



Sittingbourne RUFC

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AGM of Sittingbourne Rugby Union Football Club

Tuesday June 2nd 2026

Welcome

- The new Club President Dave Hicks welcomed attendees and highlighted the successes of junior and senior teams in our 50th year

Apologies

- Apologies received from Dean Gaunt, Jamie Talbot, Aidan Hicks, Alex Green

Minutes of 2025 AGM

- The minutes of the AGM 2025 were accepted by a majority show of hands

Chair's Report

- Chairman Stephen Jeffery delivered his report highlighting key successes of the season including the 1st team being champions of Counties 3 League, winning the Kent Vase and making the final of the National Community Central Plate, making it our most successful season ever. Other highlights include the success of the 2's this year finishing a very respectable 5th place in Kent Rural B & looking for promotion next season. The ladies' team has also gone from strength to strength this season and we can now field a full team & are entering the Warrior league. Our minis are thriving with good squad numbers at all ages. Our junior squads are healthy but there is recruitment opportunity here. In summary, a fantastic season rounded off with a fantastic 50th party. Thankyou to Lucy Davies for arranging

Election of Officers

- Roger Down stepped down as President this year, and a formal thankyou was noted from the club as Roger's input over many years has been invaluable. We would not have a new home without his tenacity and determination. Roger will continue to support the process of the new club as well as some other "unofficial duties". We are grateful he is not stepping away completely.
- Dave Hicks was proposed by Steve Jeffery as the new President & seconded by Chris Nutley. With a majority vote Dave is now the SRUFC President
- David Hall is also stepping away from duties as Executive Secretary. David received a formal thanks for his dedication and invaluable support over many years. David too, will remain at the club supporting in some lighter capacity & we thank him for this.
- Natasha Jeffery was proposed by Steve Jeffery as the new Exec Secretary & seconded by Wilma Down. With a majority vote Natasha is now the Exec secretary.
- Alex Green has stepped down as Minis Chair, Martin Clark proposed Ben Teeder as the new Minis chair but this was not voted on at the meeting (therefore tbc)
- All other committee posts remain as were in 2025 season with majority votes
- Kellie Miller & Tracy Fudge are currently training and awaiting DBS checks & will be our Safeguarding Officers for the 2026/2027 season. Thankyou to Tracy and Kellie for volunteering. Thanks also to Hayley Clark & Katie Davies who have stood down from June 1st for their help and commitment in recent years. Our interim safeguarding officer is Simon Fudge (DOR) until DBS checks are received.

Playing Reports (all reports attached)

- Steve Jeffery delivered the Senior Playing Report on behalf of Gary Miller (who was late due to traffic) A formal note of thanks to both Gary & Simon was made by Roger for all their hard work commitment & on pitch success this year.
- Other playing reports are attached to this document and a formal note of thanks for all the contributors of the reports was made by Chris Nutley in what has been an exceptional year for the club

Other Reports (all reports attached)

- George Catlin was thanked for his continuous hard work with school's liaison which has been very successful this year.



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- Hayley Clark provided the attached report highlighting the club's continuous responsibility to the safeguarding of our players and volunteers
- Sponsorship report provide by Jamie highlighted the exceptional support given to the club by our key sponsor this season Smart CI Group. Also highlighting our appreciation for our long-standing sponsor MJ Plastics and Plumbing who stepped away this year. We are very much looking for new sponsors as we move to our new home.
- Chris Nutley read the report update on the development of our new club which we anticipate will be ready for us to move into at some point in our 2026/2027 season

Financial Report

- James Fassenfelt delivered the Financial Report. Our Financial position is stronger than 2024/2025 season. We have £16,488 banked up from £12,108 last year. A large amount of this is driven by Smart CI Group donation. We have £32,500 in our Fundraising for the new club bank account
- Accounts for 2025/2026 were proposed by Roger Down for approval & seconded by Simon Fudge
- We also note that the bank account SRUFC Ltd is still dormant, there are no transactions and the need for it is to be reviewed by the Exec committee.

Sittingbourne Rugby Club Ltd:

- We have applied for funding for core infrastructure, access control & security cameras
- Charity applications have been resubmitted for review
- Drawings have been signed off & the tenure secured
- We have a generous donation of a professional kitchen from a junior parent, and a formal note of thanks was raised.

Proposals

- A proposal from Jamie Talbot to recruit and reward new volunteers was unanimously approved by those attending. This will be distributed.

