

**STAFFORDSHIRE
RUGBY UNION Ltd.**



**ANNUAL
REPORT
2025-2026**

STAFFORDSHIRE RUGBY UNION LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that the Twenty-Sixth Annual General Meeting of Staffordshire Rugby Union Ltd. will be held at:

COOPERS PARK
NEWCASTLE (STAFFS) RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB
LILLESHELL ROAD, NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME
on TUESDAY 23rd JUNE 2026
at 7.30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Apologies.
2. Minutes of SRU AGM 2024-2025.
3. To read and approve the SRU Annual Report for the season 2025-26.
4. To elect the following Officers for Season 2026/2027.
 - a) President.
 - b) Chairman.
 - c) Honorary Secretary.
 - d) Honorary Treasurer.
5. To elect a Vice President.
6. To approve representatives to serve on the Management Team for the season 2026-27.
7. To sign off the accounts from 2024-2025
8. To hear any other relevant matter for the consideration of the Committee during the ensuing year, but on which no voting shall be allowed.

R. J. WEBSDALE - Hon. Secretary,
22 CARDINGTON CLOSE
SEABRIDGE
NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME
ST5 3LJ.

Note: A member club can appoint one representative to attend the meeting on its behalf.

A club may send further representatives to attend the meeting, and any patron may attend the meeting, but such attendees may not vote.

**COUNTY MANAGEMENT TEAM MEMBERSHIP
SEASON 2025-26**

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| President and Chairman: | M. Bezus |
| Vice President: | S. Godfrey |
| Hon. Secretary: | R. J. Websdale |
| Hon. Treasurer: | B. A. Scott |
| R.F.U. Council Member: | M. Procter |
| Senior Clubs Representative: | A. Lewis |
| Junior Clubs Representative: | T. Roberts |
| Rugby Safe: | B. Williams |
| DOR / Coaching | A. Appleyard |
| Competitions: | N. Pow/P. Sargeant |
| Women and Girls Rugby: | R. Wiggins |
| Age Grade: | D. Carlin |
| I & D | C. Dale |
| SRUSR: | A. Joseph |

**Staffordshire Rugby Union
Affiliated or Full Membership at 1st January 2026**

RFU Voting Member Clubs (27)

| | |
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| Barton under Needwood | Rugeley |
| Bloxwich | St Leonards |
| Burntwood | Stafford |
| Burton | Stoke on Trent |
| Cannock | Stone |
| Eccleshall | Tamworth |
| Essington | Trentham |
| Handsworth | Uttoxeter |
| Leek | Lichfield |
| Wednesbury | Walsall |
| Linley & Kidsgrove | Whittington |
| Longton | Willenhall |
| Newcastle (Staffs) | Wolverhampton |
| Penkridge | |

RFU Non-Voting Member Clubs (2)

HMP Featherstone
Staffordshire County Police

**STAFFORDSHIRE RUGBY UNION
PRESIDENT & CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

As I come to the end of my term as President and Chairman of Staffordshire Rugby union I would like to reflect on what has been, yet another year packed with successes, challenges, and more drama from the RFU.

The long-awaited findings of the Governance Review, together with the proposed changes, passed through Council and appeared likely to gain membership approval. However, opposition was rallied by a breakaway group of Council members, and at a dramatic SGM the proposals were defeated, securing not even 50% support, let alone the two-thirds majority required.

The Board's insistence on trying to wrap everything up and push it through at once appeared to be the main reason for the defeat, and they will now have to reconsider their approach. In my view, which is a pity, because many of the proposed changes are both sensible and necessary. However, the RFU has once again shown that it must take the membership with it rather than attempting to force change through too quickly.

Until the Governance review was sorted many other things were placed on hold as some were inextricably linked or crossed over. The Regionalisation plans have however now re-started, and the Regional Board Chairs are in the process of being recruited. Staffordshire will be in one of the Midlands Regions along with North Midlands and Warwickshire and we are being told each constituent body will have direct representation on the Regional Boards. We are still waiting for clarity on exactly what the role of the regional boards will be and how they will function, but we are hoping that the information will be through soon.

During last year I was asked to join the RFU's CB of the Future working group. The group consisted of Council Members, RFU Staff, me, and the Chair of Cornwall RFU. The purpose of the group was to review and align the roles and responsibilities of both Geographical and non-geographical CBs, produce and agree a funding model and develop a partnership agreement between the CBs and the RFU. The work has been completed for the geographical CBs, and the partnership agreement will be circulated for signing in June 26. The funding model and Roles and Responsibilities have been sent out and will come into use in the forthcoming season. The group continues to work on this for the non-geographical CBs as they work quite differently.

The funding model is based on a basic amount, plus an amount per club and an amount per registered adult and age-grade player, both male and female, making it even more important than ever to recruit more players into the game and ensure they are registered. Based on current registrations, Staffordshire will receive a similar amount of funding through the model to that received previously, but with greater flexibility over how it is spent. The partnership agreement does, however, require the CB to carry out the specific functions listed, as well as prepare and submit a development plan in order to receive the funding.

This year has also seen an increase in the number of School Rugby Managers (SRMs) funded by the RFU, with Staffordshire now having two in post and a third due to come on stream very soon. They are working hard to grow rugby in schools through the T1 Rugby programme, but more must be done to ensure these new players transition into local clubs. The Management Team will need to make this a priority next season so that the opportunity is not missed.

So, perhaps there is a little more stability for the CB and the clubs than there was this time last year, but there is undoubtedly still some way to go.

The story here in Staffordshire continues to be positive, as we continue to build and focus on running the community game. Following the new appointments made last year, together with our own governance review, we are making further changes to the structure of Staffordshire Rugby Union. We have decided to separate the roles of President and Chairman for the first time in many years, increasing the number of officers and sharing the workload more effectively. The current Vice Chairman, Shaun Godfrey, will stand as Chairman, and the role of President will be open for nominations.

Director of Rugby Andy Appleyard has worked hard throughout the season to improve and standardise the delivery of the age-grade, men's, and women's representative sides, helping to create a 'Staffordshire one club' approach. Andy is also taking on responsibility for coach development within the CB, and we look forward to seeing what he has planned for coaches at both club and representative level. Thank you, Andy, for all your efforts.

On the representative rugby front, new delivery teams are in place across the U17s, U18s, U20s and senior men, with Jordan Hales appointed Head Coach for the U20s and involved with the U17s and U18s to provide continuity. The coaching team for the senior men has been refreshed with a mix of new coaches and returning staff from last season. Nick Dermot has stepped up to take on the role of Team Manager for both the U20s and the senior men. Becky Williams has continued as Team Manager for the senior women and remains lead of the Staffordshire Girls PDG group.

Staffordshire U18s again faced a tough programme of three Super Sunday games. Dan Burns of Burton RFC earned selection for the Midlands U18 squad based on his performances across those three games. The U20s narrowly lost their warm-up match against Cheshire before beating Warwickshire in their first pool game. The second pool game, at Stafford against North Midlands, was delayed due to a serious injury to a North Midlands player. North Midlands recovered well, however, and were comfortable winners on the day. That defeat meant Staffordshire missed out on progressing from the pool for the second successive season. As some consolation, six players from the Staffordshire U20s have been selected for the second stage of the Midlands U20 training group.

The senior men won their first pool game against Warwickshire, then suffered defeat to North Midlands before overcoming East Midlands to finish as the best runners-up across the three pools and secure a semi-final place against Northumberland. After a long trip to Percy Park RFC, the men came up against a strong Northumberland side and were defeated 51–3. We wish Northumberland the best of luck in the final against North Midlands at Twickenham.

The women, who were again competing in Division 1, lost narrowly to newly promoted Eastern Counties before defeating Warwickshire in their next game to also finish as the best runners-up in the pool and secure a semi-final place against Surrey. They travelled to Esher Rugby Club and were defeated 30–22 by Surrey Women in a hard-fought match.

Congratulations to both teams on reaching their respective semi-finals, and thanks to the coaching and delivery teams for all their efforts.

The Staffordshire Cup competitions, including the Senior Cup, Intermediate Cup and Owen Cup, faced significant difficulties in scheduling fixtures due to fixture congestion, league fixtures and the RFU National Cup. The Owen Cup was played on 16 May between Barton Under Needwood and Eccleshall, and congratulations go to Barton on winning the final. It now seems likely that the Senior Cup between Leek and Burton, and the Intermediate Cup between Newcastle and Burntwood, will be played at the start of next season. A special note of thanks goes to Neill Pow, Paul Sargeant and Steve Barr for all their work in trying to manage the competitions. Hopefully, with no National Cup next season, we will manage to get all the finals played.

Staffordshire clubs were again divided over whether to enter the RFU National Cup competition. Many had not actively opted in and were unaware that they had been entered, meaning some did not fulfil their opening fixtures. No Staffordshire club reached its respective final, with Barton Under Needwood progressing the furthest before losing to Coney Hill in the semi-finals. We understand that the RFU will not be running a National Cup competition next season.

Once again, we thank Martin de Ridder for his exceptional efforts in organising the Colts Competition, which was extremely well run and culminated in thrilling Cup and Plate finals at Wednesbury RFC. Congratulations to the Cup winners, Burton Colts, and the Plate winners, Lichfield Colts.

Vice President Shaun Godfrey has again worked tirelessly on both our own governance review and a review of CB competitions, the findings of which he will look to implement when he takes up the role of Chairman next season.

He has also led and championed the RFU workshops held within the CB on sponsorship and social media. These workshops enabled Shaun to secure one-to-one support, directly funded by the RFU, for a number of clubs in both areas. He also has further RFU-provided workshops planned for next season, so watch this space.

Regrettably, despite the hard work of Shaun and Danny Carlin, our plans to further our inclusivity goals and bring more underrepresented children into the game through a link with the Star Scheme Charity did not come to fruition, as the charity closed its doors midway through the season.

This year, we decided to combine our volunteer events into a single occasion and hold it ahead of the senior men's county fixture at Stafford Rugby Club. Shaun organised the dinner, together with Volunteer Coordinator Danielle Bayley and a team of helpers. The event was a tremendous success, with very positive feedback from those who attended, all of whom enjoyed both the day and the food. Thank you to Stafford for hosting and providing such a lovely meal. The Connor Young Memorial Trophy for the Young Staffordshire Player of the Year was also presented during the dinner and awarded to Dan Burns of Burton RFC.

Andy Joseph, Chair of the Staffordshire Rugby Union Society of Referees, and his colleagues have again provided a fantastic service in supplying referees across the county and beyond. Thanks go to Andy for his input to the management meetings and his continued engagement. Perhaps the biggest challenge we are facing is match official abuse, and this must continue to be addressed by everyone involved in the game, or we risk losing referees from it.

The Staffordshire disciplinary team, led by Iain Haley and Secretary Kevin Cantrell, are seeing far too many of these cases, and we thank them for all their work in tackling this and other disciplinary issues within the game.

Finally, as I come to the end of my tenure as President and Chairman of Staffordshire Rugby Union, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to everyone on the Management and Executive Committees for the hard work, commitment and support you have given me over the last two years. I believe we have achieved a great deal together and broken down some of the traditional barriers that had previously constrained us.

I am also grateful to the RFU professional staff — Chloe McMorran, Richard Lightbown, Lottie Bozon, Stuart Eades and Liz Fletcher — for the help and support they have given to both the CB and to me in my role as President and Chair.

Thanks go to Treasurer Brian Scott for keeping the finances in check and for reining us in when required on the spending front. It has been great to see Brian and his wife, Yvonne, as regular attendees at county and cup matches.

I would also like to thank Becky Williams, our RugbySafe lead, for stepping in to take over Women and Girls when Ros Wiggins had to stand down; Danny Carlin, our Age Grade lead, for all his hard work in organising all things Age Grade; Kelly Hope, our Safeguarding lead, who has navigated us through some issues this year; Caroline Dale, our Diversity and Inclusion lead, who has some big ideas for the coming year; and Andy Lewis and Trevor Roberts, our CDC Representatives, for all their work, attendance at meetings, and input into the Management Team.

I would like to pay particular tribute to Robin Websdale, who has decided to stand down at the end of this season as Honorary Secretary of the SRU. It has been an incredibly difficult year for Robin following the passing of his partner, Dawn, who had become a valued part of the SRU family and whose loss was deeply felt by us all. Thank you, Robin, for all your hard work and for continuing, despite your grief, to carry out your role through to the end of the season. We wish you well for the future and in your continuing role with MROC.

