice President
Michael Moysey	D&W RFU	Immediate Pass President
Alison Hunter	D&W RFU	Treasurer
Nicola Rawnsley	Salisbury RFC	President
Andrew Gassor	RWB RFC	President
Chris Elias	RWB RFC	Chair

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

Presidents Welcome

4. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to the 2025 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 24/25.

I know that both the Council and Management Committee have worked hard in looking after all the clubs within Dorset & Wilts to ensure that they are able to sustain, develop and grow rugby for all within them and also support all of those who willingly give their time as volunteers in the running of their respective clubs. I would like to particularly thank John Constable for his continued dedication to the role of RFU Council Representative for the CB and Nigel Mattravers for stepping into the role CB Chairman and guiding us through the season.

In early June we once again held our annual awards evening, recognising those who had been recognised by their peers through the Honda Volunteers scheme and celebrating the on-field achievements of the Dorset & Wilts clubs who had won their respective Tribute

leagues and our own Dorset & Wilts cup competitions. It is very pleasing to see that this joint event has grown in each of its 3 years since it was first held.

Sadly, former President and honorary life member, Clive Drake passed away in November. Clive was a great ambassador for the Union and highly influential within the competitions committee, and it was a very fitting tribute to Clive that the various cup competitions were renamed in his honour.

Once again one of the Dorset & Wilts representative sides made an appearance at the Allianz. This season it was our women's team which progressed to Gill Burns County Championship Division 3 final and returned home victorious after a nail-biting win over Sussex. Congratulations to all involved.

Finally, as we look forward to the coming year, we are continuing to look at ways to modernise and improve the effectiveness of the Union for the benefit of all member clubs and the wider membership. To achieve this, we always need additional volunteers in a variety of roles to support the day to day and new initiatives that come forward.

I am sure you will join me in looking forward to a successful and enjoyable 2025/26 year ahead.

Sean Macey – President

Foreword

5. Welcome to the 2024-25 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.

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, but with rising costs and reduced income, life for us and our rugby clubs is not going to be easy however with closer cooperation between clubs and the willingness to support each other things can improve.

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 this very 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 2025-26 season.

Please can I remind you that the closing date for the submission of any Club Invoices or any D&W RFU Expenses is the last Saturday of the month, with payments being made by the end of that month.

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.

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

Gerald Burden



DORSET & WILTS. RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION LTD

SECOND 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 23rd July 2025.

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:
 - Area Representative Lead.
 - Four Area Representatives from the two counties.
(East Dorset – West Dorset – South Wiltshire – North Wiltshire)

Three Non-Area Representatives

- Club Support.
- Director of Rugby.
- Governance.

*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 elect the Deputy President for the ensuing year.

*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 Member of the Committee will be Co-opted for the ensuing year at the next Full Committee meeting – **(Date to be Confirmed)**

- RFU Council Representative.

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 Wednesday 30th April 2025 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: Monday 5th June 2025

[Please see the Notes herewith]
Gerald Burden General Secretary

NOTES TO CALLING NOTICE AND PROPOSED AGENDA

1. Following the incorporation of the 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 the County Secretary by the 30th of April.
 - (b) Proposals for additions or alterations to the Constitution (which must be proposed by one member and seconded by another) have to be sent in writing so as to reach the County Secretary by the 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 to the 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 levels (2);
 - (b) Where the appropriate Constitution so allows (which it does) and;
 - (c) Where appropriate Resolution is passed at the AGM (provided that less than 20% of the votes at the AGM are cast against the resolution and less than 10% of the Membership votes the resolution).

Please contact me if you should have any queries.

Gerald Burden – General Secretary

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1. Being a duly elected Officer or Committee member, the RFU Council Representative; each affiliated Club.
 2. Currently set at assets of less than £2.8m; and turnover of less than £5.6m for the year.
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6. To declare the results of the following votes, which was held prior **Gerald Burden**

Number of Eligible Voting Clubs	37
Vice Presidents	59
Hon Life Members of the D&W RFU	6

- 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) Copy available at <https://dwrugby.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Composite-Reports-AGM-2024-10-02b.pdf>

Result of the vote

Yes – 34

No – 1

- 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 – 34** **No – 1**

- c) To approve the Treasurer’s Draft Report circulated via electronic means, prior to the AGM

Result of the vote **Yes – 33** **No – 2**

To elect the Officers for the coming year, including:

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| ➤ 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 – 35** **No – 0**

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

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|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| ➤ Lead | Dave Wookey | Amesbury RFC |
| ➤ West Dorset | Ed Taylor | Dorchester RFC |
| ➤ East Dorset | Elena Notarbartolo | East Dorset Dockers RFC |
| ➤ South Wiltshire | Duncan Souster | Amesbury RFC |
| ➤ North Wiltshire | Chris Taylor | Supermarine RFC |

Result of the vote **Yes – 35** **No – 0**

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

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|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| ➤ Governance | Jane Hart | Oakmeadians RFC |
| ➤ Director of Rugby | Michael Bamsey | |
| ➤ Chair of Club Support | Alan Ottaway | |

Result of the vote **Yes – 35** **No – 0**

- f) To elect the Deputy President for the ensuing year, being
 ➤ Nigel Mattravers North Dorset RFC

Result of the vote **Yes – 35** **No – 0**

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

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|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
| ➤ Community Rugby | Chris Jones | Devizes RFC |
| ➤ Woman & Girls | Caroline Durston | Sherborne RFC |
| ➤ Age Grade | Gordon Harding | Dorchester RFC |

Result of the vote

Yes – 35

No – 0

- g) To Co-opted the RFU Council Member – John Constable on to the Committee at the next Committee meeting on Tuesday 5th August 2025 – (Date to be Confirmed)
- h) The following will be Invited Attendees on the Committee at the next Committee meeting on Tuesday 5th August 2025 – (Date to be Confirmed)
- Referee’s Representative Marcus Monier-Williams
 - RFU – CBRM Nicola Vaughan
 - England Rugby Schools Andy Marriott
- i) To admit any new Members and/or elect any new Vice-Presidents or Life Members.

Honorary Life Vice Presidents Of The Dorset & Wilts RFU

- j) 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 – 33

No – 2

- k) 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

- l) 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

- m) Announcement of annual and other awards.

The Bob Stock Trophy

This year’s recipient is Marlborough RFC

The Referee Society

The Bowden/Wildash Trophy

This year’s recipient is from RFC

Willie Wildash

The DJAW Walking Rugby Award

This year’s recipient is Wheatsheaf Cabin Crew RFC

Dave Wookey

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Immediate Past President – Michael Moysey
Deputy President – Nigel Mattravers
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Clubs

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Wareham RFC – Weymouth & Portland RFC – Bridport RFC – Sherborne RFC

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Clubs

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RFC Royal Wootton Bassett RFC – Swindon RFC – Minety RFC – Supermarine RFC–
Colerne RFC – Bradford-on-Avon RFC – Corsham RFC – Melksham RFC

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Clubs

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Schools – Andy Marriott

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Treasurer Notes for the accounts for the year to 30th June 2025

First, please accept my apologies for not being present at the AGM this year.

I have put together a few notes on the accounts that have been uploaded to the website which will hopefully answer any questions you may have at the meeting but please feel free to email me if you have any further queries. These are a preliminary set of accounts as I am still receiving invoices relating to last financial year and also chasing invoices that have not been paid from some months previous. Usually this means I do not have a copy!

I believe all the categories are self-explanatory but please let me know if you require clarification.

With the exception of Ladies Representative Rugby, all areas have come in under budget and I would like to thank both Mike Bamsey and Gordon Harding for their tireless work on making sure this has happened and approving invoices for payment.