Appointment of Vice Presidents

- No VPs proposed this year

Any Other Business

- Social Committee members are Luc Jeffery, Jake Jeffery Jacob Smith and Ben Winskill.
- There is a Club Fun Day planned for 05/07
- The recent 50th Ball was a huge success and a formal note of thanks was raised for Lucy and all those that volunteered to help that weekend. Sharon & the team were also noted in the thanks
- Minis & Juniors reports are to be sent to Luc for posting on social media. We have 300k+ followers now so this is an ideal time to use this coverage
- Options were discussed to promote the "one club" philosophy, details to follow
- Proposal for a Junior committee & Chair put forward by Martin Clark
- We are awaiting confirmation we have been successful in securing a robotic lawnmower for the new club
- We are awaiting confirmation on various applications for support from the RFU

Meeting ended 8.55 pm

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Chair's Report

With a new year in front of us, a new Chairman in post and the memory of not getting promoted all but gone, the coaching team set about getting down to it and making sure this year, our 50th year, was indeed going to be Our Year. And so it proved: the year when promotion was achieved, a Vase was won and we enjoyed a glorious coach trip to a ground far, far away where we stood our ground and had the game been another 20 minutes longer we would have won, although, sadly, it wasn't to be

The ladies team went from strength to strength starting out with half a team but slowly and very determinedly we now have a full team of lady's and have entered the warrior league this coming year

The Junior and Mini sections have had ups and downs. The Minis are thriving with good squads at all Age Grades. Our combined Under 12/13 squad is looking to be able to run two teams next season. Our Under 14's have joined with Anchorians, providing our players the chance to play regular competitive rugby, but our Under 15's and 16's have been unable to field teams this season. We have run a successful Under 17/18 Colts team and there are green shoots of hope everywhere with some amazing young boys and girls out there and in time they will be looking to fill the ranks in the senior teams

The 50th Ball/Club Awards was an amazing night and shows we have the support of the town behind us which will be very helpful moving forward.

The new Club House is moving on a great and ever faster rolling ball and, with fingers crossed and help from my diligent committee, we could be in before Christmas.

In summary everybody across the board is doing their best to forward the club and I'd like to thank each and every one of you for that.

Steve Jeffrey

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Senior Rugby Report

The 2025/26 season will go down as one of the finest in the history of Sittingbourne RUFC. From the very first fixture, the squad set out with one clear objective: win the league. Through commitment, hard work, resilience, and outstanding team spirit, that goal was achieved in emphatic fashion.

1st XV

Across the **Counties 3 League** campaign, the team produced an incredible level of consistency, suffering just one defeat all season, against Tunbridge Wells RFC. Even in that setback, the side showed character by taking 6 points while only conceding 4 points to our closest rivals.

The title race remained competitive throughout the season, but Sittingbourne ultimately proved to be the strongest and most complete side in the league. Finishing as league champions with 95 points, ahead of Tonbridge on 91 points, is a reflection of the squad's quality, determination, and ability to deliver under pressure week after week.

The success did not stop there.

The club also lifted the prestigious **Kent Vase** after a fantastic victory over Cliffe Crusaders RFC, adding silverware to what was already an unforgettable season. Winning the Kent Vase demonstrated the squad's depth, mentality, and ability to perform in big occasions especially after playing a Quarter final the day before !

In addition, the team achieved an outstanding 2nd place finish in the **Central Plate** competition, competing against 82 teams. To reach such a high position in a competition of that scale is a tremendous achievement and further highlights the progress and strength of the club this year.

This season has been built on more than results alone. It has been driven by commitment at every level of the club, from players and coaches to volunteers, supporters, and everyone behind the scenes who continues to make Sittingbourne RUFC such a special place.

To lose only once all season, secure league glory, win the Kent Vase, and finish runners-up in a national competition is an achievement every member of the club should be immensely proud of.

2nd XV Kent Rural B

Our 2's which were lead brilliantly by Liam & Teeder had a good but mixed season but finished strong through March going 4 games unbeaten to finish in 5th place in Kent Rural B winning 10 out of 20 games with 2 draws and 8 loses. There were some fantastic performances through the season beating eventual league winners TJ's 3's 29-27 in a very close fought game and doing doubles over Canterbury 4's and Whitstable with lots of points scored.