Special thanks also go to Shaun for all his hard work mentioned above, and for always being available whenever I needed to discuss matters or bounce ideas around. I wish him every success as he takes on the role of SRU Chairman in June.

Last but not least, thank you to my close friend and retiring Council member, Mike Procter, who has supported me throughout and offered wise advice on all things RFU. He has contributed an incredible amount over his nine years as Council member, and we wish him every success and happiness as he steps down from the role. I am sure he will soon find another role to take on, but if not, I hope he enjoys a little more free time. I know I will have some big shoes to fill when I take over the role on 1 August.

In conclusion, I have greatly enjoyed my time as President and Chair. I believe that separating the roles and adjusting the tenures will bring greater clarity and give the Chair more time to focus on the role. Thank you to all the clubs for your support and for hosting me at the many games and events I have attended across the county. I have truly appreciated your hospitality and company. As mentioned above, I will remain involved with SRU as the new RFU Council member, and I look forward to continuing to work with you all in the years ahead.

Mike Bezus

President/Chairman – Staffordshire Rugby Union

STAFFORDSHIRE RUGBY UNION HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT

[60 years and still counting.](#)

As this is my final report as Honorary Secretary for the Green Book, I do not want simply to repeat the points that Mike Bezus will cover in his report. Instead as this is my Golden Anniversary in Rugby, I hope you will indulge me as I reflect on how I first became involved in rugby and why I remain so committed to the game.

[The Start](#)

In 1966, when I was 11, I played my first rugby match as captain of my secondary school's first-year team in Devon. It was also the day I first encountered referee abuse but not what you might expect. The referee, a teacher from the opposing school, officiated our game while our own teacher took charge of the match on the next pitch. In the second half, I threatened to take my team off after the referee deliberately tripped one of our players to stop him scoring a try—twice. Naively, I went to my teacher and told him what had happened. Nigel Clarke firmly instructed me to get the team back on the pitch and finish the game. It was an early lesson that, in rugby, the referee is always right—even when he is wrong. It felt like something out of the film *Kes*. We never played that school again, but despite the incident we still had a great time and won 6–3. That match marked the beginning of my love for the game, even if I did receive a lecture from the Head the next day.

About 15 months later, at the age of 13, I was selected to play scrum half for Exeter Extra B's. Like Mick mentions in his report, I received the call-up by postcard. The side was essentially a veterans team, and they made a point of telling the opposition that they were developing a young scrum half, so they should look after him—which, to their credit, they did.

I was in very good hands. The back row looking after me included former England flanker Dick Manley, who made his England debut in 1963 at the age of 30—the same year England won the Triple Crown and Grand Slam. The other two back-row players had both represented Devon and Cornwall against touring international sides, so I could not have asked for better company or support.

[Playing Career and Giving Back](#)

Today, players must be at least 17 and able to show they are ready for that level. I made my debut for Exeter Chiefs at 17, having already played regularly for the A team as a 16-year-old.

I was fortunate to enjoy a playing career with Exeter, Madeley College, Newcastle (Staffs), and Walsall, as well as representative rugby for both Devon and Staffordshire. Along the way, I benefited from excellent teachers and coaches who made the game such a pleasure. As my playing days drew to a close, it felt only natural to give something back to rugby—first as a coach and later as an administrator.

Service in Staffordshire and Beyond

I have served in a variety of voluntary roles in Staffordshire since 1996 and have valued every moment of those 30 years. It has been a privilege to contribute to the county game and to work alongside so many committed people.

Alongside my roles in Staffordshire, I also worked with Midland Schools—first as the Backs coach, then Head Coach and followed by being team manager, and later with England Schools (ERFSU) Under 16 A as team manager. I also chaired an ERFSU subcommittee that supported CSUs across England. By the time I stepped down as chair, every county had a working CSU for the first time in several years. I was also deeply honoured to be made a Life Member of the ERFSU.

During these years, I was fortunate to coach several talented 16-year-olds who later went on to play international rugby for England, including Courtney Lawes, Manu Tuilagi, Tom Curry, Staffordshire's Dan Robson, and Ben White, who as we know now plays for Scotland.

Because of my work in age-grade rugby and schools rugby, I was invited to serve on the RFU Age Grade Governance Committee, where I spent six years.

Encouraging Future Volunteers

Across the county—especially within our Management Committee—and across the wider game, many others have given similar service to help rugby continue to thrive. Their commitment deserves equal recognition.

Like me, I hope their stories encourage more people to volunteer for the game, particularly players, who are the volunteers and administrators of the future.

Thanks, and Appreciation

I would like to thank everyone who has worked alongside me in Staffordshire over the past 30 years. Your friendship, support, and shared dedication have meant a great deal to me, and I remain deeply grateful for all we have shared and achieved together.

A special thank you to both Mike's, who have worked alongside me for more years than all of us would care to count.

As many of you know, this year has been an especially difficult one for me following the loss of my fiancée Dawn. She was a constant source of love and support, and in my County and Midlands roles she was always there beside me. For the past 2½ years, we worked side by side, and I miss her more than words can say. We often talk about the rugby family, and at times like this you truly understand just how caring and supportive that family is. The many kind words and messages people from the game shared about Dawn have meant so much to me and brought real comfort. I want to thank you all sincerely for the support, kindness, and guidance you have shown me, especially over these past few months.

Still Involved

Although I am stepping down as Honorary Secretary of Staffordshire, I aim to continue supporting Staffordshire RU and I will continue as Honorary Secretary of the Midlands Region Organising Committee and as Staffordshire's representative on it. So please make sure you don't make any EMC errors!

*Robin J. O. Websdale
Honorary Secretary - Staffordshire Rugby Union*

Ps - Please don't forget to update your GMS Golden Roles.

**STAFFORDSHIRE RUGBY UNION
COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT**

I first held a rugby ball aged 16, my first ambition was just to remain standing at the end of the training session. After that, I hoped to receive a post card in the post requesting me to play on a Saturday.

Over the last 9 years I have been honoured to represent and support Staffordshire's clubs, and have enjoyed the opportunity to meet likeminded volunteers, RFU Staff and Professional athletes all of whom support our game.

My role has given me incredible opportunities. I served on the Game Development Subcommittee which gave me the chance to ensure our volunteers are safe, well-funded and well trained, with the introduction of things like the incoming e-learning. I also Chaired the International Rugby Ticketing subcommittee, where I oversaw the introduction of electronic ticketing at Allianz stadium and measures to ensure that international tickets are directed to those that support our game.

When I first joined the Union, I had chance to get involved in the formation of Women's professional teams which was already underway. Since then, it has been a privilege to see the progression of Women's rugby in England, I particularly enjoyed welcoming and recognising volunteers' contribution to the women's game at Mattioli Woods Welford Road following England's victory over Spain. The culmination of this progress saw record breaking attendances at the Allianz stadium and the Red Roses lifting the World Cup trophy at Battersea Power Station in 2025. As well as seeing our men's team reaching World Cup finals and semi-finals, I will always remember visiting the Red Roses' games up and down the country last year and I was very pleased to play a small part in the RFU's strategic plan for Women & Girls to 2030.

Whether it be spending time at Staffordshire's clubs, hosting at the Allianz Stadium, playing walking rugby with ex-internationals, or having afternoon tea with a Prince (who four days later would become King), it has been amazing listening to the joy and enthusiasm people have for our game.

I have also enjoyed bringing the RFU to Staffordshire. In our return to rugby following covid arranged a tour of Staffordshire CB for the RFU President, as he completed his tour of the country following COVID. Years later in 2025, Staffordshire played host to the RFU Council Conference & AGM for the first time at St Georges Park, of course a big thank you to all who join meeting.

Throughout Staffordshire, as I've visited clubs and speaking with members, I have heard about the endless projects, fundraising events, links with schools that every club is doing. Everybody is doing things slightly differently, but the goal remains the same, ensuring the game is the best it can be and leveraging the power of our incredible volunteers across the county.

I will miss the endless phone calls, have fun!

*Michael Procter
RFU Council Member*

**STAFFORDSHIRE RUGBY UNION
CLUB DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

The CDC has continued this past season to the best of its ability and our decision to hold the winter meetings on-line worked well. Thank you to all clubs who have attended meetings and supported the CDC.

The season started with the committee looking at Player Registration as a topic, and we also had a nomination for the Level 8 and below clubs that required to be voted on.

We had a discussion at our first meeting last September when Iain Haley and Shaun Godfrey discussed one of the main concerns early in the season, and has been more prevalent, saw instances of people/spectators entering the field of play, without being invited to by the referee. Extra sanctions would have to be considered on a case-by-case basis. Clubs were advised that action will be taken, especially as RFU courses, such as the Active Bystander Course, are available. It was also stressed that clubs are responsible to stop such occurrences happening. Responsible members of clubs need to control these situations. Referees receiving dissent by spectators had also increased. Following feedback from referees, coaches and captains were encouraged to engage with referees after 30 minutes had elapsed at the end of a match.

Re leagues and their structure, league secretaries sent out a form that needed to be completed by clubs and returned to Robin Websdale, the MROC Secretary. The importance to have accurate contact information was stressed. Electronic Match Cards (EMC's) were an early season topic and failure to complete EMC's would result in fines, with persistent offenders possibly facing league points deductions. Robin stated he is always available to help.

Referee Recruitment and Support: Shaun Godfrey introduced the associate referee program to support club referees. He explained the mentorship and support provided to referees and the importance of the program for addressing the shortage of referees.

RFU Representative reporting – Lottie Bizon and Richard Lightbown have given the CDC a lot of support and information throughout the season, and we thank them both from the committee and clubs.

Accurate Club Contact Information on GMS was seen as very important, and work has been carried out to get GMS and all contacts up to date. We do try to send specific information to targeted roles at clubs and to ensure the right content ends in the right inboxes, hence it's really important that contact details on GMS are correct. Clubs were asked to ensure the details online are correct for the upcoming season.

Our president stated that the CDC committee is one of the steering committees for Staffordshire Rugby and he wanted to collaborate with clubs as much as he could because that is part of our key purpose, which is promoting rugby in Staffordshire ; we all agreed with his sentiment.

The nomination and voting process for the next SRU's RFU Council member was discussed, followed by the election of Mike Bezus.

There were discussions regarding updates to the changes on the Management Committee for Staffordshire and how it will affect the CDC.

There was a facilities discussion regarding Leek RUFC as they asked about funding for their extensions and floodlighting along with a number of other clubs.

It was highlighted that Social Media was to be given time and effort, and this was seen as a big positive.

Our President and Vice President talked us through the deliberation in regard to changes within Staffordshire President and Chairman position and length of standing period. The CDC members and Committee agreed in general, giving evidence where it has worked within their clubs.

Our RFU Council Member talked through the Governance conversation within the RFU and also of the make-up of the members going forward.

A Competitions meeting will be held in the near future to start planning for the County Cup competitions for next season. Information will be shared in due course.

Members continued to be very active about registrations for the coming season and the amount of work required by club volunteers continues to make the situation very difficult, covering all age groups.

There were meetings with our RFU Facilities Managers for the Midlands. Stuart Eades, Adam Blackford and Becky Davies went through the initiatives that would be covered during the 2025/26 season. Recognising the vital role facility development plays in supporting our member clubs' growth and retention needs, all presentations were well received.

With regard to the annual Facilities Data surveys, Staffordshire achieved a 100% return.

New volunteering resources was highlighted along with Social media support materials information.

The CDC committee offer congratulations to our clubs who attained promotion and equally, we commiserate with clubs who suffered relegation. We hope the latter clubs come back rejuvenated and stronger next season and we also hope that newly promoted clubs find their feet quickly in the new leagues.

I offer my sincerest thanks to Paul and Trev for their unstinting support these last couple of seasons – it is greatly appreciated.

*Andy Lewis - Above Level 8 & Trevor Roberts - Level 8 and below
Paul Sargeant – CDC Secretary
Club Development Representatives – Staffordshire Rugby Union*

STAFFORDSHIRE RUGBY UNION GOVERNANCE AND PROJECTS REPORT

The 2025/26 season has been one of significant progress and development for SRU, with focus placed on governance reform, competition structures, communications, volunteer recognition, and club development.

Throughout the season, SRU continued implementation of recommendations arising from the 2024/25 Governance Review, with the objective of modernising structures, improving accountability, and strengthening operational effectiveness across the county game.