County Ladies

First of all congratulations to the ladies on their amazing win at Twickenham. In order to pay for travel / physio and other expenses we were able to dip into the Rep Rugby Contingency Fund so although over budget, there were funds available for such an occasion.

Loan

Included in the debtor figure is a loan to a club which is being repaid to the union on a monthly basis and is for assistance with purchasing solar panels.

Grants

As far as club grants are concerned a fair few grants were paid this year but most had been agreed in the previous year and were allocated against provisions held. Hence the grants were paid from money put aside last year and other creditors have decreased.

Payment runs

Once again, I would like to reiterate to clubs that the D&W payment runs are always the last Sunday in every month and any invoices received after that date will be paid in the following run. If the invoices have been approved in ample time but funds have not been received by the payment date and please contact me as this would indicate an issue. – Please do not leave it 2 for 3 three months to follow up.

I hope to see you all at next year's AGM

Dorset & Wilts Rugby Football Union Ltd (Registered number: 30484R)

Balance Sheet

30 June 2025

	Notes	30.6.25 £	30.6.24 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	5	13,847	4,422
Cash at bank		120,660	161,992
		<u>134,507</u>	<u>166,414</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>81,366</u>	<u>111,935</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>53,141</u>	<u>54,479</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		<u>53,141</u>	<u>54,479</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital		37	37
Retained earnings		53,104	54,442
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		<u>53,141</u>	<u>54,479</u>

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 June 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

(a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and of its profit or loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on and were signed on its behalf by:

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Director

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Dorset & Wilts Rugby Football Union Ltd
Detailed Profit and Loss Account
for the Year Ended 30 June 2025

Expenditure

Administrator Salary	15,600	15,600
IT Costs	2,028	2,132
Representative Rugby	31,477	32,745
Community Development / CRC	6,075	6,420
Travelling	1,653	823
ERDPP	7,670	11,972
Sundry expenses	1	(2)
Volunteer Programmes	3,133	2,704
Club Grants	2,456	17,042
Meeting Expenses	619	631
Cup Competitions	1,366	1,329
Governance Costs		
Safeguarding	<u>425</u>	<u>158</u>
NET LOSS	(1,338)	(24,473)

Area Representatives

This season has seen us run the 4 groups or clubs, unfortunately for a variety of reasons only S Wilts has been able to hold regular meetings. We have been lucky enough to now have the 4 group leaders roles filled, 2 new people have stood up to run these and they will be standing for re-election alongside myself at this AGM. The intention is that these club groups will meet 4 times a season, face to face at beginning and end of season and by Zoom in the winter months. We encourage all clubs to participate in these meetings which are rarely longer than 90 minutes and give chance for RFU and CB officers to impart information useful to clubs and for clubs to feedback to CB and RFU on items of interest to them, also to share best practice with other clubs. In South Wiltshire this has proved useful for the clubs to chat in this forum. North Wiltshire reported that a good many Women Players represented D&W in the Gill Burns Div 3 – resulting in the win at Twickenham.

S Wiltshire reporting that 2 clubs are pulling Women players away from another, While this may get 2 more clubs involved in Women's rugby it doesn't really increase the playing numbers and could result in 3 clubs not being able to field full teams. In East & West Dorset a considerable amount of movement of Age Grade players between clubs has been noticed as well. Again this can result in matches not being able to be played. A reminder that "poaching" player – where Male or Female seniors or Age Grade is frowned upon by CB and RFU.

W Dorset reported overall a good season for West Dorset clubs with North Dorset played extremely well this year to remain in their league following promotion last year.

Worryingly there continues to be a decline in numbers/matches in the lower teams with clubs who traditionally had 3 or 4 teams struggling for players. We need to work hard within the areas to help clubs overcome this trend.

There have been a number of positives in the area, the junior scene is vibrant with high numbers of players on a Sunday at many of our clubs. Importantly some clubs are seeing more girls now playing and a number of the clubs making great strides in making stronger connections with the local community. This is something to build on over the coming years to cement rugby in the area and build more playing members back into the clubs, Competitive club rugby for Girls can only help this.

The Area Representatives are: East Dorset – Elena Notarbartolo (EDD) (Taking over the role only in April 2025), West Dorset - Ed Taylor (Dorchester), North Wiltshire – Chris Taylor (Supermarine) and South Wiltshire – Duncan Souster (Amesbury). Duncan shadowing myself until AGM time)

During this season Council has allocated the provision of Grant Money to each area representative for applications for the clubs in their area. We have stipulations that area reps cannot approve grants for their own clubs, these being handled by the facilities team. This season Amesbury, Devizes and Wimborne have applied for small grants and these have been approved. All your rep requires is a written application stating what you want the grant for, how much it will cost, how much grant you require and some background into the benefit you as a club will gain from it.

Dave Wookey – Area Representative Lead

Governance

Safeguarding

Approval of 17-Year-Olds to Play Adult Rugby: We received 172 applications for 17-year-olds to play adult rugby, with about 40 rejections due to inadequately completed forms or inadequate assessments of players. Clubs were reminded that all players must have a full assessment, and a form was sent to be used as a guide. Many clubs submitted in bulk using the same wording for players, which was challenged, and forms were resubmitted. Information around this year's process will be issued to clubs in the next week as some clubs are looking at 17-year-olds being involved in preseason training. Official sign off cannot be completed until the yearly Safeguarding audit has been submitted in GMS.

Behavioural Issues: Multiple reports of poor behaviour from age groups and parents led to values-based sessions for the relevant age groups. I attended over 10 youth/Colt's games to observe behaviour. Coaches were spoken to and requested to attend the "Play it Safe" course again, and reports were sent for action by the discipline team. Parents on the sidelines were reminded about core values, and "angry man" cards were handed out. It was evident from my attendance that the coaches' behaviour has an impact on spectators' behaviour, which needs to be addressed with more emphasis on core values from the start and needs to be addressed by the committees at the clubs. New behaviour cards and posters are being sourced to be issued to clubs for display at the side of the pitches

Deep Dive Audits: Audits were conducted at 12 clubs across the region. While most procedures were good, some areas required tightening. CSOs were reminded of the required processes and responsibilities, and an update session will be held before the start of the season. Club Committees were also reminded of their safeguarding responsibilities as if the CSO is off site then it appears that procedures are not fully implemented. CSO's have been appointed at clubs without advising the CBSM, this means that there can be a gap in their training, going forward clubs must advise the CBSM immediately on appointment of a new CSO, which must include an interview and completion of volunteer application form with references being sourced. In some clubs, the committee were very supportive, and members attended both the play it safe and the audit meeting, whilst a couple of others the committee were disengaged with the process, once a further discussion was held, the importance of safeguarding was understood. It is vital that all officers at the club are aware of their personal responsibilities for safeguarding.

Website information for safeguarding is often hidden behind multiple buttons on club websites, this has been requested to be changed to be accessible under one click from the front page. Clubs are reminded to be cautious about internal communications, using SPOND instead of WhatsApp improves the safety of communication as nobody has access to phone numbers.

Record keeping at some of the clubs audited was poor, with information about incidents or concerns not being available at the time of the visit, this is important and CSO's need to ensure that the records are kept safe. Personal emails were used which meant when the CSO leaves, important information is lost, clubs should have a generic safeguarding email that the team can access.

Posters with CSO information must be displayed clearly at clubs so children and adults can access how to refer to the safeguarding team for action. In some clubs the notice boards are full of advertisements and senior information leaving little room for the CSO information.

