



WHITLEY BAY ROCKCLIFF RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2026

The 2026 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the members of Whitley Bay Rockcliff Rugby Football Club Limited is to take place as follows:

Date: Saturday, 27 June 2026

Time: 11am (until approximately midday)

Location: The Clubhouse, Whitley Bay Rockcliff RFC, Lovaine Avenue, Whitley Bay, NE25 8RW
(please [register your attendance here](#))

AGENDA

1. To read the notice convening the Meeting and to receive apologies for absence.
2. To approve the minutes of the AGM held on 28 June 2025.
3. To transact the following items of Ordinary Business:
 - (a) to receive draft accounts, for the period to 31 March 2026;
 - (b) to receive from the Board a report of the activities of the Club since the previous AGM;
 - (c) to appoint Ryecroft Glenton as reporting accountants to the Club; and
 - (d) to announce the election of the President, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and the Elected Directors to be appointed (See Note 1 below).
4. To transact the following items of Special Business:
 - (a) to announce the election (as appropriate) of the members of the General Committee who are not directors of the company (See Note 2 below).
 - (b) to approve the membership subscription rates for the forthcoming season
5. Any other business as notified by 11am on Saturday, 20 June 2026.

ITEM 2. Minutes of the AGM held on 28 June 2025.

Minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the members of Whitley Bay Rockcliff Rugby Football Club Limited which took place at the Clubhouse on Saturday, 28 June 2025 and commenced at 11am.

In attendance: Ross Bailey, Wayne Beckett, Anne Bennett, Kieran Bibby, Richard Bloomfield, Geoff Bowman, Karl Briggs, Eric Brooks, Brian Callender, Scott Carruthers, Joe Davies, Thomas Dent, Ben Drury, Jonathan Eeles, Ian Firth, Joan Firth, Rod Fletcher, Lawrence Fletcher, Clare Gibson, Dave Hill, Micky Knott, Daniel Leach, Nigel Lock, Shaun Malarkey, Jacquie Malarkey, Connor Madden, Noel Mather, Michael Marvell, Peter Mordue, Andy Partis, Charlotte Punter, Martin Page, Mike Reid, Bill Reynolds, Ian Richardson, Mal Robinson, Luke Robinson, Andy Scott, Andy Sugden, Neil Thornton, Martin Train, Peter Webb, Ed Williams, Chris Wood, Darren Whitworth.

1. The notice convening the meeting was read and apologies for absence received from: Ian Atkinson, Christopher Bourke, Michael Burn, Ian Chandler, William Colbeck, Rob Hamilton, Michael Hopper, David Neasham, Jim Routledge, Elliot Thomson, Simon Tindall, Peter Young.

A count of those present took place and there being more than 20 members who were eligible voting members, the President, as Chair of the meeting, declared the meeting quorate.

2. The minutes of the AGM held on Saturday, 22 June 2024 were approved as a true record, the motion to do so being proposed by Andrew Sugden and seconded by Micky Knott.

3. Items of Ordinary Business:

(a) Draft accounts for the period to 31 March 2025 were received.

The Treasurer introduced the Draft Accounts and referred members to the copy that had been circulated in advance of the meeting. He highlighted a significant increase in bar takings of around £20,000 which is a 10 per cent increase. This was an excellent performance and would have been more if it wasn't for the floodlight failure period we experienced this season which led to training and external pitch hire being cancelled for a significant period.

The Treasurer explained some of the challenges caused by the rise in the minimum wage, and that we pay the top rate regardless of age, but that this is something that works for the club in terms of recruiting and retaining staff. The Treasurer also acknowledged the work Scott Carruthers has done to bring down the cost of insurance and that 9 months of this year's insurance was at the old rate, but the reduction Scott negotiated has had an impact, and will have an even bigger impact next year. The Treasurer explained that income from subscriptions remained steady at just over £50,000. All-in-all, the trading position of the club is healthier than last year, and is about £6,000 in profit, slightly more when the rebate from Gilbert comes through which is expected to be around £2500. Once depreciation and amortisation are taken into account though, the net deficit for the year, as it stands, is around £12,500.

The President thanked the Treasurer for the presentation and invited questions from the floor.

A member asked where the income from Bridge Club hire of the clubhouse was recorded in the accounts. The Treasurer confirmed that this income is included under "Functions".