In September, SRU implemented the Executive & Management Team Code of Conduct. All Executive and Committee members signed the Code and completed RFU Introduction to Safeguarding training, reinforcing the Union's commitment to professionalism, integrity, safeguarding, and high standards of behaviour.

Significant progress was also made regarding the proposed separation of the SRU President and Chair roles. The proposal received support from the Executive, Management Team, and Club Development Committee and is now progressing through the AGM process as part of wider governance modernisation.

Work was also undertaken reviewing competitions and hosting arrangements, from U7 Festivals through to County XV fixtures. The review identified the need for greater consistency across regulations, hosting criteria, venue selection, and financial arrangements.

The season also saw continued success through the RFU CB Innovation Fund, including growth of the Associate Referee Programme as part of SRU's ongoing support of SRUSR.

SRU also delivered another successful Veterans Tournament, engaging approximately 250 players and demonstrating the strong appetite for veteran rugby opportunities across the county.

Communications, marketing, and digital engagement continued to improve through the Union's partnership with University of Staffordshire students and digital marketing specialists. This work will continue into next season to further promote and grow rugby across Staffordshire.

SRU also took an innovative approach to supporting clubs through development workshops. The Sponsorship Workshop in October 2025 and Social Media Workshop in May 2026 both received extremely positive feedback.

Following the workshops, several clubs benefited from RFU-funded one-to-one media and sponsorship consultancy support valued at £2,500 per club.

The season also saw the successful delivery of an updated Valued Volunteer Awards event, combined with County fixtures and Staffordshire Cup activity. The event recognised the outstanding contribution of volunteers across the county and demonstrated SRU at its very best.

Further work has commenced reviewing organisational structures, role responsibilities, expenditure analysis, succession planning, and implementation of the new RFU CB Partnership Agreement requirements.

Whilst challenges remain around volunteer recruitment, governance consistency, competition administration, and long-term sustainability, the progress achieved during the 2025/26 season provides strong foundations for continued development in the years ahead.

Shaun Godfrey
Vice President

STAFFORDSHIRE RUGBY UNION PLAYING REPORT

Staffordshire Rugby Union Director of Rugby – End of Year Report 2025–26

Introduction

The 2025–26 season has focused on rebuilding alignment, improving coaching standards, and creating greater consistency across Staffordshire Rugby programmes.

Since taking on the Director of Rugby role, significant progress has been made in establishing clearer playing structures, improving communication between programmes, and laying foundations for long-term sustainability across representative rugby, coach development, and player support.

While some areas remain works in progress, the season has delivered positive momentum and provided a clearer direction heading into 2026–27.

1. Representative Rugby Programme

Senior Men

The Men's programme continued to evolve, with a strong focus on creating a professional and enjoyable county experience for players and staff. Despite what people might think adults can develop too, and this programme is now ideal for Staffordshire club players to come and experience a different environment to hopefully learn and take ideas back to the local club.

Several changes occurred within the coaching team during the season, with Harry Titley, Tom Holmes, and Mark Irvin stepping away due to work commitments and personal reasons. Continuity was maintained through Clive continuing in a consultant role, while Benny Elliott joined the coaching group as Backs and Attack Coach. Joel Booth, supported by injured player Josh Bailey, took on the forwards coaching responsibilities and both have impressed throughout the season.

Chaz Bunting was appointed County Captain and has shown strong leadership qualities both on and off the field.

Nick Dermot has also played an important role across the U17s through to Men's Seniors in a management capacity, helping improve:

- Training and match operations
- Collaboration between county and venue staff
- Matchday planning & correspondence

Venues

Having received proposed venue options later than ideal, we felt it was important to trust what we knew worked well for Staffordshire's senior men's and women's for the home fixtures.

The decision to host senior representative fixtures at Stafford's 4G facility proved successful, particularly from a player welfare perspective during the spring months. Feedback from players and coaches was overwhelmingly positive regarding:

- Playing surface quality
- Matchday environment
- Clubhouse facilities
- Spectator experience

Additional matchday enhancements included:

- Reintroduction of a gate team
- Music played from the clubhouse
- Improved supporter and past-player engagement via social media
- Opportunities for supporters to book pre-match meals

While these areas still require further development, the foundations and processes are now in place to build upon next season. One further improvement would be introducing a dedicated announcer or matchday MC.

Championship Results:

Staffordshire 44 - 17 Hertfordshire

Staffordshire 28 - 57 North Midlands

East Midlands 19 – 36 Staffordshire

Through to Semi v Northumberland AWAY

Senior Women's

Senior Women

The Senior Women's programme has continued to develop positively throughout the 2025–26 season, with a renewed focus on structure, preparation, and alignment with the wider county rugby environment.

Team Manager Becky Williams has assembled a new coaching and management group for the programme consisting of:

Kai Lucas-Dumolo – Head Coach

Daz McDermott – Forwards Coach

David Clark – Backs Coach

Jess Bunyard – Coach Mentor

Beth Donaghy – S&C Coach

Charlie George – Assistant Coach

Maria Ward – Assistant Coach

Leah Goode – Assistant Coach

Rachael Squires – Medical Lead

Yasmin Tolley – Medical Assistant

Becky Williams – Team Manager

The squad has trained twice weekly at Lichfield since mid-April, with strong commitment shown from both players and staff throughout the preparation period.

A key objective this season has been to provide the Women's programme with the same level of detail, exposure, and professionalism as the Men's programme wherever possible. Positive progress has been made in this area, although further alignment opportunities still exist.

One potential development for future seasons would be to better align Men's and Women's home fixtures where possible, particularly when both teams are scheduled to play on the same weekend. Hosting fixtures at the same venue could help strengthen the overall county matchday experience, improve supporter engagement, and further integrate the senior programmes. This has been done before, we should do this again if possible.

Additional idea **to be explored** include introducing a recognition system for Women's representative appearances, with commemorative gifts awarded for milestone achievements such as:

- 1 County Cap
- 5 County Caps
- 10 County Caps

These initiatives would further strengthen programme identity and recognise player commitment to Staffordshire Rugby.

Championship Results:

Staffordshire 29 - 36 Easten Counties

Warwickshire 12 - 43 Staffordshire

Through to Semi v Surry AWAY

Golden Thread Strategy

One of the most significant developments this season has been the integration of coaching groups across the U17s and U20s programmes.

The objective is to create:

- Consistent coaching language
- Shared playing principles
- Better player transition between age groups
- Improved collaboration between coaches

This structure has already shown positive signs and will continue to develop next season, and the season beyond we will really start to see the results from this strategy.

Under 20s Programme

The Under 20s programme underwent significant restructuring this season and now has a strong foundation for future development.

Coaching Team

A new coaching team was introduced to the County U20 squad consisting of:

Jordan Hales – Head Coach

Aly Muldowney – Forwards Coach

Donald Hayes – Forwards Coach

James Milan – Backs Coach

The group settled quickly and brought excellent energy, organisation, and standards to the programme.

Programme & Fixtures

A total of 43 players trialled in early January, with training sessions held at Stafford in preparation for both the warm-up fixture and Championship fixtures.

The squad played a warm-up fixture against Cheshire U20s at Lymm RFC before the County Championship campaign.

The opening fixture against Warwickshire was a standout performance built on:

- Dominant forward play
- Strong game management
- High attacking intent
- Excellent squad cohesion

The performances reflected the hard work put into the programme both on and off the field.

Unfortunately, a lengthy break between fixtures disrupted some momentum. Clarification has been requested regarding why Staffordshire regularly appears to have one of the longest gaps between fixtures compared with other counties. The programme was also impacted by player injuries and availability due to club rugby.

Championship results:

Warwickshire 12 – 64 Staffordshire

Staffordshire 14 – 60 North Midlands

Operational Improvements

Several changes were introduced to improve sustainability without negatively affecting player experience:

- **Removal of issued shorts and socks**
- **Increased use of club kit where possible**
- **County ties limited to final selected squad members**
- **Continued provision of post-match meals**
- **Mileage-only expense structure for coaches**

Further work is still required around securing stronger facility agreements.

Under 17s Programme

The U17s programme saw exceptional engagement levels during the nomination and trial process.

Participation

- 87 players from 18 different clubs attended trials at Burton
- Several additional training sessions were delivered throughout the programme
- The U20 coaching team also supported the U17 squad throughout the selection process and across four friendly fixtures, further strengthening alignment between the age-grade programmes.
- A major focus this season was ensuring players not selected still gained value from the process. Every unsuccessful player received:
 - Individual feedback
 - Two to three clear development areas
 - Encouragement for future progression
- This approach aligns with the wider county objective of supporting player development beyond final squad selection.

- An inter-squad fixture was also introduced to assist with final selection and provide an additional development opportunity ahead of the four-match programme.

Fixtures

Fixtures against Cheshire U17s and NLD U17s, Leicestershire U17s and North Midlands U17s have been completed.

The U17 squad will reform in the autumn season and provide the nucleus of the next U18 squad.

Acknowledgement

We would also like to acknowledge the contribution of Stephen Eastwood, who has served as Team Manager for the U17/U18 programme for the past 10 seasons.

Thank you for everything you have done in supporting the future stars of Staffordshire Rugby.

2. Coaching & Player Development

Coach development has become a major strategic priority within the county structure.

Throughout the season, meetings were held with other counties, senior coaches, and key stakeholders to establish a more connected county-wide coaching framework for the male pathway.

A Coaching Charter has been updated for 2026/27. This document provides:

- Alignment of coaching standards
- Shared coaching principles
- Clear expectations across representative programmes
- A foundation for long-term player development consistency
- This links directly into the wider Rugby Alignment Plan and the “golden thread” philosophy now being embedded between age-grade and senior rugby.

Coach CPD & Education

Plans for county-wide Coach Development events progressed significantly during the year.

A major initiative planned for 2026 is the introduction of two Senior Coach Education Evenings where:

- Sessions will operate in a “fly-on-the-wall” environment
- Coaches will receive guided prompts and post-session Q&A opportunities
- Sessions will be filmed to create reusable coaching resources
- Planned sessions include:
 - Dan Cooper (Bath Rugby) – Performance Analysis
17 June – Leek RUFC – Just about there to publicise
 - Leicester Tigers Coach (TBC, dependent on staff availability)
25 June – Denstone College=

Using student athletes as practical learning groups

Both the above Staff CPDs will also deliver the coach with resources to help support the learning.

Attendees will be added to a coaching WhatsApp group to also share ideas etc.

Ongoing collaboration has also continued with Paul Kelly regarding RFU coaching qualifications and development pathways.

3. Sponsorship, Commercial & Engagement

Significant work has taken place to improve the commercial sustainability of county rugby in the off season.

One barrier

The season proved challenging commercially, with two major sponsors withdrawing late in the process.

However, key sponsor Ashbrooks doubled its investment to become the programme’s main sponsor.

Sponsorship Actions Completed

- Sponsorship pack created and distributed
- Existing sponsors approached for renewal

Future ambitions include:

- Reducing dependency on CB funding
- Increasing programme self-sufficiency
- Aligning sponsorship across Men's, Women's, and Age Grade programmes

Achieving this will likely require a dedicated group to help drive commercial activity forward.

Additional support was also provided through free kit re-badging.

One ongoing issue remains invoicing and payment tracking. Without a digital system, administration remains time-consuming to create invoices – send – track – and get paid, and a number of sponsorship payments from previous seasons were unfortunately missed as a result.

Engagement & Communication

A central Staffordshire Rugby calendar was created and implemented covering:

- Representative fixtures
- Training schedules
- Finals and cup competitions
- Management meetings

This has significantly improved visibility and coordination across programmes.

Further work is required to integrate the calendar into the county website and improve accessibility.

The season also reinforced the importance of:

- Earlier communication with clubs
- Better operational timelines
- Stronger collaboration across stakeholder groups

There is still a lot of work that is assumed is being done. I will be carrying out a project to get a County blueprint together to cover all bases on and off pitch with extra focus on home match day responsibilities, pre, during and pots. John McDermott is going to assist with some notes.

4. Key Challenges

While progress has been positive, several challenges remain:

- Financial sustainability of representative rugby – more to do on generation but also cost control.
- Securing long-term sponsorship support
- Establishing consistent county-wide medical provision
- Greater operational clarity around off field matchday delivery
- Balancing programme ambition with available resources

These areas will require continued focus moving into next season.