Festival and Tour Applications: Issues with incomplete permissions for incoming clubs attending festivals or tours were noted. Clubs were reminded to ensure these are fully completed. A streamlined process for next year is being worked on to reduce stress for club organisers and the safeguarding team. Several clubs had booked for External clubs to come to play at festivals but failed to sort out the required permissions, this resulted in multiple episodes of late requests and permissions.

Multiple clubs have failed to send the information required to the compliance team and instead sent to the Secretary, this caused delays in the team accessing the information.

We also had several applications from parents who were organising the tour, clubs were reminded that all applications must have been approved and countersigned by the club chair and safeguarding officer. The full process will be sent out to all clubs prior to the start of the season and applications will be rejected if not sent in to the correct department.

We will be reminding all applicants that they will need to complete incoming tour forms for any teams taking part from outside the English union as this was a failing on the part of several clubs who didn't realise, they needed to organise the permission for the clubs to attend.

Festivals

19 events were approved after providing comprehensive risk assessments and completing the relevant documentation.

Tours

Sixteen clubs organised tours and we approved 36 tours to England and the safeguarding element of 7 tours outside of England.

Age Grade Approvals

We approved 171 age grade playing up/down requests and 6 for combining age groups.

These were received from 21 clubs.

Volunteer Appointments: Concerns were raised about incomplete volunteer forms, DBS checks, and "Play it Safe" checks. Consistent appointment processes are needed across the CB to avoid appointing unsuitable individuals. All appointments involving volunteers

dealing with any person under 18 years old must be notified to the Safeguarding Manager to ensure compliance

Touchline Behaviour: An increase in poor behaviour on the touchlines was reported. Reminders were sent about the code of conduct, and bystander training was delivered locally

Training and Courses: 22 play it safe courses were held this year, most clubs held at least one play it safe course for volunteers with several clubs holding more than one, this has increased the number of volunteers who have updated their qualifications this year. Bookings for the coming season are being taken now with clubs who didn't hold one last year being targeted first.

Communication

There have been some issues with clubs failing to advise the CBSM about safeguarding concerns, this has increased since the new online form was introduced, clubs are reminded that all concerns must be reported to the CBSM for overview and support even if the form has gone direct to the RFU. This enables me to be able to have an overview of issues arising and provide relevant support for clubs as needed around the different types of issues.

Emails sent from GMS are also going into Spam so some CSO are not receiving the information in a timely manner, the Spond group is used for information that is urgent and followed up with phone calls. Some CSO's have failed to respond to emails which has meant that I have had to chase for information that was required for incidents, clubs are reminded that all CSO's must maintain contact with the CBSM with their contact details being updated in GMS in a timely manner. All clubs should have at least a lead CSO with 2 deputies to ensure continuity of cover.

Safeguarding Conference

The RFU Safeguarding conference will be held online this year on Saturday 12th July, this is open to all, starting at 10am.

Future plans

The Safeguarding team will be addressing any changes required to processes and sending onto clubs for action. An update session will be held for all CSO's in the start of the season and all CSO will be required to attend.

Julie Fisher

GPDR – No Report filed

RugbySafe

I am very happy to report that all but three clubs in D&W have a named Rugbysafe lead and a current first aid action plan. Clubs have been working hard to ensure they are the right side of Regulation 9 requirements.

It is worth pointing out that Reg 9 is now mandatory across all age ranges and senior rugby - it is no longer a "nice to have".

During March I audited a number of clubs across our regions part of an RFU Reg 9 audit and I am glad to say that, for the most part, the clubs either had everything in place or were

working towards having it in place before the start of the 25/26 season. One noticeable concern was some large clubs who are not using Pro-Active to record their injuries and, in some instances, were not recording injuries at all. I have worked through this with them and this should now be a thing of the past.

At the Rugbysafe conference there was an interesting session on rugby at Universities and the fact that this area of rugby is, to a greater or lesser extent, unregulated and injuries are rarely reported and/ or recorded. Hampshire has carried out a project of the last couple of years to engage with universities and increase their first aid provision and this has proved very successful and helped universities save money! I think D&W should consider how we engage with the university sector and whether we should be doing more.

There is a big push on mental health awareness, and I intend to run online sessions, and person to person sessions for clubs in conjunction with Looseheadz to raise awareness of mental health issues in Rugby and how we as a CB can support our clubs.

Finally, and potentially of most concern, the RFU have had to withdraw the rugby specific first aid courses from GMS and have stopped offering financial support for these courses with immediate effect. HMRC had requested changes to the way the RFU paid external providers which as meant that the first aid provision is unable to continue. This is an immediate concern as we will now have clubs who have to fund their own first aid courses without financial help from the RFU. I was able to provide vouchers previously which paid for an individual to attend a course - the value of these vouchers was £55 each. For larger clubs this will likely not be an issue but for the smaller clubs I can see this being a problem - I have been contacted by a club recently who has been quoted £95 per attendee for a first aid course. I think the CB should consider putting a budget aside to offer financial assistance to clubs who are unable to pay for their first aid course or for whom it would cause serious concern. Our regional tutor has been taken on by a training provider and will be offering EARFU equivalent courses for £65.50 per person. I am suggesting ring fencing £2,000 for the 25/26 season which equates to approximately 30 places on first aid courses which can be applied for by clubs, but which will have to be supported by a robust rationale.

I would welcome a further discussion with the board if required.

Robin Natham

Anti-Doping & Illicit Drugs – No Report filed

Festivals Tours and Age Grade Approvals

This report provides an overview of festivals, tours and age grade approvals for the 2024-25 season.

Festivals

We approved 19 festivals and camps. One of these was unfortunately cancelled due to low numbers.

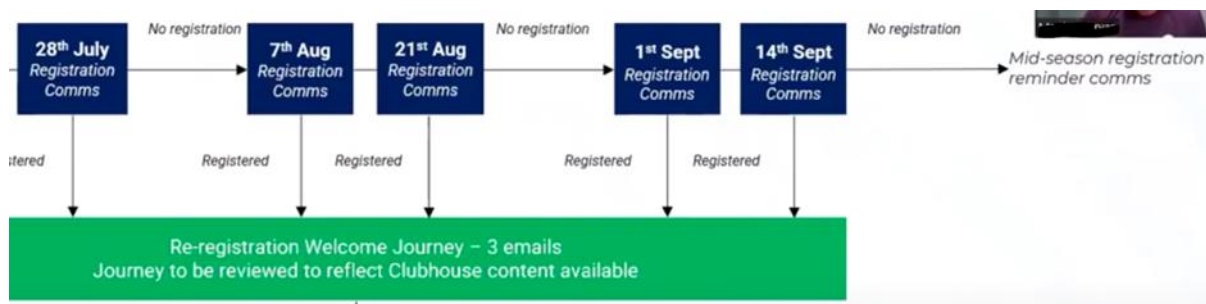
Next season we will be informing all applicants that they will need to complete incoming tour forms for any teams taking part from outside the English union.

Game Management System (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 find that despite this being notified last season it is still disappointing to see clubs carrying people records which are either no longer with the club or are incomplete or carrying email addresses that are duplicated, unverified or missing. Accurate data is important as it gives a true vision of the start of Rugby in the CB, this is used to provide club support by CB and RFU. If a club appears very well off by numbers, then unlikely to be applicable for support, same that if a club appears not to have players in some areas, that will not be looked at either. Clubs should be aware that a new part of GMS is being made available for players this summer, known as “clubhouse”, it enables players to have visibility of their playing statistics, therefore we encourage games to use match card – even when not compulsory and events to be recorded so players are credited for time on pitch and scoring. If clubs require more training on any aspect of GMS please fill in the [expression of interest form](#) on the GMS help page, One of the 7 trainers (I am 1) will be allocated to lead a session for your club.