Next season our aim is to fulfil every game home and away and push for promotion out of Rural B as the squad we have is very talented and more than capable but consistent availability is key to this success.

The standards set this season have raised the bar for the future, and the foundations are now firmly in place for continued success in the years ahead.

Congratulations to every player, coach, volunteer, sponsor, and supporter who contributed to an unforgettable 2025/26 campaign.

League Champions. Kent Vase Winners. One remarkable season.

Gary Miller

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Women's Rugby Report

This season has been another hugely positive year for SRUFC Women, with continued growth, increased playing opportunities, and significant progress towards establishing a consistently fielded Sittingbourne side.

One of the most encouraging achievements this season has been the continued development of our playing squad. We began the season with seven Sittingbourne players representing the club in our fixture against Gravesend and finished with thirteen Sittingbourne women starting in our final match against Faversham in May. Every fixture throughout the season saw an increase in the number of Sittingbourne players on the teamsheet, highlighting the success of our recruitment, retention, and player development efforts.

Throughout the season, SRUFC Women played five fixtures, including three home matches and two away fixtures. Each game provided valuable experience for both new and established players, allowing the squad to continue developing their confidence, skills, and understanding of the game in a supportive and competitive environment.

Our final fixture of the season against Faversham was a perfect example of the progress made by the team. Sittingbourne Women opened the scoring and produced one of their strongest performances to date, narrowly losing 12-10 in a closely contested match. With a disallowed try and a determined display throughout, the fixture demonstrated not only how far the players have developed on the field but also the strong bond, teamwork, and resilience that has been built within the squad over the course of the season.

Alongside our own fixtures, we continued to strengthen our successful partnership with Maidstone Women. Our players featured in over half of Maidstone's NC3 league matches throughout the season, gaining valuable playing experience while supporting the squad. We were particularly proud to contribute to two home victories for Maidstone, further demonstrating the commitment and development of our players.

The continued growth of the women's section has also been supported by a dedicated coaching team. This season we were delighted to welcome Dan Moore as our forwards coach, whose knowledge and enthusiasm have already made a positive impact on player development. Alongside Dan, we have continued to benefit from the devoted support of Jamie Gash and Jack Miller, whose commitment to the women's section has been instrumental in creating a positive, inclusive, and ambitious environment for all players.

Off the field, the women's section continued to make a positive impact within the club and wider community. Our Rugby Rodeo Quiz Night was a fantastic success, raising over £800 for the women's section. These funds will directly support future opportunities for the squad, including a potential tour next season, while also helping us continue to invest in the growth and development of women's rugby at Sittingbourne.

As we look ahead, the future of SRUFC Women is extremely exciting. We end the season with growing interest in both the club and women's rugby, with the potential to field a 15-player Sittingbourne squad next season before our summer recruitment campaign has even begun. This reflects the hard work, commitment, and enthusiasm shown by everyone involved in the women's section and provides a strong platform for continued success.

A major milestone for next season will be our entry into the Inner Warrior League. The league has been specifically designed to introduce women to rugby through beginner-friendly, flexible, and localised competition, helping players develop confidence, fitness, and game understanding in a supportive and social environment. Joining the league will provide regular playing opportunities for both new and experienced players while supporting our continued growth as a team.

With further recruitment initiatives planned, increased playing opportunities, and a growing squad of committed players, SRUFC Women are well positioned to continue building on this year's achievements and take another significant step forward next season. The foundations laid over the past few years are now beginning to translate into sustained growth, stronger performances, and an exciting future for women's rugby at Sittingbourne Rugby Club.

Chloe Tyler

Sittingbourne Rugby Union Football Club
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Youth Rugby Report

Mini Rugby

Our Minis section is thriving with good squads of players and coaches through Under 6 to Under 11. Apart from more than nine friendly matches, the U7-U11 squads took part in five Festivals in the county. We also hosted the Kent Under 11 Mini Festival and welcomed 10 teams to Sittingbourne. Following Schools events in September we held a very successful Bring-a-Buddy day which resulted in a good number of new players. Social activities included Halloween and Christmas parties, a trip to Twickenham for the Under 8's and, of course, presentations in the marquee to celebrate the Club's 50 Anniversary.

We are very grateful to our coaches for the time and effort they have put in to make this all possible. Thanks are also due to parents and carers for supporting our players and particularly those who have also assisted on match days and at social events.