A member queried the expenses relating to community coaching. The Chair explained that the total cost is shared with other local clubs, and that a County grant will offset approximately one third of the £9,000 reported cost. He added that the club has received a report outlining the impact and value of the community coaching programme, which will be reviewed.

A member asked whether the club was operating at a profit or loss in real terms. The Treasurer advised that, on a cash basis, the club recorded a surplus of approximately £6,000, which will increase further once the Gilbert rebate is received. However, after accounting for depreciation of assets, the accounts show a deficit of approximately £12,500. The Treasurer explained the rationale for including depreciation in the accounts.

A member raised concerns about the high cost of utilities and asked whether any action could be taken. The Director of Facilities confirmed that efficiency surveys have been undertaken and that options such as heat pumps have been costed. At present, these are not considered cost-effective, although the position will continue to be reviewed.

A member noted that this is the fourth or fifth consecutive year in which the club has reported a loss after depreciation, and questioned whether this was sustainable. The Chair acknowledged the concern and highlighted several exceptional challenges during the year, including floodlight failure and the inconsistent availability of a men's second team, which reduced home fixtures and impacted bar revenue. He agreed that the current position would not be sustainable long term and outlined measures being proposed to improve income, including an increase in membership subscriptions, the introduction of a new till system, and the return of events such as the Super 10s. The President reiterated that the club is actively working to maximise income and expressed his thanks to Neil Thornton, the club steward, and his staff for their efforts over the year.

A member highlighted the significant cost of bank and card transaction charges (approximately £4,500) and asked whether a cash-only model should be considered. The Treasurer explained that cash handling also incurs costs, including insurance and banking fees, and confirmed that the club continues to review its options, including alternative card providers. A further suggestion was made that the club could operate on a cashless basis; the Treasurer reiterated that all options remain under review.

A member asked whether expenditure on facility refurbishments (such as the recent changing room improvements) offsets depreciation. The Treasurer confirmed that such expenditure does not offset depreciation in the accounts.

A member queried whether the club should revalue its assets and whether this would impact the financial position, and also asked whether a sinking fund exists to cover depreciation. The Treasurer explained that revaluation would be a non-cash (paper) exercise and confirmed that, while there is no specific sinking fund, the club does hold cash reserves.

A member asked whether the club could increase profitability by promoting higher-margin bar products. Another member suggested introducing member pricing, as seen at other clubs, both to

incentivise membership and to ensure non-members pay appropriate rates during functions. The Treasurer confirmed that a new till system will enable member pricing and noted that bar pricing is continually reviewed, with margins varying depending on suppliers.

A member asked whether, given the current financial position, it was appropriate to proceed with the proposed clubhouse extension. The Chair acknowledged the concern and confirmed that the club would not commit to any project that it could not afford.

The President formally thanked the Treasurer for his service, noting that this would be his final presentation of the accounts as he steps down from the role.

The President thanked the members for their questions then moved on to the next item.

(b) A report from the Board of the activities of the Club since the previous AGM was received.

The President introduced the Chair to present the Directors reports. The Chair highlighted that we do need to address the financial situation and that this would be a priority for the coming year. He acknowledged the challenging season the men's side have had, which ultimately ended in relegation. This is very much a period of transition, and a real opportunity, with a young side, to regroup and rebuild going forward. This, coupled with the continued strength of the women's and age-grade sections presents a real opportunity. He highlighted that another significant challenge is the size of our volunteer pool, and that this will be another challenge to engage with to avoid overburdening a small group of volunteers. All in all the position the club is in is a good one, with lots of opportunities, but also some significant challenges.

(c) Ryecroft Glenton were reappointed as reporting accountants to the Club the motion being proposed by Bill Reynolds and seconded by Andy Sugden and was approved unanimously.