Player Registration

Player registration at Senior and Age Grade will continue to be an annual requirement. After the changeover it should be simpler to remove players who have not renewed their registration, Senior player will show renewal required for a period of 3-4 month after start of season then will be deregistered completely, Age Grade simply show as people in clubs’ system. GMS changes over seasons on 1 July and all players or players parents for under 18s will have received an email with a link to re-register from 7 July. If clubs need help or advice, please contact me or request a GMS training session via the expression of interest form on the GMS help page.



Dave Wookey – Data Officer

Inclusion & Diversity

Email all clubs will some useful I & D toolkits – especially around the trans community in sport.

I would also be keen for clubs that have any trans persons in their club to let myself know, as I believe communication between myself and those clubs should remain of a higher priority.

Over the course of the new season arrange a visit to each site to put faces to names as well as an opportunity to address any questions or concerns in person, which will be noted and tracked.

Louise Graham

Discipline

Total number of Cases	111
Cases passed other CBs	11
Cases passed to the RFU	10
Cases reported to the Police	2
D&W RFU Proven Cases	93
D&W RFU Not-proven Cases	7
Age Grade Cases	27
Schools and University Cases	3
County Cases	1
Club Cases	2
Senior Cases	78

Wanted – Would you like to be part of the Disciplinary process within the D&W RFU, new panel members wanted. No Experience needed fully training will be given if you are interested, please contact the D&W RFU Discipline Secretary (Phone 07415 995 087 or Email disciplinesec@dwrugby.co.uk).

Full list of sanctions imposed can be found on the [D&W RFU website](#)

Gerald Burden

Club Support

Facilities

Earlier in 2025 the RFU's 'Facilities Needs Capture' was repeated and 72% of our clubs responded to the survey, providing us with essential information about club plans and aspirations. We prioritise because there are limited opportunities available for external funding. Nevertheless, with the aid of the RFU South-West Facilities Team we are only too willing to discuss your clubs' requirements. Many discussions were held with clubs in 2024-25 and some projects were supported under specific RFU programmes.

To extend the reach of this programme we enabled recommendation for grant to come via the area representatives and Huddles. We are delighted that this resulted in two allocations last season.

With D&W Council approval funding will be carried over again for the 2026 Season.

D&W RFU Council may also make additional funding available if club demand justifies this.

Club Development Grants

This year the D&W RFU had Ten Club Development Grants available of £500.00 each. We received four applications for this Grants, and all was approved.

RFU Facility Needs Capture – The Headlines

Voting Clubs Completed	26
Completion %	72%

Did Not Complete

Blandford RFC – Bournemouth RFC – Calne RFC – Colerne RFC – Dorchester RFC
Pewsey Vale RFC – Salisbury RFC – Supermarine RFC – Westbury RFC
Wheatsheaf Cabin Crew RFC

Permanent Lighting on an unlit pitch

Bridport RFC – Royal Wootton Bassett RFC – Sutton Benger RFC – Warminster RFC

Upgrade provision on an existing pitch

Corsham RFC – Devizes RFC – East Dorset Dockers RFC – Lytchett Minster RFC
Melksham RFC – Weymouth & Portland RFC

New mobile lights

Amesbury RFC – Marlborough RFC

Pitch maintenance need HAVE engaged with GMA

Bradford-on-Avon RFC – Chippenham RFC – Cricklade RFC – Minety RFC
Oakmeadians RFC – Sherborne RFC – Swanage & Wareham RFC – Swindon RFC

Changing Rooms

Bridport RFC – Chippenham RFC – Corsham RFC – North Dorset RFC – Swindon RFC
Trowbridge RFC – Weymouth & Portland RFC

Social Space

Cricklade RFC – Sutton Benger RFC – Swanage and Wareham RFC

Toilet Development

Puddletown RFC

Entrance – Lobby area

Melksham RFC – Poole RFC

Green Energy Solution

Devizes RFC – Lytchett Minster RFC – Oakmeadians RFC – Warminster RFC

First Aid Provision

Amesbury RFC – Marlborough RFC – Minety RFC

First Aid Courses

D&W agreed a policy to part fund First Aid Courses in readiness for future requirements.
Funding is budgeted to continue support for First Aid Courses if required

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

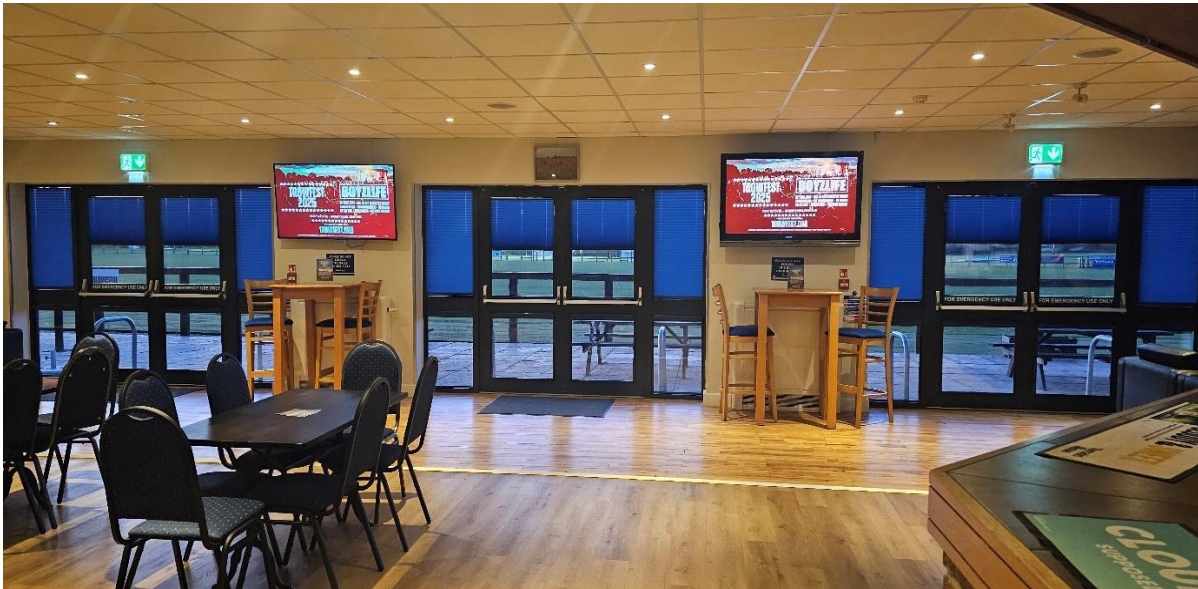
The D&W also offered small grants for the purchase of the Pro-active App, which continues to be the case.

All funding is subject to the approval of the D&W RFU Council.

RFU Impact 25 Facility Fund - Social Space Upgrade Award

The 'Impact 25' social spaces improvements have been at Supermarine (in progress) and Trowbridge (Recently completed). The latter is a **transformative legacy programme for RWC25**, delivered by the Rugby Football Union (RFU) in partnership with the UK Government, Sport England and UK Sport, to supercharge the growth of women's rugby.