Particular thanks are due to Alex Green for all the work he has done as Mini Chair, not only as Under 11's coach but in leading the drive for recruitment of players and coaches and organising many of the social events. Alex and his squad will be moving up to the Juniors and we welcome Ben Teeder as Mini Chair. Also to note, we are looking for coaches for next year's Under 6 squad.

Junior Rugby

Our combined Under 12/13 squad has gone from strength to strength this season. Competing in the Kent League for the first time, we were thrown into the deep end against teams including Ashford, Thanet, Canterbury, Old Elthamians, Sevenoaks and Cranbrook. The squad ended an extremely creditable second in the group with three wins, one draw and two losses, including an impressive win against a full-strength Sevenoaks team in the last match. The squad finished the season in style at Westcliffe Festival where we played larger clubs than Sittingbourne and managed to win them all even beating a Bury St. Edmonds side from their youth academy.

Thanks are due to coaches Martin Clark, Steve Hallett and Jacob Smith for achieving so much this season and building a squad so that we will hope to run two teams next season.

Our Under 14 squad was unable to field a team at the beginning of the season and so we combined with Gillingham Anchorians. Although we have been unable to increase the Sittingbourne numbers due to some players leaving and some joining, this has been a very successful venture. Thanks are due to Anchorians for making our players and parents so welcome and giving the players the opportunity to play competitive matches in the league. Glenn Matthews is standing down as coach and we are very grateful to him for managing this and for all he has done for the squad and Club over the years. The squad will continue to play with Anchorians and Greg Phelps will be Sittingbourne lead. Unfortunately our Under 15 and 16 squads suffered significant losses of players at the beginning of the season and were unable to continue, despite valiant efforts by the coaches involved. The remaining players will join a Colts team next season. We are very grateful to Adam Youens, Under 15 coach, for running such a successful squad up to this season and for all he has done for the Club. He leaves to become Schools Games Officer for Sittingbourne and Sheppey, so we are continuing to work with him in this role.

Thanks to our coaches Chris Tombs, Paul Duffield and George Catlin, we fielded a very capable U17/U18 Colts squad this season. Some players made the step up to senior teams and we hope the rest will follow with the Under 17's forming the basis of a Colts team next season.

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Schools Liaison Report

The School Liaison team's objective has always been to develop sustainable links with all local schools, encouraging schools and school children to play rugby and promote Sittingbourne Rugby Club in schools, the greater community and to drive our membership.

Primary / Junior Schools

- Yr 3/4 Skills & Development Event 8th October 25
- Yr 4-5 Tag Festival 24th September 25

As planned, we changed the year groups from yr 2-3 to yr 3-4, as year 2 pupils are in a different Key Stage (KS 1) whereas Yr 3-4 and Yr5-6 are all in Key Stage 2, to simplify communication. Started the events earlier at 10.00 to enable children can return to school before end of lesson. Hold both events a week later and hold the yr 5-6 festival before yr 3-4 event. Allowing more schools more time to settle the new intake. Promote T1 rugby instead of Tag Rugby.

Format for both events was to hold 5 x 10 mins training drills where pupils were coached on specific aspects / skill that forms the basics of the game. Break for lunch, then school teams played each other in competitive game in a controlled based session. Trialled and proven it is successful.

All Swale schools were invited and 9 schools confirmed attendance with 5 schools participating on the day. Still disappointing but was 25% up on the previous year. Reason for cancellations was due to transport issues either not available or being used elsewhere.

Opportunities:

The challenge is do we continue promoting these events for October, which favours our recruitment opportunities or go back to May for better attendance. Conversely, Sheppey Rugby Club may see holding their junior events in May as their opportunity to recruit.

Review attendance numbers

Swale Shield Season 2025 – 26

This is a closed tournament available to only our local senior schools, Borden G, QE, The Abbey School, Fulston Manor, The Sittingbourne School, Westlands, The Howard, Minister College and Leigh School. There has been no real changes / development. We have 3 schools who dominate and play rugby outside of the season and 4 schools that play ad hoc games just for the tournament but surprisingly can put together formable age grade sides

Event dates:

- Year 10 - Wednesday 4th March 26: Supported by 4 teams winner Howard School
- Year 9 - Wednesday 11th March 26: Supported by 4 teams winner Queen Elizabeth School
- Year 8 - Wednesday 18th March 26: Supported by 4 teams (Postponed and replayed due Meningitis outbreak) winner Howards School
- Year 7 - Wednesday 25th March 26: Supported by 6 teams winner Howard School

Estimate the tournaments attracted nearly 270 players and support staff to our Club.