5. Priorities for 2026–27

Representative Rugby

- Continue strengthening Men's, Women's, U20s, and U17s programmes through high-quality delivery

Coach Development

- Implement the Coaching Charter & recruitment guide
- Deliver county-wide coach education initiatives

Operations & Commercial

- Finalise volunteer and matchday operations structures
- Increase sponsorship revenue
- Develop stronger county branding
- Improve communication and digital engagement

Long-Term Alignment

- Continue embedding the “golden thread” philosophy
- Improve collaboration between clubs and county programmes
- Create a more joined-up Staffordshire Rugby system

Closing Remarks

This year has laid important foundations for the future direction of Staffordshire Rugby.

There is still considerable work to do, but the progress made in coaching alignment, operational organisation, player development, and county-wide collaboration has created genuine momentum.

I would like to thank all coaches, volunteers, players, management staff, clubs, sponsors, and committee members for their continued support, time, and commitment throughout the season. The continued growth and success of Staffordshire Rugby depends heavily on the collective efforts of everyone involved.

Andy Appleyard

Director of Rugby – Staffordshire Rugby Union

STAFFORDSHIRE RUGBY UNION WOMEN & GIRLS REPORT

Girls Rugby

We have seen another year of growth within the county with key events happening through the year. We saw the introduction of an U9/10 girls introduction to girl's rugby, to show them how great the girl's game is. We saw events where we were honoured to display World Cup winning trophy. We had a full season of U12 Pitch up and plays as well as clubs participating in the RFU national cup competition.

Overall, we have seen another year of growth with Burton, Leek, Longton, Lichfield, Newcastle, Stafford, Stoke, Tamworth, Wolverhampton.

3% Growth in Girls registrations, playing rugby. 563 Register players

Cup Rugby

U14 – Burton, Leek, Lichfield, Stafford, Tamworth Competed in the competition.

Cup Final: Burton 17- 7 Lichfield.

U16 – Burton, Leek, Lichfield, Stafford, Tamworth Competed in the competition.

Cup Final: Lichfield 33 – 29 Burton

U18 - Burton, Lichfield, Stafford, Tamworth Competed in the competition.

Cup Final: Stafford 24 – 24 Lichfield (Stafford Scored 1st so took the win)

U16 PDG

The U16 programme saw 45 players from across the county get involved with the RFU programme. Players represented Burton, Leek, Lichfield, Longton, Stafford, Stoke and Tamworth. There were 3 Meaningful playing opportunity that have resulted in 13 players been put forward to trial, for the PDG U18 programme next season.

U18 County / U18 PDG

This year we yet again saw a successful U18 county programme, where we competed in 3 meaningful games. These performances saw a further 3 players pulled up to the U18 PDG programme, as it gave the players an opportunity to stand out against their peers. The county programme was supported by players from Burton Lichfield, Newcastle, Stafford, and Tamworth. This also identified 16 players to be put forward to trial, for the U18 PDG programme next season.

The U18 PDG programme saw 12 players from Staffordshire into the programme with a further 3 enter mid-season. All 15 players participated in the programme games, consisting of the top 300 players from across the country.

We also had players invited to train with Scotland and England U18 development programmes.

Women's Rugby

The county saw 12 league standing teams from 10 clubs with 4 further teams starting this season. This saw 13 clubs with women's rugby taking place, the highest figures to date for the county.

24.8% increase in Women's registrations playing rugby. 599 registered players.

Championship 1 - Lichfield,

Championship 2: Cannock,

NC 1: Lichfield 2nd , Handsworth,

NC 2: Stafford, Tamworth, Burton

NC 3: Stafford 2nd , Stone, Newcastle, Stoke, Wolverhampton

Inner Warrior games: Uttoxeter, Leek. Eccleshall

MARS: Stafford Mixed Ability

Becky Williams

Women & Girls Chair – Staffordshire Rugby Union

STAFFORDSHIRE RUGBY UNION AGE GRADE REPORT

The 2025/2026 season has been one of growth, progress, and renewed community spirit across Staffordshire's age-grade rugby landscape. Participation continues to rise, the quality of rugby has flourished, and the commitment of volunteers, coaches, referees, and clubs has once again demonstrated the strength of our rugby family.

1. Growth of the Game

The season has seen significant national and local momentum:

- England surpassed 180,000 registered age-grade players, a remarkable milestone that reflects the health of the grassroots game.
- Staffordshire has mirrored this upward trend, with strong engagement across all age groups and increased club collaboration.

Rugby continues to be a powerful force for community cohesion, youth development, and club sustainability.

2. Competitions and Festivals

We successfully delivered five age-grade competitions, from U13s through to Colts, culminating in outstanding finals days in late March and mid-April.

- The standard of rugby was exceptional.
- Player behaviour and sportsmanship were consistently strong.
- Clubs demonstrated real enthusiasm to host finals and festivals, reinforcing the shared commitment to providing high-quality experiences for young players.

A full competitions review was undertaken, including how we structure festivals and host finals.

Thank you to all clubs who hosted our Mini festivals in April they were a great day and big success.

3. Appreciation and Acknowledgements

Age-grade rugby simply does not happen without the dedication of countless individuals. My sincere thanks go to:

- Volunteers
- Coaches
- Parents and carers
- Club staff
- Grounds teams
- Catering and cleaning staff
- Competition organisers

Your commitment ensures that thousands of young people can enjoy rugby in a safe, supportive, and inspiring environment.

4. Refereeing and Match Officials

A special tribute must be paid to the Staffordshire Rugby Union Society of Referees, whose support is invaluable.

- Week in, week out, referees ensure our young players can enjoy the game.
- Finals were officiated by teams of three, maintaining the highest standards.
- Particular thanks to Steve Barr and Adam, whose tireless work in appointing referees is both demanding and essential.

Their contribution underpins the integrity and safety of the game.

5. Discipline and Behaviour

Disciplinary issues have almost halved this season—a significant achievement.

While there is still much progress to be made, this improvement reflects:

- Better education
- Stronger club culture
- Improved communication
- Continued emphasis on the Behaviour Charter and Codes of Conduct

This positive trend is a testament to the collective effort of clubs, coaches, referees, and parents.

6. Looking Ahead

Planning for the 2026/2027 season is already underway:

- A meeting with competition organisers and Shaun will take place to finalise formats and hosting arrangements.
- Shaun Godfrey is currently updating the age-grade finals hosting document.
- A summer meeting will formally close the current season and set the framework for next year.

The future of age-grade rugby in Staffordshire is bright, and we remain committed to continuous improvement.

Conclusion

It has been a privilege to serve as Age Grade Lead for Staffordshire Rugby Union this season. The game continues to blossom across the county, driven by the passion and dedication of our rugby community.

Thank you to everyone who has played a part in making this season a success. I look forward to working with you all again as we continue to grow, develop, and celebrate age-grade rugby in Staffordshire in the 2026/2027 season.

Danny Carlin
Chair of Age Grade – Staffordshire Rugby Union

STAFFORDSHIRE RUGBY UNION RUGBY SAFE REPORT

This year saw an enhancement to regulation 9, that had a direct impact on all clubs. We have seen an overall increase in the compliance and overall standards of all our clubs.

All clubs met the enhanced compliance requirements set by the RFU, which in turn saw improvements to all our clubs. We completed multiple club audits, which resulted in identifying the great work that our clubs are completing?

Key points to celebrate:

- Overall increase in the number of First Aiders.
- Overall increase the quality of Medical Emergency actions plans and First Aid risk assessments. .
- Huge improvements in the communication of all RugbySafe matters in clubs.
- Huge improvement in the effective use of the Proactive app.
- Huge improvement in the completion of all Howdens Risk assessments.

Becky Williams
Rugby Safe Chair – Staffordshire Rugby Union

STAFFORDSHIRE RUGBY UNION PATRONS REPORT

Staffordshire Patron's Review of the 2025–26 Season

The 2025–26 season has been another eventful year for English rugby at both international and county level.

The British & Irish Lions tour to Australia featured many of England's talented players. However, the tour preparations did not begin as planned, with Argentina securing a 28–24 victory in the warm-up match at Dublin's Aviva Stadium. It was a reminder that nothing is guaranteed in sport.

England's summer tour to Argentina and the USA provided valuable opportunities for the next generation of players. Prior to the tour, England suffered a narrow 26–24 defeat to France, bringing back memories of similar disappointments during the Six Nations campaign. However, victories in both Test matches against Argentina and in the USA allowed England to regroup and build confidence ahead of the Autumn Nations Series.

During August and September, the Women's Rugby World Cup was hosted across England, with matches taking place in venues from Sunderland to Exeter, Brighton and many locations in between. The tournament concluded at Allianz Stadium, where world attendance records were broken.

With tickets available directly through World Rugby, supporters had the opportunity to enjoy some outstanding rugby in fantastic stadiums. The atmosphere throughout the tournament was unique and memorable.

The Red Roses certainly lived up to expectations. Having remained unbeaten since the 2022 World Cup Final, they continued to demonstrate why they are one of the leading teams in world rugby.

In the Men's Autumn Nations Series England welcomed Australia, Fiji, New Zealand and Argentina. All matches were well attended, and Allianz Stadium once again provided a special match-day experience, full of anticipation and energy.

England did not disappoint, winning all four fixtures. Expectations were high as attention turned to the 2026 Six Nations Championship.

England opened their campaign with a convincing victory over Wales, further raising expectations. However, sport has a way of bringing everyone back down to earth.

The next challenge was at Murrayfield, a ground that has seen many English victories over the years.... although not recently! Once again, Scotland emerged victorious handing England their first defeat in twelve matches.

Unfortunately, results did not improve over the remaining fixtures, and England finished fifth in the Championship. Questions were raised about the future of head coach Steve Borthwick, but following an RFU review he retained his position, providing some much-needed continuity moving forward.

The new Nations Championship will begin this summer and will continue into the autumn. One of the highlights will be the opportunity to watch Fiji take on England at Everton FC's new Hill Dickinson Stadium. Tickets are available online.

The autumn programme will combine all participating nations in a new format, creating an exciting schedule of international rugby.

Meanwhile, the Red Roses continue to go from strength to strength. Despite balancing motherhood, injuries and squad changes, they have extended their remarkable winning run to 38 matches. It remains an exceptionally talented group of players.

Closer to home, Staffordshire's senior representative teams have enjoyed an excellent season. Both the men's and women's squads progressed from their respective pool stages and have reached the semi-finals. As is often the case, travel plays a significant part in county rugby, with the men's team travelling to Northumberland and the women's team facing Surrey. I wish both teams every success.

Our Under-17, Under-18 and Under-20 squads have also been active throughout the season, providing young players with the opportunity to experience higher levels of coaching, competition and player support within their age groups.

It has been a pleasure meeting and speaking with so many of you throughout the season, both at your clubs and at events across Staffordshire. Thank you for your continued support of rugby within the county.

Have fun

Michael Procter
Patrons Honorary Secretary – Staffordshire Rugby Union

STAFFORDSHIRE RUGBY UNION FACILITIES REPORT

IMPACT '25 PROGRAMME

The Impact '25 programme is now in its final year. All projects have been awarded, and the remaining projects are progressing towards completion. Over the four-year duration of the programme, **£45,000** in grants has been awarded to clubs across Staffordshire, supporting projects with a combined total value of £119,545.

| Club | Project | Timeline | Grant | Project Total |
|---------------|--------------|----------------|---------|---------------|
| Trentham | Social Space | Year 1 (22/23) | £10,000 | £23,950 |
| Cannock | Social Space | Year 3 (24/25) | £10,000 | £32,000 |
| Wolverhampton | Social Space | Year 4 (25/26) | £10,000 | £28,515 |
| Tamworth | Social Space | Year 4 (25/26) | £10,000 | £30,000 |
| Handsworth | Small Grant | Year 3 (24/25) | £5,000 | £5,080 |

PITCH MAINTENANCE FUND

The funding cycle has now concluded, with the fourth and final window of awards being made during May and June 2026. Across the programme, **£182,850** in grant funding has been awarded to clubs to support improvements in pitch quality through enhanced maintenance works and the purchase of new machinery.

| Club | Project | Timeline | Grant |
|------------|---------------------------------|--------------|---------|
| Rugeley | 1 Pitch Maintenance | Window 2 & 4 | £28,800 |
| Stoke | 2 Pitch Maintenance | Window 2 | £24,000 |
| Wednesbury | 2 Pitch Maintenance & Machinery | Window 2 & 3 | £34,050 |
| Tamworth | 3 Pitch Maintenance | Window 3 | £36,000 |
| Trentham | Machinery | Window 3 | £24,000 |
| Leek | 3 Pitch Maintenance | Window 4 | £36000 |

FLOODLIGHT INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

The RFU Floodlighting Investment Programme will support the delivery of 200 new and upgraded floodlighting installations over the next four years, enabling more rugby to be played, watched and enjoyed throughout the year. Across the programme, **£2.5 million** in grant funding and **£5 million** in interest-free loans will be invested. In Year 1, **Lichfield RUFC** is progressing through the programme and is currently entering the planning permission stage, with installation and completion scheduled for October 2026.