Trowbridge RFC Impact '25 project



Supermarine RFC Impact '25 project



Volunteer Report

The Volunteering Awards Evening was held at The Udder Farm Shop, East Stour on the Friday 13th June and was attended by 122 people. Thanks go to the small team lead by Mike Moysey who organised the event, to give well-earned awards to a host of deserving people. There were Sixty-one nominations, which are listed below by category:

UNsung HERO

Steve Bartlett – Supermarine RFC
Danny Bell – Bradford On Avon RFC
Phil Hurley – Bradford On Avon RFC
Neil Payne – Bradford On Avon RFC
Bradley Bignell – North Dorset RFC
Hayley Buckland – Oakmeadians RFC
Sarah Burbidge – Oakmeadians RFC
Keith Butler – Devizes RFC
Clare Carlton – Swanage & Wareham RFC
Clare Davenport – North Dorset RFC
Rupert Dyke – North Dorset RFC & Referees Society
Graham Evans – W heatsheaf Cabin Crew RFC
Rachel Fazackarley – Warminster RFC
Oliver Mead – Warminster RFC
George Trypanis – Warminster RFC
Ben Williams – Warminster RFC
Adam Young – Warminster RFC
Julie Fisher – Bournemouth RFC & D&W RFU
Martine Frain – Oakmeadians RFC
Dennis & Debbie Fry – Wimborne RFC
Laura Hart – Oakmeadians RFC
Louise Hawkins – Warminster RFC
Dave Hill – Swanage & Wareham RFC

James Hood – Warminster RFC
Gordon Horsely – Oakmeadians RFC
Kevin Large – Swanage & Wareham RFC
Morgan Leadbitter – East Dorset Dockers RFC
Alfie MacGregor – Bournemouth RFC
Steve McNellie – Warminster RFC
Mike Selmes – Warminster RFC
Andrew Shepherd – Warminster RFC
Daniel Slade – Warminster RFC
Jeremy Tryhorn – Warminster RFC
David Nash – Oakmeadians RFC
Oscar Reid – Bournemouth RFC
Connor Robinson – North Dorset RFC & Referees Society
James Shanks – Bournemouth RFC
Nik Taylor – Swanage & Wareham RFC
Lloyd Vercoe – Bridport RFC
Jan Vercoe – Bridport RFC
Niamh Vercoe – Bridport RFC
Doug & Jo Warren – Bournemouth RFC
James Warren – Swanage & Wareham RFC
Herman Van Waveren – Royal Wootton Bassett RFC
Mary Wells – Oakmeadians RFC
William Willoughby – North Dorset RFC

GAME FOR ALL

Steve Harney – Swanage & Wareham RFC
Becky Hill – Bournemouth RFC
Rob Emery – Bournemouth RFC
Grace Capaldi – Bournemouth RFC
Kevin Williams – Bournemouth RFC
Sandra Nikki – Bournemouth RFC
Martin Hill – Swanage & Wareham RFC
Wayne Thorne – Amesbury RFC

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

Chris Elias – Royal Wootton Bassett RFC
Paul Goddard – Bradford On Avon RFC
Paul Sheard – Oakmeadians RFC

SPECIAL AWARDS

Connecting the Community – Chris Elias (Royal Wootton Bassett)
Game for All – Gordon Horsley (Oakmeadians)
Unsung Hero – Kevin Large (Swanage & Wareham)
Unsure – Paul Goddard (Bradford on Avon)

OVERALL:

Chris Elias – Royal Wootton Bassett 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.

Congratulations go to all the nominated volunteers who remain the operating lifeblood of our rugby clubs
Alan Ottaway – Chair

All Things Rugby

A mixed bag of results really but massive congratulations to the Senior women on their Cup victory.

360-degree feedback has been sought from the players as to how we can make things better for them, more stash, better facilities etc are the perennial weeds which unless we find a major sponsor will always remain. One useful feedback point surrounds getting each Representative side some friendly fixtures prior to the competition starts; difficult in a congested season but one which we should pursue.

Representative rugby leads for both Male & Female have now been appointed in Ian Moore and Chris Burton, respectively.
Micheal Bamsey

Senior Men Representative Rugby

Senior Men won three games on the bounce against Berkshire 35-41 (A), Sussex 53-12 (H) & Surrey 59-19 (H) followed by a loss in the semifinal against Hertfordshire 13-40 (H).

Under 20's Men Representative Rugby

Male U20 side only had one game this season home against Berkshire (lost 27-33) due to cancelation of the fixture against Oxfordshire

Under 18's Boys Representative Rugby

Male U18 side continues to keep players involved with a representative pathway after the Bath Academy route has completed for them at U16; this is fed by the U17 training block which starts in April.

Age Grade

Re last year's competitions, after a few hiccups at the beginning, we got it over the line. There were a lot of "comments" on the WhatsApp groups, a lot of that was offering too much info to the age groups that wasn't ready to go out.

Lessons learned monitor the WhatsApp group messages - engage with the clubs earlier and don't pamper to whims.

Booking the clubs for the finals was left too late, and that resulted in not enough refs being available for the U14s finals. Book the venues earlier.

Ensure that reports to the AGM reflect an accurate account of progress and any issues arising before they become problems. Ensure the club invoices get issued in July 25. Make sure the clubs know they can make contact via me for any questions and or queries.

Gordon Harding

Women's

Sam and Leanne have worked hard despite having no handover from the previous Manager to guide them. The aim has been to create an inclusive environment with plenty of feedback. This has created a strong bond within the team.

I have written to all of the players and staff to congratulate them on their win at Twickenham.

New Kit – looking to source sponsors

Establish a group of Independent Assessors

Create more home-grown female coaches & referees

Budget - £5,000.00

PDG U18

1. Attended the pre-assessment for the RFU PDG U18 girls at Royal Wootton Bassett with agreement of Emily Mumford (National Lead)
2. Several take aways that can be rolled out across the county. An example instead of asking are you injured using a scale of 0-5.
3. The focus for these girls ready for September is Aerobic ability and catching and passing. Plus resting during the out of season period and doing other sports.

County U18's Girls

Staff have been appointed.

The games against Berks, Bucks and Oxon have been agreed.

A venue will be found for the Berks game in the new year.

Training will be on Mondays that do not clash with PDG FP .

They will also include the following:

Team building

Female Health (Caz- RFU Female Health Facilitator)

1. New Kit – Suitable for U16 & U18 girls – looking to source sponsors (Devon also play in green)

2. Budget - £3,000.00

3. Unable to complete this year's budget as some invoices have gone via County despite clubs being asked to send them to me first. Several coaches are still to claim expenses.

PDG FP U16

All Staff appointed

North (Melksham RFC) venue confirmed

South (Dorchester RFC) Still pending despite several emails.

Nominations have been requested from Clubs and Secondary Schools.

Assessment days – Monday 1st September 2025 and Monday 8th September 2025

Independent assessors.

This year's programme will include the following sessions:

Team Building

Female Health (Caz – RFU Female Health Facilitator)

Nutrition

Introduction to refereeing

Budget - £12,000 – to be confirmed by RFU

U12-U18 Girls

1. There will be a Love Rugby festival for all ages every month during the season with only three needing hosts.
2. Huddle meetings for Girls and Women will start at the beginning of the season.
3. U16/U18 Leagues are due to have dates confirmed shortly.
4. U12/U14 will be looking to have Waterfall festivals after Christmas.

Club Contacts

1. Still contacting clubs, however now resorting to using contact forms. It also gives me an idea of how quickly they respond. I am also asking for the Womens & Girls contacts. Amesbury replied within 27 minutes!!

2. I have been discussing the following:

24/25 Season

Plans for next season

World Cup-Curtain raiser/charity activities

Available Webinars-Give the girl a chance etc.,

How can I help?