After School Rugby Club:

BOOM !!!! blown out of the water, was unable to recruit our own coaches and when Canterbury Pathways withdrew their coaching support, I had to cancel the project. After spending a lot of time negotiating, updates and costs with our participating schools and recruiting 2 new schools to the proposition, proved our proposition is viable. It was a major embarrassment and set back.

Opportunity

Need to recruit, train up or find a new resource for qualified coaches. The proposition could provide an income stream for the club and potential revenue for supporting colt players.

School Games Organiser

Adam Youens was appointed Schools Games Organiser for Sittingbourne and Sheppey at the beginning of the season as part of a government Schools Games programme funded by the National Lottery and managed by Active Kent and Medway. This should provide a significant opportunity to increase participation by local schools and recruitment for the Club, and we are working with Adam to promote age-grade and T1 rugby in the schools.

Volunteers

All events were well supported by Club coaches and members. All events proved to be successful on the day, colleagues did a great job, the children and supporters really enjoyed themselves. Players were excited with their participation medals and were invited to join a regular Sunday training session and recruitment. Great support and preparation from Kev Smith , David Hall, Steve Hallet (played a blinder), Alan Sharman, Chris Nanson, Martin Clark and Roger Down. Without these people, none of these events could happen

Dates for your 2026-27 Diary

- Yr 5/6 T1, Touch Festival Wednesday 7th October 2026 (10.30 till 15.00)
- Yr 3/4 Skills & Development Event on Wednesday 14th October 2026 (10.30 till 15.00)
- Year 10 -Swale Shield Tournament Wednesday 3rd March 27
- Year 9 -Swale Shield Tournament Wednesday 10th March 27
- Year 8 -Swale Shield Tournament Wednesday 17th March 27
- Year 7 -Swale Shield Tournament Wednesday 24th March 27
- Year 7- Girls (T1) Touch Rugby Event Wednesday 26th May 27 **TBC**

George Catlin

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Safeguarding Report

Safeguarding at Sittingbourne Rugby Club remains everyone's responsibility. As a club over the last year we have worked with RFU to put on a Play-It-Safe course, aimed at all Mini's and Juniors coaches who support children and young people in rugby. This course builds on the e-learning completed by all coaches for these age groups and supports CPD in this area. Thank you to all the coaches who attended this training.

We have featured safeguarding information and signposting in our Coaches Update, to help support self-directed development and providing resources and signposting to help volunteers with their role and situations that they might encounter.

We will be having a change to our Safeguarding Lead and Kelly Miller will be taking over the role of Safeguarding Lead from the 1st June 2026, supported by the current lead until the 1st July 2026, when handover will be fully completed. Kelly has been part of the club for many years and will bring new insight, skills and experience with her into the role. We would like to warmly welcome Kelly to the role of Safeguarding Lead for the club. You will find Kelly's contact details on the website and on posters around the club. Please do reach out if you have any concerns you wish to discuss.

Hayley Clark

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Development Report

Overview

Over the past year, significant progress has been made on the development of the club, with strong momentum across funding, legal advancement, and on-site works. The project remains on track, with completion targeted by the end of the current calendar year.

Grant Funding Progress

- A total of three grant applications have been submitted during the reporting period.
- Of these, two applications have been successful, with one pending securing funding to support key elements of the development.
- Funding received has contributed towards:
 - Core infrastructure works
 - Facility improvements
 - Supporting long-term sustainability of the club
- Additional applications and funding opportunities are constantly under review, with any help or sponsors opportunities welcomed.
- Charity Application needs to be re-submitted with revised feedback from our leads and charity organisations.

Legal & Governance Progress

- Progress has been made on the legal framework underpinning the development.
- Key achievements include:
 - Advancement of land agreements and tenure security
 - Finalisation of key contractual arrangements required for construction
- Legal processes are now in drafting stages providing a solid and secure foundation for the project moving forward.

On-Site Development Works

- There has been substantial visible progress on site over the past year.
- Pitches are complete with posts to be added.
- Works completed and underway include:
 - Groundworks and site preparation
 - Installation of key infrastructure
 - Progression of building and facility construction
- The pace of delivery has increased in recent months, with contractors now fully mobilised.
- The project remains on track for completion by the end of this calendar year, subject to no unforeseen delays.