BRITISH AIRWAYS SPACES FOR ALL FUND

Over the past two years, we have introduced a new funding programme in partnership with British Airways: the Spaces for All Fund. This three-year initiative supports improvements to social, event and outdoor areas at rugby clubs, helping to create more welcoming and inclusive environments. This year, **Uttoxeter RFC** is participating in the programme, which will support the modernisation of its social space and help create a more inclusive environment for its growing Women & Girls section with a **£10,000** grant.

STIGA RUGBY GROUNDS CONNECTED

We are thrilled to announce an exclusive new partnership program designed to support grassroots rugby. We are running a **FREE Stiga Robotic Mower** offer specifically for rugby clubs! When a club signs up for our partnership program, you instantly unlock extra club perks:

- **15% OFF** all products across the entire range!
- **5% CASHBACK** straight back to your club on every single purchase!

Across Staffordshire **17 clubs** have made a full application, and 9 have already received their robots.

| Club | Status | No of units |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| Barton-Under-Needwood | Application received | - |
| Burntwood | Robots delivered | 2 |
| Burton | Stiga assessment complete | - |
| Eccleshall | Robots delivered | 2 |
| Handsworth | Application received | - |
| Lichfield | Robots delivered | 1 |
| Rugeley | Application received | - |
| Stafford | Robots delivered | 3 |
| Stoke | Robots delivered | 3 |
| Stone | Application received | - |
| Trentham | Robots delivered | 2 |
| Uttoxeter | Robots delivered | 3 |
| Wednesbury | Robots delivered | 2 |
| Willenhall | Stiga assessment complete | - |
| Wolverhampton | Robots delivered | 3 |
| Leek | Stiga assessment complete | - |
| Penkridge | Stiga assessment complete | - |

Clubs that have not yet accessed the offers should sign up here

[Stiga Robotic Mower Expression of Interest](#)

PLAYING PITCH STRATEGIES (PPS)

We have been working closely with local authorities and consultants to support the completion of several Playing Pitch Strategies across Staffordshire. This work is important, as it helps clubs access Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding. We also ensure that club data remains current and robust, enabling accurate representation within each strategy. For example, Burntwood RUFC has recently secured approximately **£105,000** for pitch improvements, supported by PPS data and RFU facility interventions.

CLUB OFFERS

We have a number of Rugby Club Offers across a range of facility items: **Fencing, Rugby Posts, Mobile Floodlights, Coffee Machines, Pitch Maintenance Equipment, Electronic point-of-sale systems** and **Showers**. We have worked with these companies to provide discounts and bespoke offers for Rugby Union clubs. You can see the latest offers here.

<https://www.englandrugby.com/participation/running-your-club/facilities/offers>

“Big investment, real impact. Over the past 4 years, our Facility Development Team has helped channel millions of pounds of investment into the game — and this is how we’re supporting clubs across the country:”

Changing Rooms – £3.4m

Creating modern, inclusive, and sustainable spaces that raise standards, improve the player experience, and ensure everyone feels welcome from the moment they arrive on site.

Social Spaces & Spaces For All – £1.5m

Investing in spaces for ALL — helping clubs unlock new revenue streams, modernise their facilities, and attract wider, more diverse audiences that secure long-term sustainability.

Toilet Upgrades / Sanitary Packs / Making a Difference Small Grant – £2m

Delivering Equality, Equity, and Inclusion in practice, not just principle; ensuring every member, volunteer, and visitor feels comfortable, respected, and valued.

Pitch Improvements – £8.8m

Raising the standard of the game with better maintenance, expert insight, and modern equipment — unlocking increased pitch capacity, improving safety, and keeping games on, week in, week out.

TOTAL Investment – £15.7m

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May I take this opportunity to thank Stuart Eades and Adam Blackford, who both form the RFU team that looks after Facilities in the Midlands, for their tireless work this and every season to ensure clubs in Staffordshire have access to advice, guidance and support to assist us in clubhouse projects and ground maintenance.

The report for this season shows just how much we have benefited from their expertise and knowledge in everything to do with funding and maintaining our pitches and properties.

For their support to be ‘long term effective’ for us, it is imperative that we keep our plans for the future up to date, well documented and communicated with the CB and the RFU. This season just 19 of the 27 clubs in Staffordshire returned their Facility Needs Capture document which is 70%. Next season we need to

ensure please that we all engage with the survey and submit the important data capture that will help shape our facilities well into the future.

Wishing everyone a peaceful and restful break if there is such a thing for us rugby volunteers!

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| Staffordshire | 27 | 19 | 8 | 70% | Barton, Bloxwich, Burntwood, Burton, Eccleshall, Essington, Leek, Lichfield, Longton, Newcastle, St Leonards, Stafford, Stoke, Stone, Trentham, Uttoxeter, Wednesbury & Willenhall, |
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*Becky Davies
Facilities Chair - Staffordshire Rugby Union*

STAFFORDSHIRE RUGBY UNION VOLUNTEERS REPORT

The Staffordshire Volunteer Dinner brought together clubs from across the county to celebrate the incredible volunteers who dedicate their time and energy to supporting grassroots rugby and to watch a county fixture Staffordshire vs North Midlands.

This year's event saw a change to the usual format due to the absence of a venue for the SWITCH Volunteer of the Year 2026. Instead, five outstanding volunteers were shortlisted, with one finalist selected to represent the group. Congratulations to Matt Powell, who was chosen as the finalist in recognition of his exceptional contribution.

A heartfelt thank you goes to everyone who attended and helped make the day such a success. It was wonderful to see clubs coming together to recognise and celebrate the volunteers whose commitment, passion, and hard work are vital to the success of our rugby community.

Congratulations to all those nominated and shortlisted, and thank you to every volunteer who continues to make a difference within our clubs.

*Danielle Bayley
Volunteers Co-ordinator - Staffordshire Rugby Union*

STAFFORDSHIRE RUGBY UNION INCLUSION & DIVERSITY REPORT

Inclusion and Diversity Statement-the below has been shared with clubs throughout the last year who have reached out and asked for support or indeed shared their success stories.

Inclusion and Diversity

“Striving to create an inclusive and diverse club whereby ALL are welcome and valued no matter what your role is, be that staff, player, volunteer, visitor or supporter or Executive Committee Member”

Behaviour

Incorporating, at all times, England RFU values, Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship at all times, overarching principle of treating people how you would like to be treated.

A different approach was adopted later this year which appears to have had some success and that was turning the limelight on what clubs were already doing, rather than looking at ways to improve inclusion and diversity we looked inwards as to why some clubs have become true ambassadors to the cause. After

discussion with a couple of clubs and other members of the management team we believe that this is the best way forward.

Plans for 2026/27 are to share the great work that goes on and share the plentiful resource from the RFU that is available to all clubs. I have managed to attend 2 events and many of the Counties are facing a similar position around lack of volunteers around I and D membership.

We plan to re-instate member groups, every other month and work with Staffordshire Clubs around what I and D means to them and of course their members, staff and all others involved in the club.

We are looking to ask all clubs for information around the different types of rugby that they offer-providing not only a repository of this information but potentially a "Buddy" system.

The first event will be held in June 2026 and will include a presentation by Looseheadz and a club ambassador sharing their experience of setting up a bespoke group.

I would like to thank Staffordshire management team for their support and guidance.

Caroline Dale

Inclusion & Diversity Chair - Staffordshire Rugby Union

STAFFORDSHIRE RUGBY UNION DISCIPLINARY REPORT

This season the Disciplinary Panel have dealt with 50 cases at Senior level, a reduction on the previous season when the total number of cases was 59. A huge congratulations to all those who contribute to Staffordshire Rugby, both players and Officials.

At the time of submitting this report there are still a small number of matches to be played, so the total may go up slightly, but will still remain well below the previous season's total.

Whilst this looks like good news in general, and it should be said that it is, and as Discipline Secretary I really appreciate the reduction in workload, there are some areas of concern that need to be highlighted and brought to the attention of all those involved in the game in Staffordshire.

Match Official Abuse, whether it is Disrespecting the authority (Dissent) or Verbal Abuse of a Match Official by Coaches, Spectators or Parents has increased from 4 cases last season to 11 cases this year. The Disciplinary Panel will continue to suspend those involved in such offences for the maximum time periods allowed, to try and rid the game of this type of offending that is a major cause of complaint and the reason why some Match Officials are leaving the game. We must all remember,
NO REFEREES, NO GAME.

In contrast, Match Official Abuse by players has fallen massively, down from 10 last season to just 4 this year. Obviously, the message and deterrents in place to punish such behaviour are being appreciated and understood, and a huge thanks must go out to all players involved in Staffordshire Rugby for this improvement in behaviour.

The RFU extra deterrent that was put in place on 1st January 2024 to try and combat this type of offending still remains in place and is likely to continue until the scourge of Match Official Abuse is eradicated and respect returns to suitable levels.

Hopefully those same deterrents and longer sanctions will have a similar effect on Coaches, Spectators and Parents and we can look forward to a reduction in these types of offending in season 2026-27, I'm positive that the Match Officials would really appreciate it.

Another area of concern is that we had 4 abandoned matches this season at Senior Level. Whilst this number is one less than last season, it is still disappointing that in 3 of the 4 matches abandoned, the reasons were due to collective poor behaviour of players from either one or both teams involved on the day that gave the Match Official cause to abandon.

The 4th match abandoned was solely down to the actions of a spectator who repeatedly verbally abused the Match Official, leaving him with little option other than to take the action he did.

Sanctions for these abandoned matches varied from Warnings as to future conduct, the threat of League Points deductions for teams, and long suspensions from the game for some individuals involved.

Punching/striking offences tops the charts again with 10 cases (2 not proven) in line with last season, 2 yellow cards came in second with 6, closely followed by Dangerous tackles (high) with 4 cases, this is one lower than last season and proof that the reduced tackle height Law implementation has been taken on board by players and adhered to.

Off the field, and at the start of this current season, Staffs Disciplinary, along with our counterparts in North Mids and Warwickshire organised a Club Disciplinary Officers Training event that was staged at Silhillians RUFC in September and was presented by the Head of Discipline at the RFU, David Barnes, and Rebecca Morgan, Disciplinary Case Manager at the RFU.

I am pleased to say that well over 50% of Staffs Clubs were represented there and that the Disciplinary Officers who did attend found it a very interesting and helpful evening.

There is now an emphasis on expecting all Clubs to deal with particular types of offending, for example, poor touchline behaviour by Coaches/spectators/parents, by way of investigating internally before reporting their findings and outcomes back to the Disciplinary Secretary who will then decide whether sufficient steps have been taken or sanctions imposed to address the complaint. Should sufficient action be taken, the Club will be supported, and no further disciplinary sanctions may be imposed, however should the Disciplinary Secretary decide that the Club has breached any RFU Regulation and sufficient action has not been taken, charges will be imposed and the Club, or individuals, will have to attend a discipline hearing to answer to the charge.

It is important that all Club Disciplinary Officers are aware and understand the requirements involved when issued with the Reg 19.4.9 Investigation Report Form.

Reg 19.4.9 states, A Club shall be responsible for ensuring that all reasonable steps have been taken to ensure that its Players, Coaches, Members and Spectators conduct themselves appropriately and do not behave in a way that is Improper, Offensive, Abusive, Threatening, Indecent or Insulting, or enter the pitch without the authority of the Referee.

The form issued is a request for further information from the Club in accordance with RFU Regulation 19.2.4 that states, 'Information provided will be considered when determining if a charge for a breach of any RFU Rule or Regulation should be issued.'

The Disciplinary Committee expect all Clubs to support this emphasis on internal investigations by way of Reg 19.4.9 when issued and are always willing to offer support to those Clubs who may need it.