3. Several visits have been carried out including to Corsham who have signed up 46 Women to their club.

4. I have also been sign posting clubs to relevant RFU contacts.

5. We also have several clubs that are part of the RFU Focus Club programme for 2025/26:

Bridport

Melksham

Oakmedians

Royal Wootton Bassett

Supermarine

Swanage and Wareham

Trowbridge

Wimborne

Club registration

I have been looking at Bradford-upon-Avon's website. It gives the impression that Walcots girls are registered at the club as they show up as a separate group at the club. I know they work together, and I need to have a conversation with Bradford to see how this is working. Normally the girls are registered at their own club and then can play together but I need to check my facts. This has also been raised with me by the RFU.

Webinars

There have been a number of these which clubs have been sign posted to.

Promotion/Website

I am currently endeavouring to work with BBC Solent having done so in the past.

Do we do any form of press release?

I am hoping to go live with the Podcast at the end of the month. I now have a list of contributors including Gill Burns.

I would like to re-write the Girls section for the webpage plus photos of staff for Girls and Women's page. It would be helpful to have direct access if possible.

I will shortly be working with Ben & Sadie from the RFU to create a 1- and 5-year plan. This will be rolled out for discussion with the clubs before it is finalised.

I would also like to thank Nigel and Michael for their support of the Womens & Girls section it is greatly appreciated.

Dorset & Wilts RFU PDGFP U16 Girls

Season Summary Report

The Dorset & Wilts Player Development Group Female Pathway (PDGFP) for U16 Girls has had a strong year of development, player engagement, and representative success across both the North and South Centres.

Participation

Total Players Engaged: 68 girls

North Centre: 36 girls

South Centre: 32 girls

Representative Progression

U18 PDG Nominations: 19 players have been nominated to progress to the **RFU PDG U18 Girls** level, demonstrating strong talent identification and development. They will be assessed in September.

Match Fixtures

Dorset & Wilts RFU North v Oxon RFU

Dorset & Wilts RFU South v Oxon RFU (Loss)

Dorset & Wilts RFU North v Somerset RFU (Win) Game stopped due to reaching over 50.

Dorset & Wilts. South v Somerset (Loss) This was a hard-fought game that saw all conversions being made.

Devon games were abandoned due to the pitches being flooded.

Nominations have been requested For the upcoming U16 PDGFP intake via Secondary Schools and Clubs.

Assessment Dates are Confirmed:

 **Monday 1st September**

 **Monday 8th September**

Key Highlights

Strong engagement numbers across both centres

Positive player transition to U18 PDG level

Competitive fixtures played despite one cancellation

Clear schedule and pathway in place for the upcoming season

Dorset & Wilts RFU U18 Girls – 2024/25 County Season Report

The Dorset & Wilts U18 Girls squad delivered an outstanding performance during the 2024/25 county season, proudly finishing unbeaten across all three of their competitive fixtures.

Season Overview

With a strong squad of 32 talented athletes representing the county, Dorset & Wilts claimed victories over three tough opponents: Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, and Berkshire. The girls displayed skill, determination, and teamwork throughout, showcasing the depth and quality of rugby talent in the region.

Match Results

Dorset & Wilts vs Oxfordshire – Win

Dorset & Wilts vs Buckinghamshire – Win

Dorset & Wilts vs Berkshire – Win

These results reflect the hard work and commitment of the players, coaching staff, and wider support team.

Player Development

A remarkable 9 athletes from the squad have been successfully nominated to progress into the Girls U18 Player Development Group (PDG), further underlining the high standard within the team and offering a fantastic platform for future representative honours.

Looking Ahead

Preparations for the 2025/26 season are already underway. Key dates and trial sessions will be shared in due course, with the county assessment taking place on Sunday 2nd November. Clubs and schools across the region are encouraged to continue supporting young athletes in their rugby journey.

Acknowledgements

A huge thank you goes out to all the coaches, team managers, medical staff, volunteers, and parents whose dedication made this season such a success. Your contribution is invaluable to the continued growth of the female game in Dorset & Wilts.

Dorset & Wilts RFU Women – Season Report 2024/26

Gill Burns County Championship, Level 3

A Season of Grit, Growth, and Glory

The 2024/26 season will be forever etched in the history books of Dorset & Wilts RFU Women—not only for its remarkable achievements on the field, but for the spirit, unity, and legacy it built off it.

Triumph at Twickenham

Every team dream of lifting a trophy at Twickenham. For Dorset & Wilts, that dream became reality. In a stunning display of passion, precision, and power, the team claimed victory in the Gill Burns County Championship, Level 3. The final match at England Rugby's iconic home was a true showcase of everything this squad stands for—resilience, teamwork, and heart.

Legacy in Motion: Claire and Keira Chard

Among the standout stories this season, few were as inspirational as that of Claire Chard taking the field alongside her daughter Keira. Their bond, forged through shared purpose and mutual respect, symbolized a deeper truth: that this team is more than a squad – it's a family.

Claire's seasoned leadership and Keira's emerging brilliance blended seamlessly on the pitch, offering a perfect metaphor for Dorset & Wilts' balance of experience and youth. They didn't just play the game—they embodied its soul.

The People Behind the Players

None of this would have been possible without the exceptional management and coaching team. Their vision, tireless work, and belief in every player have elevated the program to new heights. From the strategic decisions that shaped our game plans to the behind-the-scenes support that kept spirits high, this season was a testament to their unwavering commitment.

Their guidance built not just a team capable of winning, but a culture where every player could grow, thrive, and believe.

More Than Medals

Yes, we brought home silverware. But this season was about more than that. It was about proving that with unity, belief, and hard work, anything is possible. It was about the veterans who led with courage, the rookies who stepped up with pride, and every voice that cheered from the sidelines.

This wasn't just a team winning. It was a community rising.

To the Players, Coaches, Families, and Fans:

You've made history. You've inspired the next generation. And you've shown that Dorset & Wilts RFU Women aren't just participating in this sport—they're redefining what's possible within it.

Here's to champions. Here's to legacy. Here's to the 25/26 season.

Caroline Durston

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. As this was my third season and according to CB rules the post had to be offered up and I was fortunate that I have been able to secure Emily James from Salisbury to take on this role from me after the AGM date

Walking Rugby "season" is officially March to October, although most clubs offer some rugby in the winter as well – some using indoor facilities. We stand at the moment at 14 clubs having Walking Rugby in D&W unfortunately still only 1 in Dorset. For any new Wiltshire clubs, we still have a set of bibs and balls and a grant of £420 available from the Wiltshire and Swindon Sports Partnership grants.

I ran a Festival this season as usual, but with more emphasis on Festival than Tournament. This was attended by 9 clubs who had a thoroughly enjoyable day at Marlborough, the outcome decided by spirit and sportsmanship points awarded by referees, the winning team being Wheatsheaf.

An on the subject of Referees, we have our Referee trainer in Amesbury RFC who has and will continue to run training sessions for referees across the CB, please let us know if you want a course at your club. As mentioned last season, I always hope 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 – Walking Rugby Lead

League Winners

Counties 1 Tribute Southern South	Royal Wootton Bassett 2.
Counties 2 Tribute Dorset & Wilts Central	Trowbridge 2
Counites 2 Tribute Dorset & Wilts North	Marlborough 2
Counites 2 Tribute Dorset & Wilts South	Oakmeadians
Counties 3 Tribute Dorset & Wilts Central	Melksham 2
Counites 3 Tribute Dorset & Wilts North	Supermarine
Counties 3 Tribute Dorset & Wilts South	Bournemouth 3

The Clive Drake County Competitions

Clive Drake Counties 2 Cup	No winner
Clive Drake Counties 2 Plate	East Dorset Dockers
Clive Drake Counites 3 Cup	Bournemouth 3
Clive Drake Counties 3 Plate	Melksham 2

John Constable

Sponsorship

Unfortunately, I haven't made as much progress on the sponsorship front as I'd hoped. The main challenge has been not having a clear understanding of what the sponsorship was specifically supporting, which made it harder to instil confidence in prospective advertisers. The asset register I drafted and left with DWRFU to fill out would have been really helpful to finalise, as it would have given me something concrete to work with.