Summary

The development is now firmly in the delivery phase, with tangible improvements visible and accelerating.

Next Steps

- Complete remaining construction works, managed via Quinns and regular meetings with development team.
- Confirm timing for pitch 3 and training area, managed via Barret Wilson Homes, regular contact is needed here.

- Finalise any outstanding funding approvals, Chris Nutley will lead on this topic.
- Prepare for operational transition into the new facilities, exec and main committee will lead on this point.
- Ensure readiness club and community use, including charity application, from a document and legislative point, Chris Nutley will lead on this.

Support Required – Volunteers & Sponsors

As we move into the final phase of development, support from the wider club community remains critical.

We are actively seeking:

- Volunteers to support ongoing activities, events, and the transition into the new facilities.
- Sponsors and partners interested in supporting the club's continued growth and visibility within the community.

There are a range of sponsorship opportunities available, offering strong local exposure and alignment with a growing, community-focused club. An example is the club house kitchen is now fitted out via a mini parent, we thank Mark and the team at Rational for their support on this!

Summary

This has been a year of meaningful progress and momentum. With funding secured, legal foundations established, and construction well advanced, SRUFC is now approaching the completion of a transformational development for the club.

The continued support of members, volunteers, and partners will be key to ensuring we maximise the opportunity this investment provides.

Chris Nutley

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Financial Report

The final financial position for the club after the season is an overall improvement of £4,380, up from an improvement of £2,162 last season. The final cash position was £26,564, of this £10,076 is allocated to other activities such as funds from the golf day, fundraising from the women's section and the U17s. This means there is £16,488 available for the club to spend in future seasons (£12,108 last season).

Overall, this season the club raised £60,476 (£38,716 24/25), with £23,041 coming through memberships (£20,509 24/25). A further £36,120 came from donations and sponsorship (£11,995 24/25), the largest of these being a very generous £25,900 from Smart CI, along with another £10,220 from 11 other sponsors.

The club's expenditure this year was £56,096 (£36,554 24/25). The largest cost was to GCCC of £12,645 (£16,361 24/25). This season was also the time to replace the club shirts which cost £8,756. Another significant cost was £2,900 for hire of coaches to the cup final, which were covered off by sponsorship from Smart CI. Other costs were not too dissimilar to the previous season, more detail on the costs can be seen in the financial statements.

As a final comment, it should be noted that the current balance in the fundraising account (and not included in the above numbers) is £32,519.

James Fassenfelt

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Sponsorship Report

The 2025/26 season has seen Smart CI Group become SRUFC's main sponsor. Ryan George of Smart has, very generously, taken on sponsorship of our club-wide playing kit for the next three years, as well as sponsor our 50th year polo shirts, and the two buses that took 100+ players/staff/supporters to Coventry for the 1XV's national final. We can't thank Ryan enough for his support of the club, both financially and as a coach/parent in the juniors. We would also like to show our appreciation to Andy Butler (MJ Plastics and Plumbing) for his long-standing financial support that came to an end in 2025.

On the subject of playing kit, we have retained Quinn Estates and APM Metals as playing kit sleeve sponsors for the next three years and aim to continue working with both. We appreciate their continued support of the club. Further info on Quinn is included in the development update.

The player sponsorship project has continued this year with four players sponsored from different local businesses: BC Shutters and Blinds, LeeMick Ltd, The Three Hats and Burley Decorators. We would like to work to increase this number and brainstorm how to better incentivise local businesses as we get closer to our move to Wises Lane.

This year we introduced a senior Player of the Month award, which was kindly sponsored by GPR Team. This has served not only to bring a small profit to the club, but as motivator/morale-booster to the senior players. We hope to work with GPR Team to renew this project into the 2026/27 season.

For the Future

At present, we are talking to multiple interested parties about potential sponsorship of our Women's team, who have reached out via social media.

HPS are a returning sponsor in the pipeline. We hope to have good news to share soon.

A thank you to Mark Bishop of Rational, who has committed to supply a new kitchen at our Wises Lane premises.

We encourage all club members to speak to their employers, friends/family owning businesses. There are plenty of opportunities to sponsor, and varying benefits to sponsors, including: social media, training/leisure wear, equipment, opportunities at Wises Lane.

Jamie Talbot