In June 2026, 5 Disciplinary Panel Members, including the current Chair, will be attending the bi-annual RFU Disciplinary Conference Training weekend at Wyboston so everyone involved in Staffordshire Rugby can be assured that the Disciplinary Panel will be fully up to date with any new Law variations and implications and methods for sanctioning. It is important for all Panel Members to have regular disciplinary training at least every two years and I am pleased to report that those who represent the Staffordshire Disciplinary Panel meet that requirement.

In Age Grade Rugby we have also experienced a fall in cases, 7 this season, compared with 13 last year. Thanks must go out to the Coaches and especially the players involved, again in my role as Constituent Body Age Grade Disciplinary Secretary (CBAGDS), I really do appreciate the reduced workload.

Punching/Striking led the way with 4 cases; one case was for Dangerous tackling (high) and there was only one case of Disrespecting the authority of a Match Official.

All cases were dealt with appropriately by either Club Disciplinary Panels or in one case, the School Head of Physical Education.

All sanctions were ratified and approved by the CBAGDS, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Officials involved.

Disciplinary Statistics Season 2025/26.

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Law 9.11, Reckless/Dangerous play, | 1 |
| Law 9.11, Reckless/Dangerous play, leading with forearm, | 1 (not proven) |
| Law 9.12, Punching/Striking, | 10 (2 not proven) |
| Law 9.12, Stamp, | 1 |
| Law 9.12, Kick, | 1 |
| Law 9.12, Trip, | 1 |
| Law 9.12, Verbal Abuse of a Player (Homophobic), | 1 |
| Law 9.13, Dangerous tackle (high), | 4 |
| Law 9.20d, Dangerous play in a ruck, | 1 |
| Law 9.27, 2 yellow cards, | 6 |
| Law 9.27, Misconduct, Entered field of play, | 1 |
| Law 9.28, Disrespect authority of Match Official, | 1 |
| Law 9.28, Verbal Abuse of Match Official, | 3 |
| Law 9.28, Physical contact with a Match Official, | 1 (not proven) |
| Rule 5.12, Disrespect authority of a Match Official, | 5 |
| Rule 5.12, Verbal Abuse of a Match Official, | 5 |
| Rule 5.12, Abandoned Match, Clubs involved, | 5 |
| Rule 5.12, Misconduct, playing Age Grade players out of age group, | 1 |
| Rule 5.12, Conduct prejudicial to the Game, | 1 |
| Not proven cases (NP) | 4 |
| Total = | 50 (NP 4) |

Disciplinary Suspensions Season 2025/26.

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|---|----|
| Players/Coaches/Spectators suspended for less than 30 days, | 39 |
| Players/Coaches/Spectators suspended for more than 30 days, | 11 |
| Total = | 50 |

Disciplinary Suspensions Season 2025/26.

| | |
|-------------------------------------|----|
| Clubs with 1 Disciplinary Offence, | 9 |
| Clubs with 2 Disciplinary Offences, | 5 |
| Clubs with 3 Disciplinary Offences, | 4 |
| Clubs with 4 Disciplinary Offences, | 1 |
| Clubs with 5 Disciplinary Offences, | 3 |
| Total = | 50 |

As usual in closing, I must thank the Members of the Disciplinary Panel for their continued support and assistance. We are very lucky in Staffordshire to have such experienced, knowledgeable rugby people on our Disciplinary Panel.

Led superbly by Chair Iain Haley who gives us great direction with his experience of the discipline process gathered over many years, John Cartwright who has Chaired many cases this season when Iain has been unavailable through conflict of interest, to Jez, Becky, Fiona and Rich, I really do thank you all for making my role so much easier than it could be at times. I look forward to your continued commitment to the Discipline Panel in 2026/27.

Finally, I would like to thank Newcastle (Staffs) RUFC for the use of its club room for our regular disciplinary meetings. My thanks also go to the staff, including bar steward Terri, for accommodating us so helpfully, often at very short notice. We greatly appreciate being able to rely on your support and look forward to continuing the relationship next season.

Kev Cantrill

Hon Secretary Staffordshire Disciplinary Committee.

*Kevin Cantrill
Staffordshire Disciplinary Honorary Secretary*

**STAFFORDSHIRE RUGBY UNION
SOCIETY OF REFEREES REPORT**

The 2025–26 season has been both busy and rewarding in my role as Chair of Staffordshire Referees. It has been a varied and engaging position, representing our members, and leading the Executive while working closely with the Staffordshire Rugby Union (SRU) Management Committee, SRU clubs, the SRU Disciplinary Committee, and the national bodies RFRU and RFU.

First, I would like to thank our members, who generously give their time and commitment to enable rugby across Staffordshire—whether officiating weekly, monthly, across weekends and/or midweek fixtures.

Throughout the season, the Appointments Team (Steve Barr and Adam Carpenter) has worked tirelessly to appoint referees to adult male and female matches on WTR, U17/18 fixtures, school first teams, and selected younger age-group finals, as well as responding to specific requests such as School Festivals and 7's tournaments.

We cover the vast majority of matches using our own resources. While a small number of lower-level fixtures may remain unappointed by midweek, clubs are informed and typically source a suitable club referee. Late changes and cancellations are managed effectively, often requiring reappointments at short notice, which adds significantly to the workload given our limited referee pool.

This season, I estimate we had 64 active members, appointed to just over 800 games, each completing an average of 12 matches.

I would like to recognise the following members who completed over 20 appointments for SRUSR:

Ethan Sephton, Nick Tomkinson, Shaun Godfrey, Paul Daniels, David Lycett, Mark McManus, Mark Simkin, JP Allen, and Simon Broadhead.

We also commend those officiating beyond the county on exchange or at national and international level. We are particularly proud that Craig Maxwell-Keys and Emily Hope officiated as Assistant Referees in the Men's and Women's Six Nations respectively, with Emily also serving as Fourth Official at the WRWC25 Final. SRUSR also appointed Ethan Sephton, Martin Lennon, and Matt Walklate to officiate England Deaf Women vs Wales Deaf Women at Stafford on 25th April.

Member development and engagement have remained strong through our monthly meetings, with six successfully delivered this season. We are grateful to all our host clubs, and especially to Leigh French and Mike Hurdley for organising the training topics and guest speakers.

On a weekly basis, our members continue to benefit from the dedicated support of our Watchers and Coaches. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Neil Pow, Mark Liddell, Leigh Davenport, Bob Dickson, and Richard Ware for their ongoing commitment and contribution.

Staffordshire Referees welcomed 20 new members this season and we have also benefited significantly from the Associate Referee Programme, led by Shaun Godfrey. The programme has made excellent progress, with 15 individuals now engaged across the county. Early indications are very positive, with several participants demonstrating strong commitment and development within their clubs. Several Associates are now active on WtR (as "Referee Provisional"), and all new participants will be formally registered. The programme is already delivering tangible benefits at club level, particularly in addressing referee shortages. For example, support at Burntwood RUFC and Whittington RUFC has ensured fixtures have proceeded at short notice. From a development perspective, 9 of the 15 Associates (60%) have already been observed in match environments. Activity is primarily focused on age-grade rugby (approximately 75%), with the remainder supporting lower XV and merit table adult fixtures. These outcomes reflect the programme's core purpose: providing flexible, local officiating support across age-grade, women's, and lower XV rugby.

The programme is not intended as a recruitment pathway into the Society, but rather to support club-based referees. The next phase will focus on increasing mentoring capacity through additional Club Liaison Managers and securing funding to expand further. The programme has also funded radios at nine clubs to support referee development. Thank you to Shaun & David Lovell for locating these securely in safe boxes in Referee changing rooms.

Since August, all members have worn our new **Paladin** kit. I have been particularly pleased with its quality and comfort. My thanks go to Mark Lewins for managing procurement and distribution, and to Shaun Godfrey for organising Associate Referee kit. This would not have been possible without the generous sponsorship of Martin Lennon's **Sustainable Sports Foundation**.

Turning to discipline, I would like to thank Paul Daniels for his work as Discipline Lead, supporting members with the disciplinary process, and proactively monitoring trends. This season saw 44 proven cases (foul play, misconduct, and Regulation 5.12), consistent with last year. The ratio between foul play and misconduct/5.12 cases remains broadly similar (approximately 45:55), with four cases not proven.

There has been a slight increase in 5.12 (Match Official Abuse) cases. Of the 15 cases recorded, five involved teams (match abandonment), three involved spectators, and seven involved coaches.

As an Executive Team, we have managed the operational demands of appointments, discipline, and finance, while also improving governance and the member experience. This has included reviewing our rules and policies, updating the Members Handbook, and improving our website and social media presence. We have also engaged with RFU and RFRU reviews and continue to work closely with SRU and its Disciplinary Committee.

I would like to thank the SRUSR Executive for their continued commitment and support over the past year. We are always keen to welcome new volunteers, so please get in touch if you would like to get involved.

My thanks go to:

Jason Powell (Vice Chair), Neil Chapman (Treasurer), Steve Barr and Adam Carpenter (Appointments), Paul Daniels (Discipline), Leigh French and Mike Hurdley (Training), Craig Maxwell-Keys (Development), Ryan Owens (Members' Representative), Barry Hope (Meeting Secretary), Lee Dawson (Safeguarding), Jed Brookes-Lewis and Bob Dickson (Social Media & Website), Mark Lewins (Kit), and JP Allen (Secretary).

Thank you to Steve Bowden for managing the International Tickets.

I extend our gratitude to Craig M-K who is stepping down from the Development role at the end of this season.

Finally, I would like to thank Roy Smith, our Honorary President, who is stepping down after 13 years in the role.

Roy has been involved with the Society for over 50 years as a referee, assessor, appointments secretary, secretary, and chair—truly a lifelong contribution. As a referee, he reached B2 level and took part in exchanges across the UK and abroad, including Cornwall, Belgium, and Ireland.

After injury ended his refereeing career in 1988, Roy became an assessor. One of his proudest moments was identifying the potential of a young Craig Maxwell-Keys at the age of 15. As Society Chair from 2008, he provided stability during a challenging period.

As President, Roy’s thoughtful contributions, clear minutes, and understated leadership have been invaluable. He has also served Staffordshire Rugby Union as Secretary and President. Roy embodies the very best of rugby values. We are fortunate to continue to benefit from his presence, knowledge, and enthusiasm.

SRUSR held its AGM on Monday 27th April at Stafford RFC, and I am pleased to share the following highlights -

1. SRUSR recognised the following members for their performance and contributions this season –

| Young/New Referee of the Year Colin Macdonald Award | Most Improved Referee Gary Trow Award | Member of the Year Stuart Lister Award |
|--|--|---|
| Mark Simkin | Ethan Sephton | Reg McPherson |

2. **Outstanding Contribution** – Mark Lewins
3. The **Maurice Clift Award** (the Owl) - SRUSR members voted **Stafford RFC** for the best facilities and club conduct.
4. The **Executive Committee** for 2026-27 will be:

| Role | Candidate |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Chair | Andy Joseph |
| Vice Chair | Jason Powell |
| Secretary | JP Allen /Barry Hope |
| Finance Lead (Treasurer) | Neil Chapman |
| Society Training Lead | Leigh French / Mike Hurdley |
| Society Development Lead | Vacant |
| Appointments Lead | Adam Carpenter /Steve Barr |
| Members Representative | Ryan Owen |
| Safeguarding Lead | Lee Dawson |
| President | Steve Bowden |

5. **Non-Exec Roles** –

| | |
|---------------------------|--|
| Paul Daniels - Discipline | Reg McPherson – YMO Lead |
| Mark Lewins - Kit | Jed Brookes-Lewis & Bob Dickson - Social Media & SRUSR website |

*Andy Joseph
Chair, SRUSR*

This was again a very difficult season to attempt to fit the main competitions in before the end of the season, due games having been cancelled and rescheduled on several occasions due to weather and then commitments in the leagues going all the way to the last games.

The season was looking forward to vets competition to continue but this was not possible. There was an initiative for the RFU to encourage players back into rugby or to keep playing rugby, unfortunately this did not materialise except for.

As part of the RFU initiative to get players to return to rugby, a three venue Vets tournament was played in September at Stafford, Lichfield, and Walsall, featuring 12 teams, all of whom had a great time and some fantastic photos were published on the Face book and Whats App pages, once again proving Gold doesn't rust!