I'm happy to have another go at this for the coming season, but I'd need a bit more to work with — finalising the asset register would be a good start, and I'd be happy to sit down with the right people to get that completed. That said, if you'd prefer to pass this on to someone else, I completely understand and am happy to step back if that's what's best for the club.

Rob Langan

D&W RFU Membership

At the start of last season I sent out an email to D&W VPs in GMS, this advised members that we would not be accepting amounts less than the membership rate, and these would now be marked as a donation. I also requested that those members cancel their standing orders and set up GMS accounts and pay on there.

We have had some success with VP's contacting me and cancelling standing orders and moving onto GMS.

However, Membership payments are normally received in October of each year. This season we still had 95 payments directly into the bank account. These all require manually transactions into GMS. Membership

- 48 of the payments were for £20, 30 of these were manually added to members accounts on GMS. 6 payments look like duplicates and have been marked as donations.
- 17 payments were for the old membership rate of £15, 15 of these have been allocated and have been marked as a donation in GMS (see list).
- 26 payments were for the old membership rate of £10, 17 of these have been allocated and have been marked as a donation in GMS (see list).
- Misc. other payments 4 all make to GMS accounts.

In total we received 25 payments totalling £385 that hasn't been allocated to anyone's membership in GMS.

If you are or know of anyone on the lists below, please contact me, so we can cancel the standing orders and set up correctly on GMS.

Membership Scheme	First Name	Last Name
Hon Life VP	Nicholas	Dark
	David	Dove
	John	Palmer
	Richard	Wildash
	Ron	Jones
	Denis	Nolan

Vice President	Terry	Aylett
	Cassie	Barry
	George	Batten
	James	Bennett
	K	Boualt
	Gerald	Burden
	John	Buchanan
	Terence	Cady
	Terence	Cady
	Simon	Cady

	John	Constable
	Joanna	Cremin
	Martyn	Cubitt
	Christopher	Davis
	Roger	Dawson
	Jeremy	Day
	Frank	Dike
	Malcolm	Fairclough
	Brian	Ford
	Peter	Hammond
	Richard	Hills
	Grenville	Hodge
	Carole	Jones
	Ronald	Jones
	Douglas	Lamont
	Michael	Leighfield
	Daniel	Leighfield
	Richard	Llewellyn
	Richard	Lloyd
	Christopher	Long
	Nigel	Mattravers
	George	McElroy
	Philip	Morris
	Alistair	Morrison
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	Nicola	Rawnson
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Manual VP Bank Payments

Please cancel standing order and pay via GMS. An email will be sent out again this year requesting this to be updated ASAP.

Denzil Brockhurst

Referees Society

This season we have had a large increase in the number of games we have been asked to appoint to but have not necessarily had the number of match officials (referees, referee coaches or MOD) to meet the demand, despite the increase in referee availability.

The table below shows this year's figures with the 23/24 figures above.

2023/24 Total Appointments	L5	L6	L7	L8	L9	L10	L11	L12	Adult	Junior	Schools
921	3	100	111	368	162	84	72	21	657	197	67
Not Appointed											
70	0	0	0	17	12	3	15	23	11	41	18

2024/25 Total Appointments	L5	L6	L7	L8	L9	L10	L11	L12	Adult	Junior	Schools
935	8	85	136	379	165	74	72	16	694	177	64
Not Appointed											
243	0	0	0	50	8	55	71	59	19	143	81

Where possible we have strived to appoint referees locally, but this has not always been possible, and as such we have seen a decrease in the number of lower level games that we have been able to appoint to, primarily in the age grade and schools' brackets.

In addition a number of clubs have opted to appoint internal club referees for certain games, although this has been questioned, especially when clubs have appointed internally to age grade D&W Cup competitions, without applying for referees in the first instance.

Financially the society has shown a small deficit for the past two seasons; this cannot be allowed to continue. At the AGM this year it was proposed that we increase the match fee charged from the current rate to £35 per adult game only.

This is the first raise in match fees since 2018, and it should be noted that during the era of C-19 match fees were suspended for a large proportion of the time to reduce financial pressure on clubs. This still makes us one of the cheaper referee societies in the area (Hampshire charge £40). It was further agreed that the fees would be reviewed every 3 years and baselined against the July 2025 CPI Index figure (increases will be whole figure sums – rounded down). In addition there was a proposal passed that Society membership fees

Season 2023/24 – 66 Referees of which 52 did Five or more Games

Season 2024/25 – 73 Referees of which 48 did Five or more games.

Marcus Monier-Williams – Chair

RFU Council Member.

Again it's been a busy season for everyone. I've been steadily racking up the miles visiting clubs, attending meetings and can nearly drive to Twickenham (sorry Allianz Stadium? With my eyes closed).

Notwithstanding this, I have thoroughly enjoyed getting out and about around the clubs in the Twin Counties and I thank all clubs visited for their warm welcome and hospitality. Visiting our clubs is one of the real parts of this role I enjoy. Listening to the views from everyone involved in the game is crucial.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to all volunteers for all the hard work you do, which keeps our clubs running and clubs playing our beloved game.

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. However, we must also understand that in these modern times having enough players to field a team, especially a lower XV can be hard work. I would encourage everyone to work together to make up combined teams on the day, be it a 2nd or 3rd XV League game or an U15 match, to keep everyone playing. One thing that the post-covid era has shown us is there is more choice of things to do on a Friday night/Saturday or Sunday and if a team doesn't have a game, then players are likely to go off and find something else to do. So, I would also 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.

Can I also take this opportunity to thank all the Referees who give up their time, as volunteers, to the game to enable matches to take place. Sadly, I am hearing more frequently of referees suffering abuse and questioning of their decisions, this can cause some to give up the whistle and then clubs/teams will be facing issues as they have no referee. Please consider your actions and the impact they may have on others.

As reported elsewhere, the Representative sides have given it their best shot again this season. Highlight has to be the Women's team reaching their final at the Allianz Stadium and what a game it was. 15-15 at full time we went into the equivalent of a penalty shootout which we won. It was a real honour and pleasure to act as Team Liaison officer that day. The Senior Men reached the Semi-final stage again but came up against a very strong side from Hertfordshire, who went on to win the Competition. This season the U20's only had 1 game in their pool which sadly they lost to Berkshire, but again the squad put in an excellent performance (and could have nicked it in the final play). I would really encourage everyone to try to get along this coming season to watch the County sides play, the rugby played is of top quality and I hope everyone involved in the teams (coaches, manager, first aiders and players) all enjoy the experience.

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, Ladies Leagues and Cup and regulations around the game. We also look at what

changes might be needed to continue to improve the competition offering. Next season I will continue to be part of ACMSC (Adult Competitions Management Sub-Committee) but have also been asked to join the Club & CB Development sub-committee. I hope as the season goes on, I can bring helpful news to you, the clubs from this group.

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.

Of course, the 'Big' event coming this year to Rugby is England hosting the Women's RWC 2025. I am sure the games will be well supported, and we all get behind the Red Roses as they look to go one better than last time and win their home World Cup. Being the host Country has enabled the RFU, along with money from Sport England to dedicate a lot of support to improving clubhouses, toilets and changing rooms to help grow the female game. As well as supporting England through the World Cup campaign, please do look to get to local clubs and support the Ladies teams. Fixtures can be found on England rugby.