Staffordshire Rugby Union U18 Boys Cup 2026

As Colts Cup Organiser, I am pleased to report that the 2026 Staffordshire Rugby Union U18 Boys Cup was another excellent competition and a very strong showcase for age-grade rugby across the county.

From the opening round onwards, the tournament produced a high standard of rugby, with a number of impressive performances and some very competitive fixtures. Walsall began with a 55-7 win over Burntwood, while Wolverhampton underlined their quality with a 62-12 victory over Leek. Longton also progressed with a 22-12 win over Stafford, while Burton and Stoke moved through on home walkovers.

As the competition progressed, the intensity increased. Wolverhampton came through one of the closest games of the campaign with a 17-12 win over Lichfield, before producing an excellent display to beat Stoke 43-10 in the semi-final. Burton were equally deserving finalists, booking their place with a 24-10 victory over Longton.

The Plate competition was also very competitive and provided some excellent rugby. Stafford opened with a 58-14 win over Walsall and then secured their place in the final with a strong 39-29 victory away at Leek. Lichfield joined them after a convincing 50-0 win over Burntwood.

Finals day provided a fitting end to the competition. In the Plate Final, Lichfield overcame Stafford 27-20 in a closely fought contest. The Cup Final then rounded off the tournament in excellent fashion, with Burton defeating Wolverhampton 40-24 to become Staffordshire County Champions.

I would like to thank all players, coaches, referees, volunteers, club officials and supporters for their contribution throughout the competition. Their commitment and support once again helped make the Colts Cup a success and reflected the strength of youth rugby within Staffordshire.

Results

Cup

- Preliminary round: Walsall 55-7 Burntwood
- Preliminary round: Wolverhampton 62-12 Leek
- Quarter-final: Burton beat Walsall (**HWO**)
- Quarter-final: Longton 22-12 Stafford
- Quarter-final: Stoke beat Newcastle (**HWO**)
- Quarter-final: Wolverhampton 17-12 Lichfield
- Semi-final: Burton 24-10 Longton
- Semi-final: Wolverhampton 43-10 Stoke

- Final: Burton 40-24 Wolverhampton

Plate

- Preliminary round: Stafford 58-14 Walsall
- Semi-final: Stafford 39-29 Leek
- Semi-final: Burntwood 0-50 Lichfield
- Final: Lichfield 27-20 Stafford

Martin De Ridder
County Colts Cup Organiser

Again, the Centenary Cups for Staffordshire Lower XV's were unable to take place due to the frantic end to the season with very limited dates available and clubs not being able to play their games.

The Competitions Committee will again be reviewing the competition framework and structure, as there is a great difference in regard to Cups and Competitions for next season so watch this space.

That review will look at whether it was successful enough to complete next season, and if so, what changes/improvements could be made. The Centenary competition was meant to give lower sides in Staffordshire who didn't qualify for Papa Johns or the traditional Staffs Cups competitions, meaningful games after the main leagues were completed.

The Intermediate Cup Final, also known as the Lewis Taylor Trophy, will be played at the beginning of September where Newcastle will play Burntwood.

The Owen Cup a hard-fought competition as always was decided between Eccleshall and Barton with Barton continuing their recent form and beating Eccleshall to lift the trophy.

The Staffordshire Senior Cup again is delayed until September 5th due to the fixture congestion of cups, leagues and County dates.













I would like to thank all the competitions committee for all their hard work and support this season, without which I don't think I would have made it to the end of the season.

We are looking forward to this summer's charity Staffordshire 7s, with the competition to be held at a ground to be confirmed.

Next season again we will be looking to have both a Woman's and Men's competition played on the same day. This is the plan.

Neil Pow
Competitions Committee Chair – Staffordshire Rugby Union

Northern Division Regional 1 North West

| # | TEAM | P | W | D | L | PF | PA | +/- | TB | LB | Pts |
|----|--|----|----|---|----|------|-----|------|----|----|-----|
| 1 |  Huddersfield | 22 | 21 | 0 | 1 | 1021 | 432 | 589 | 22 | 0 | 106 |
| 2 |  Anselmians | 22 | 19 | 1 | 2 | 952 | 410 | 542 | 21 | 1 | 100 |
| 3 |  Stockport | 22 | 15 | 0 | 7 | 661 | 458 | 203 | 13 | 2 | 75 |
| 4 |  Burton | 22 | 12 | 1 | 9 | 617 | 655 | -38 | 18 | 3 | 71 |
| 5 |  Leek | 22 | 11 | 0 | 11 | 641 | 646 | -5 | 15 | 6 | 65 |
| 6 |  Blackburn | 22 | 12 | 0 | 10 | 598 | 690 | -92 | 13 | 1 | 62 |
| 7 |  Bowdon | 22 | 10 | 0 | 12 | 550 | 598 | -48 | 9 | 5 | 54 |
| 8 |  Rochdale | 22 | 8 | 1 | 13 | 583 | 796 | -213 | 13 | 5 | 52 |
| 9 |  Manchester | 22 | 8 | 1 | 13 | 616 | 754 | -138 | 13 | 1 | 48 |
| 10 |  Wirral | 22 | 8 | 1 | 13 | 575 | 642 | -67 | 8 | 4 | 46 |
| 11 |  Long Eaton | 22 | 4 | 0 | 18 | 521 | 815 | -294 | 11 | 4 | 31 |
| 12 |  Derby | 22 | 1 | 1 | 20 | 429 | 868 | -439 | 7 | 5 | 13 |

Midlands Division

Regional 1 Midlands

| | P | W | D | L | PF | PA | PD | Pts | Bonus pts | Adjust |
|----------------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|------|-------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Bournville | 22 | 18 | 0 | 4 | 866 | 409 | 457 | 92 | 20 | 0 |
| Newport (Salop) | 22 | 16 | 0 | 6 | 858 | 474 | 384 | 86 | 22 | 0 |
| Stourbridge | 22 | 15 | 1 | 6 | 725 | 495 | 230 | 80 | 18 | 0 |
| Newent | 22 | 15 | 0 | 7 | 799 | 549 | 250 | 79 | 19 | 0 |
| Bromsgrove | 22 | 13 | 0 | 9 | 874 | 595 | 279 | 72 | 20 | 0 |
| Lichfield | 22 | 12 | 1 | 9 | 654 | 572 | 82 | 69 | 19 | 0 |
| Bridgnorth | 22 | 12 | 1 | 9 | 669 | 517 | 152 | 67 | 17 | 0 |
| Banbury | 22 | 12 | 0 | 10 | 726 | 501 | 225 | 66 | 18 | 0 |
| Lutterworth | 22 | 10 | 0 | 12 | 651 | 704 | -53 | 56 | 16 | 0 |
| Drybrook | 22 | 4 | 1 | 17 | 419 | 734 | -315 | 26 | 8 | 0 |
| Dudley Kingswinford | 22 | 2 | 1 | 19 | 378 | 892 | -514 | 15 | 5 | 0 |
| Nuneaton | 22 | 0 | 1 | 21 | 234 | 1411 | -1177 | 7 | 5 | 0 |

Counties 1 Midlands West (North)

| | P | W | D | L | PF | PA | PD | Pts | Bonus pts | Adjust |
|-----------------------------|----|----|---|----|------|------|------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Whitchurch | 22 | 20 | 0 | 2 | 1054 | 295 | 759 | 99 | 19 | 0 |
| Crewe & Nantwich | 22 | 18 | 0 | 4 | 868 | 390 | 478 | 89 | 17 | 0 |
| Shrewsbury | 22 | 17 | 0 | 5 | 960 | 434 | 526 | 89 | 21 | 0 |
| Spartans (Midlands) | 22 | 16 | 0 | 6 | 638 | 434 | 204 | 77 | 13 | 0 |
| Veseyans | 22 | 13 | 0 | 9 | 776 | 622 | 154 | 74 | 22 | 0 |
| Newport (Salop) II | 22 | 11 | 1 | 10 | 721 | 529 | 192 | 63 | 17 | 0 |
| Burntwood | 22 | 11 | 0 | 11 | 553 | 464 | 89 | 59 | 15 | 0 |
| Newcastle (Staffs) | 22 | 9 | 0 | 13 | 497 | 666 | -169 | 49 | 13 | 0 |
| Aston Old Edwardians | 22 | 7 | 2 | 13 | 446 | 671 | -225 | 43 | 11 | 0 |
| Stourbridge II | 22 | 5 | 1 | 16 | 523 | 806 | -283 | 36 | 14 | 0 |
| Telford Hornets | 22 | 1 | 1 | 20 | 210 | 1048 | -838 | 9 | 3 | 0 |
| Tamworth | 22 | 1 | 1 | 20 | 279 | 1166 | -887 | 9 | 3 | 0 |

Regional 2 Midlands North

| | P | W | D | L | PF | PA | PD | Pts | Bonus pts | Adjust |
|------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|-----|------|------------|-----------|----------|
| Dronfield | 22 | 20 | 0 | 2 | 807 | 302 | 505 | 100 | 20 | 0 |
| West Bridgford | 22 | 18 | 0 | 4 | 926 | 479 | 447 | 94 | 22 | 0 |
| Walsall | 22 | 16 | 0 | 6 | 739 | 507 | 232 | 82 | 18 | 0 |
| Melbourne | 22 | 14 | 0 | 8 | 683 | 511 | 172 | 71 | 15 | 0 |
| Stoke on Trent | 22 | 10 | 0 | 12 | 557 | 649 | -92 | 58 | 18 | 0 |
| Sutton Coldfield | 22 | 9 | 0 | 13 | 593 | 652 | -59 | 54 | 18 | 0 |
| Ilkeston | 22 | 9 | 0 | 13 | 546 | 693 | -147 | 54 | 18 | 0 |
| Matlock | 22 | 9 | 0 | 13 | 517 | 593 | -76 | 50 | 14 | 0 |
| Paviors | 22 | 8 | 0 | 14 | 590 | 677 | -87 | 46 | 14 | 0 |
| Old Saltleians | 22 | 8 | 0 | 14 | 466 | 719 | -253 | 44 | 12 | 0 |
| Newark | 22 | 7 | 0 | 15 | 460 | 613 | -153 | 42 | 14 | 0 |
| Belgrave | 22 | 4 | 0 | 18 | 415 | 904 | -489 | 26 | 10 | 0 |

Counties 2 Midlands West (West)

| | P | W | D | L | PF | PA | PD | Pts | Bonus pts | Adjust |
|-----------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|------|------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Trentham | 22 | 18 | 0 | 4 | 802 | 454 | 348 | 90 | 18 | 0 |
| Willenhall | 22 | 17 | 0 | 5 | 791 | 418 | 373 | 88 | 20 | 0 |
| Clee Hill | 22 | 16 | 0 | 6 | 689 | 331 | 358 | 83 | 19 | 0 |
| Ashbourne | 22 | 16 | 0 | 6 | 740 | 410 | 330 | 83 | 18 | 0 |
| Stafford | 22 | 12 | 0 | 10 | 800 | 611 | 189 | 67 | 19 | 0 |
| Bridgnorth Bulls | 22 | 12 | 0 | 10 | 685 | 546 | 139 | 62 | 14 | 0 |
| Burton II | 22 | 9 | 0 | 13 | 662 | 609 | 53 | 54 | 18 | 0 |
| Luctonians III | 22 | 10 | 0 | 12 | 489 | 724 | -235 | 49 | 9 | 0 |
| Leek II | 22 | 9 | 0 | 13 | 610 | 714 | -104 | 48 | 12 | 0 |
| Wolverhampton | 22 | 7 | 0 | 15 | 506 | 686 | -180 | 42 | 14 | 0 |
| Longton | 22 | 5 | 0 | 17 | 403 | 904 | -501 | 32 | 12 | 0 |
| Newcastle (Staffs) II | 22 | 1 | 0 | 21 | 304 | 1074 | -770 | 13 | 9 | 0 |

Counties 3 Midlands West (East)

| | P | W | D | L | PF | PA | PD | Pts | Bonus pts | Adjust |
|-----------------|----|----|---|----|------|-----|------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Broadstreet II | 22 | 20 | 0 | 2 | 1183 | 293 | 890 | 104 | 22 | 0 |
| Keresley | 22 | 17 | 0 | 5 | 822 | 453 | 369 | 89 | 20 | 0 |
| Handsworth | 22 | 17 | 0 | 5 | 846 | 515 | 331 | 89 | 20 | 0 |
| Old Wheatleyans | 22 | 17 | 0 | 5 | 617 | 408 | 209 | 87 | 16 | 0 |
| Hinckley III | 22 | 16 | 0 | 6 | 669 | 412 | 257 | 78 | 17 | -5 |
| Bedworth | 22 | 13 | 0 | 9 | 613 | 499 | 114 | 67 | 14 | 0 |
| Veseyans II | 22 | 7 | 1 | 14 | 378 | 612 | -234 | 34 | 8 | -5 |
| Stoke Old Boys | 22 | 6 | 1 | 15 | 510 | 613 | -103 | 31 | 15 | -10 |
| Pinley | 22 | 6 | 0 | 16 | 522 | 858 | -336 | 31 | 12 | -5 |
| Atherstone | 22 | 4 | 0 | 18 | 344 | 773 | -429 | 25 | 9 | 0 |
| Nuneaton II | 22 | 5 | 0 | 17 | 307 | 796 | -489 | 17 | 5 | -10 |
| Tamworth II | 22 | 3 | 0 | 19 | 215 | 794 | -579 | -4 | 3 | -20 |

Counties 3 Midlands West (North)

| | P | W | D | L | PF | PA | PD | Pts | Bonus pts | Adjust |
|-----------------------|----|----|---|----|------|------|------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Barton-Under-Needwood | 22 | 20 | 0 | 2 | 1161 | 263 | 898 | 99 | 17 | 0 |
| Eccleshall | 22 | 17 | 0 | 5 | 948 | 422 | 526 | 88 | 19 | 0 |
| Lichfield II | 22 | 13 | 0 | 9 | 936 | 504 | 432 | 75 | 23 | 0 |
| Uttoxeter | 22 | 13 | 1 | 8 | 749 | 552 | 197 | 69 | 15 | 0 |
| Stone | 22 | 13 | 0 | 9 | 788 | 585 | 203 | 69 | 17 | 0 |
| Oswestry | 22 | 13 | 0 | 9 | 645 | 578 | 67 | 66 | 13 | 0 |
| Newport (Salop) III | 22 | 12 | 0 | 10 | 704 | 502 | 202 | 65 | 16 | 0 |
| Market Drayton | 22 | 9 | 0 | 13 | 473 | 935 | -462 | 50 | 12 | 0 |
| Rugeley | 22 | 9 | 0 | 13 | 562 | 802 | -240 | 48 | 12 | 0 |
| St Leonards | 22 | 7 | 0 | 15 | 430 | 939 | -509 | 36 | 7 | 0 |
| Cannock | 22 | 4 | 1 | 17 | 405 | 939 | -534 | 15 | 7 | -10 |
| Burton III | 22 | 1 | 0 | 21 | 280 | 1060 | -780 | -7 | 9 | -20 |

Counties 3 Midlands West (South)











| | P | W | D | L | PF | PA | PD | Pts | Bonus pts | Adjust |
|--------------------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|-----|------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| Woodrush | 16 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 943 | 169 | 774 | 80 | 16 | 0 |
| Cleobury Mortimer | 15 | 13 | 0 | 2 | 602 | 200 | 402 | 67 | 14 | 0 |
| Walsall II | 16 | 9 | 0 | 7 | 503 | 396 | 107 | 47 | 10 | 0 |
| Warley | 16 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 342 | 484 | -142 | 38 | 6 | 0 |
| Pershore | 15 | 7 | 0 | 8 | 357 | 492 | -135 | 35 | 7 | 0 |
| Hereford II | 16 | 6 | 0 | 10 | 419 | 587 | -168 | 35 | 10 | 0 |
| * Dudley Kingswinford II | 16 | 6 | 0 | 10 | 357 | 392 | -35 | 22 | 8 | -10 |
| * Old Yardleians | 16 | 5 | 0 | 11 | 305 | 574 | -269 | 21 | 6 | -5 |
| * Bishops Castle & Onny Valley | 16 | 1 | 0 | 15 | 214 | 748 | -534 | 2 | 2 | -5 |

Counties 4 Midlands West (North)

| | P | W | D | L | PF | PA | PD | Pts | Bonus pts | Adjust |
|--------------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|-----|------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| Whitchurch II | 17 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 747 | 150 | 597 | 82 | 13 | 0 |
| Bloxwich | 18 | 14 | 0 | 4 | 519 | 223 | 296 | 72 | 13 | 0 |
| Wednesbury | 17 | 11 | 1 | 5 | 481 | 354 | 127 | 57 | 11 | 0 |
| Burntwood II | 18 | 7 | 1 | 10 | 445 | 413 | 32 | 46 | 15 | 0 |
| * Telford Hornets II | 18 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 387 | 524 | -137 | 40 | 9 | -5 |
| Trentham II | 18 | 7 | 0 | 11 | 395 | 609 | -214 | 37 | 9 | 0 |
| * Essington | 18 | 7 | 0 | 11 | 490 | 431 | 59 | 32 | 14 | -10 |
| Linley | 18 | 5 | 0 | 13 | 393 | 687 | -294 | 30 | 10 | 0 |
| Stafford II | 18 | 5 | 0 | 13 | 363 | 603 | -240 | 28 | 8 | 0 |
| * Newcastle (Staffs) III | 18 | 6 | 0 | 12 | 259 | 485 | -226 | 23 | 8 | -10 |

Women's Leagues











Championship North

| # | TEAM | P | W | D | L | PF | PA | +/- | TB | LB | Pts |
|----|---|----|----|---|----|-----|-----|------|----|----|-----|
| 1 |  Cheltenham Tigers Women | 18 | 15 | 1 | 2 | 686 | 169 | 517 | 11 | 2 | 76 |
| 2 |  Sale FC 1861 Women | 18 | 15 | 1 | 2 | 529 | 197 | 332 | 11 | 1 | 76 |
| 3 |  West Park Leeds Women | 18 | 13 | 0 | 5 | 539 | 210 | 329 | 11 | 1 | 64 |
| 4 |  Buckingham Swans Ladies | 18 | 12 | 0 | 6 | 502 | 392 | 110 | 10 | 0 | 58 |
| 5 |  Lichfield Ladies | 18 | 11 | 0 | 7 | 469 | 321 | 148 | 9 | 2 | 55 |
| 6 |  Bury St Edmunds Women | 18 | 8 | 0 | 10 | 375 | 349 | 26 | 6 | 3 | 43 |
| 7 |  Kenilworth Women | 18 | 7 | 0 | 11 | 519 | 498 | 21 | 11 | 3 | 42 |
| 8 |  Barnsley Ladies | 18 | 6 | 0 | 12 | 421 | 387 | 34 | 8 | 5 | 27 |
| 9 |  Novocastrians Ladies | 18 | 2 | 0 | 16 | 168 | 786 | -618 | 3 | 2 | 8 |
| 10 |  Blaydon Red Kites 1XV | 18 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 62 | 961 | -899 | 0 | 0 | -15 |

Champ 2 Midlands 2

| # | TEAM | P | W | D | L | PF | PA | +/- | TB | LB | Pts |
|---|--|----|----|---|----|-----|-----|------|----|----|-----|
| 1 |  Old Albanian Saints II | 13 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 606 | 143 | 463 | 13 | 0 | 65 |
| 2 |  Shefford Women | 14 | 12 | 0 | 2 | 504 | 176 | 328 | 11 | 0 | 60 |
| 3 |  Sudbury Ladies | 14 | 9 | 0 | 5 | 462 | 348 | 114 | 11 | 0 | 48 |
| 4 |  Bridgnorth Women | 14 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 369 | 315 | 54 | 7 | 1 | 42 |
| 5 |  Sutton Coldfield Ladies | 14 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 285 | 319 | -34 | 6 | 1 | 34 |
| 6 |  Long Eaton Women | 14 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 157 | 456 | -299 | 2 | 1 | 18 |
| 7 |  Cannock Lionesses Ladies | 13 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 154 | 405 | -251 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| 8 |  Peterborough Women | 14 | 1 | 0 | 13 | 124 | 499 | -375 | 2 | 2 | 3 |

Women's NC 1 Midlands (West)

| # | TEAM | P | W | D | L | PF | PA | +/- | TB | LB | Pts |
|----|--|----|----|---|----|-----|-----|------|----|----|-----|
| 1 |  Birmingham Moseley Women | 18 | 14 | 1 | 3 | 572 | 246 | 326 | 14 | 1 | 74 |
| 2 |  Lichfield Ladies II | 18 | 13 | 0 | 5 | 533 | 315 | 218 | 10 | 2 | 65 |
| 3 |  West Bridgford Women | 18 | 11 | 1 | 6 | 642 | 354 | 288 | 13 | 2 | 62 |
| 4 |  Buckingham Swans Ladies II | 18 | 11 | 1 | 6 | 546 | 358 | 188 | 10 | 1 | 52 |
| 5 |  Aston Old Edwardians Women | 18 | 9 | 1 | 8 | 368 | 432 | -64 | 8 | 3 | 51 |
| 6 |  Coalville Ladies | 18 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 380 | 339 | 41 | 5 | 1 | 42 |
| 7 |  Derby Women | 18 | 9 | 1 | 8 | 468 | 352 | 116 | 11 | 2 | 41 |
| 8 |  Bournville Womens | 18 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 416 | 376 | 40 | 9 | 4 | 41 |
| 9 |  Old Leamingtonians Ladies | 18 | 3 | 1 | 14 | 265 | 635 | -370 | 4 | 2 | 22 |
| 10 |  Handsworth Ladies | 18 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 108 | 891 | -783 | 1 | 0 | -9 |

Women's NC 2 Midlands (West)

| # | TEAM | P | W | D | L | PF | PA | +/- | TB | LB | Pts |
|---|--|----|----|---|----|-----|-----|------|----|----|-----|
| 1 |  Stafford Women | 14 | 12 | 0 | 2 | 412 | 180 | 232 | 0 | 0 | 64 |
| 2 |  Clee Hill Women | 14 | 12 | 0 | 2 | 366 | 179 | 187 | 0 | 0 | 63 |
| 3 |  Tamworth Ladies | 14 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 450 | 254 | 196 | 0 | 0 | 53 |
| 4 |  Kidderminster Carolians Ladies | 14 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 257 | 292 | -35 | 0 | 0 | 48 |
| 5 |  Old Halesonians Women | 14 | 8 | 0 | 6 | 431 | 257 | 174 | 0 | 0 | 45 |
| 6 |  Telford Hornets Women | 14 | 4 | 0 | 10 | 228 | 343 | -115 | 0 | 0 | 33 |
| 7 |  Stourbridge Panthers Women | 14 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 313 | 634 | -321 | 0 | 0 | 32 |
| 8 |  Burton Ladies | 14 | 3 | 0 | 11 | 123 | 441 | -318 | 0 | 0 | 28 |

Women's NC 3 Midlands (North West)

| # | TEAM | P | W | D | L | PF | PA | +/- | TB | LB | Pts |
|---|--|----|----|---|----|-----|-----|------|----|----|-----|
| 1 |  Shrewsbury Ladies | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 379 | 138 | 241 | 0 | 0 | 50 |
| 2 |  Newport (Salop) Women | 10 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 246 | 116 | 130 | 0 | 0 | 38 |
| 3 |  Stafford Women II | 10 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 213 | 238 | -25 | 0 | 0 | 35 |
| 4 |  Stone Ladies | 10 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 224 | 92 | 132 | 0 | 0 | 29 |
| 5 |  Newcastle (Staffs) Women | 10 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 144 | 279 | -135 | 0 | 0 | 21 |
| 6 |  Stoke on Trent Women | 10 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 51 | 394 | -343 | 0 | 0 | 17 |

Women's NC 3 Midlands (West)

| # | TEAM | P | W | D | L | PF | PA | +/- | TB | LB | Pts |
|---|--|---|---|---|---|-----|-----|------|----|----|-----|
| 1 |  Bridgnorth Women II | 8 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 229 | 104 | 125 | 0 | 0 | 37 |
| 2 |  Dudley Kingswinford Ladies | 8 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 185 | 137 | 48 | 0 | 0 | 37 |
| 3 |  Wolverhampton Ladies | 8 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 125 | 204 | -79 | 0 | 0 | 25 |
| 4 |  Camp Hill Ladies | 8 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 96 | 208 | -112 | 0 | 0 | 19 |
| 5 |  Luctonians Women | 8 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 184 | 166 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 14 |