I hope the clubs have found the notes sent around post Council meetings of benefit, I plan on continuing 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. 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

England Rugby Schools – Mid Season Report 2024 – 25

Season 2024–25, 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, UL / RFU SRM Nick Allso t & a number of Clubs & host schools across the D & W area,

Rugby Activity provision during the first half of Season 24 -25

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 & South Wilts State Schools Invitational 10s Boys Rugby Festival series.

This Autumn Term's series has seen over 900 state schools' lads taking part. It is a reflection of and 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. Nick Allso UL South West Schools rugby developer/ RFU SRM for BCP also joined our event team this year.

Big thank you to them all.

A mixture of Schools & Club venues was used.

October 4th Year 11 Boys (U16s) – venue Bryanston school 10 state school teams took part & were a mix of schools just developing their rugby & schools with a more established rugby programme.

October 14th Year 10 Boys (U15s) – venue Swans RFC - 12 teams took part & were a mix of schools just developing their rugby & schools with a more established rugby programme.- Event organised by Jan Edwards D & W CSU Committee & UL/ RFU SRM Nick Allso.

October 24th Year 8 Boys (U13s) - Venue - Bryanston School. lots of enjoyment evident & camaraderie between teachers/ organiser. 12 teams took part. Thank you to all involved & again to Nick Williams DoR Bryanston & his site team for having us at Bryanston. Event organiser , Jan Edwards D & W CSU

November 7th Year 9 Boys (U14s) – Venue Swanage & Wareham RFC

14 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, Event organised by Jan Edwards , with collaboration from Nick Allso UL/ RFU SRM & Clare Carlton Swans RFC

November 14 Year 7 Boys (U12s) – 12 schools took 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 . Thanks also to Nick Allso RFU SRM/ UL & Clare Carlton Swans RFC. Event lead D & W CSU Jan Edwards.

U15s Boys D & W Schools Wessex League 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

Annual Schools West Dorset Invitation Festival, for Y7s & Y8, December 4th_- Run by D & W CSU Committee member Rory Legg - Budmouth School, working closely with Weymouth RFC. This was an excellent well attended event, with the young people involved really enjoying their afternoon.

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 at Dorchester RFC. Each afternoon was extremely well organised & well attended. The Y12 Event 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)

27th of 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.

20th 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.

14th November, Year 9 (U14s) 10 state schools took part, venue Kingsbury Green School. 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 6th February 2025

7th November, Year 10 Boys (U15s) 8 states schools took part, venue Chippenham RFC. Thanks to all involved & 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, South Wiltshire Schools Invitational U15s Super 12s Schools festivals, - D & W CSU Committee's Rich Dermain- Griffiths - Bishop Wordsworth School, these events took place in September as part of an introduction to the new school year, thanks to work of Jason Yarwood D & W CSU Committee Community Rugby member & Youth Chair Salisbury RFC Rich D - G & also D & W CSU Committee member Mark Lepinier from Trafalgar School Downton.

Young Officials - Referee Development in South Wilts Schools area.

Rich D - G also ran an intro to ref course in the summer, as a result we have had 10 students referee matches this year, without them the game wouldn't happen. Four have since gone on to do the Level 1 course.

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. 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 & small, sided contact & T1 8th November. Schools from across Dorset & South Wiltshire brought girls to this event, organised through stakeholder collaboration, including UL Multi academies trust rugby lead & RFU SRM for BCP, - Nick Allso, Jan Edwards D & W CSU, Dante Munns Coach at Swanage & Wareham RFC, Nick Taylor Coach at Swanage & Wareham RFC, Gordon Horsley - coach at Oakmedians, & Jamie Shanks Chair of Youth & Coach at Bournemouth RFC. Venue Co Ordinator Claire Carlton. Event was assisted by Bournemouth University Ladies team members. Marlo Boyd from Bath Grassroots Dept also attended. Venue was Swans RFC

130 girls from schools across Dorset & South Wilts took part. It was a very successful day with lots of praise from teachers & most importantly lots of enjoyment by the girls. Pro Pitch side medic cover was provided by a hospital A & E nurse.

South Wilts Schools Girls U18s

Rich D- G. D & W CSU Committee & Bishop Wordsworth School Salisbury, who ran an open U18 girls' development festival in October, supported by the Girls section of Salisbury Rugby Club.

Bishop Wordsworth's and Dauntseys also hosted a double header of girls and boys senior rugby under lights at Salisbury Rugby Club. Potentially the first fixture of it's kind in schools with the boys and girls on equal parity.

South Wilts Schools - Girls U16s

14th November - venue, Trafalgar School, Downton, inaugural U15s festival, 70 girls took part from across Wiltshire & adjoining part of Hampshire.

Since then there have been fixtures each week for U12s, U14s, & U16s.

Massive thank you to Mark Lerpiniere PE dept at Trafalgar School who is a real inspiration & is growing the rugby hugely at the school & for the boys too. He is also seeing a growth in numbers at Salisbury RFC as a result.

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.

England Rugby Schools (D&W Group) – End of Rugby Season 2024 -25 Report

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 -

Dorset & South Wilts State Schools - Boys 7s - 2025

Organised by D & W Schools, 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 year group apart from Y11, as SMTs don't tend to give permission for schools to take Y11 out of school as much in Spring Term.

Squad Sizes were 12

Year 7, had 10 schools, = approx. 120 boys

Year 8, had 12 schools = approx. 140 boys

Year 9 had 14 schools. = approx. 165 boys

Year 10, had 12 schools = approx. 130 boys

Years 12/13 had 6 schools. = approx. 60 boys

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 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 2025

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 5th 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.

Budmouth Academy , Weymouth, with their teacher Rory Legg were the representation of the schools in Dorset & Stonehenge School, Wiltshire, with their teacher Alex Protheroe were the 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.

Girls School Rugby Activity - Spring term 24/25 continuing growth

This second half of Schools rugby season 24/25 has seen further growth in the number of rugby events for girls in schools across D & W.

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, Y7 girls from Malmesbury School Wiltshire along with teacher Aimee Hayden - Smith were invited to take part in a Y7 girls T1 festival day which culminated taking part in a girls Y7 T1 showcase series of pool games on the pitch at Twickenham (Allianz)

25th April - Dorset & South Wilts Y7, 8 & 9 Girls schools Rugby festival.

Approx 70 girls took part in the afternoon event, led by Jan Edwards in collaboration with SRM Nick Allso. Schools came from across Dorset. Event consisted of small, sided games in pools, teams chose beforehand to do either Contact or T1 rugby.

A replica event was planned for Mid/ North Wilts Schools for later in April, but due to lack of entries due to other sports & also GCSE PE moderation, the event was cancelled

1st May - D & W Rugby Schools ran RFU driven South West Region Y9 schools mixed gender T1 event.

Schools from across the South West took part, & included Malmesbury School Wilts & Leweston School Dorset, it was an open to all events. We used Melksham RFC as the venue.

The Y10 Sports Leaders from Corsham School Wiltshire, were our excellent event team.

6th Form Students from Leweston School, Dorset & Bishop Wordsworth School, Wiltshire, were our referee team for the day, they were excellent & there was much praise for their work.

Huge thank you to the staff at Corsham, Bishops & Leweston for their work before & during the event day, for helping make the whole day go so well.

22nd May Y9 Schools Mixed Gender T1 rugby festival

RFU driven, SRM led local scale event, for schools less experienced in rugby sees schools from across Dorset taking part, venue, Lytchett RFC.

Jan Edwards – England Rugby Schools

The D&W RFU Senior Womens XV at Twickenham for the 2024-25 Gill Burns Final