(d) There being only one person nominated to the roles of President, Chair, Treasurer, Director of Rugby, Director of Safety, Health and Facilities, and Director of Volunteers they were elected unopposed as follows:

- President: Richard Bloomfield, who was proposed by Ian Firth and seconded by Scott Carruthers.
- Chair: Andy Sugden, who was proposed by Simon Tindall and seconded by Cathryn Clark.
- Secretary: Micky Knott, who was proposed by Andy Partis and seconded by Wayne Beckett.
- Treasurer: Shaun Malarkey, who was proposed by Bill Reynolds and seconded by Micky Knott.
- Director of Rugby: Karl Briggs, who was proposed by Ian Chandler and seconded by Micky Knott.
- Director of Safety, Health and Facilities: Dave Hill, who was proposed by Nigel Lock and seconded by Bill Reynolds.
- Director of Volunteers: Martin Train who was proposed by Lawrence Fletcher and seconded by Ian Chandler.

The President reminded members that those newly elected would be taking up their positions immediately following the Annual General Meeting.

4. Items of Special Business.

a) Three members of the General Committee who are not directors of the company were elected unopposed as follows:

- Elected Member: Noel Mather, who was proposed by Micky Knott and seconded by Richard Bloomfield.
- Fixtures Secretary: Shaun Malarkey who was proposed by Bill Reynolds and seconded by Micky Knott.
- County Representative: Ian Richardson, who was proposed by Andrew Sugden and seconded by Micky Knott.

No nominations had been received for the role of Membership Secretary. It was proposed by Andy Sugden and seconded by Micky Knott that the members empowered the Board to co-opt appropriate individuals to the role of County Representative. Those members present voted unanimously to accept the proposal.

The members noted that the following positions were nominated by their respective sub-committee to the General Committee:

- Chair of Age Grade Rugby: Martin Train. Nominated by the Age Grade Section.
- Chair of Men's Rugby: Rob Hamilton. Nominated by the Men's Rugby Committee.
- Chair of Women's Rugby: Cathryn Clark. Nominated by the Women's Rugby Section.
- Chair of Touch Rugby: Lesley Marshall. Nominated by the Touch Rugby Section
- Club Captain: Sam Train. Nominated by the Joint Rugby Group.
- Head of Mini Rugby: Jonathan Eeles. Nominated by the Age Grade Section.
- Head of Boys Rugby: Simon Tindall. Nominated by Age Grade Section.
- Head of Girls Rugby: Ingrid Whitworth. Nominated by the Age Grade Section.
- Immediate Past President: Scott Carruthers. *Ex officio*.

The position of Honorary Vice President was to be appointed in due course.

b) Membership subscription fees for the coming season were approved unanimously with an increase of 25 per cent on the previous season, the motion having been proposed by Bill Reynolds and seconded by Andrew Sugden.

In presenting the proposal, the Chair highlighted that membership subscriptions have not increased since 2018, during which time costs have risen by approximately 30%. He noted that, in comparison with other rugby clubs and sports organisations, the club's subscription fees remain at the lower end. He also emphasised the existence of a hardship scheme, ensuring that financial circumstances do not act as a barrier to participation, as fees can be waived where necessary. The Chair further outlined the need for additional investment in coaching, equipment, and facilities. For most members, the proposed increase represents a modest rise of £3 per month, from £12 to £15.

A member asked about the current collection rate for subscriptions. The Chair advised that this is approximately 96% for age-grade members and around 80% for senior players.

A member queried whether the GMS system allows for differentiated pricing, such as student rates or other discounted memberships. The Secretary confirmed that this functionality is available.

A member asked whether the Bridge Club are considered members of the club. It was clarified that they are not; they operate as a separate organisation and currently hire the club's facilities, although this may be reviewed in the future.

A member asked when the revised subscription rates would take effect. The Chair confirmed that the new rates will be implemented from 1 September.

5. Any Other Business

Three items of Other Business had been received by the deadline for submission:

5a: Proposal to allow dogs (on a lead) on all parts of the tarmac path that divides both rugby pitches (Daniel Leach)

Daniel presented his proposal from the floor, outlining that many members are dog owners and would welcome the opportunity to bring their dogs to the club. He expressed the view that owners would act responsibly in supervising their dogs and ensuring they remain off grassed areas.

The Director of Facilities outlined relevant health and safety considerations, noting both the potential benefits and risks associated with permitting dogs on site.

A spirited discussion followed, with members expressing views both in favour of and against the proposal. It was acknowledged that, should dogs be permitted, clear conditions would be required. These included that dogs must be kept on leads at all times and restricted to tarmac areas only, with no access to grassed areas. It was further emphasised that responsibility for enforcing these rules would rest with all members, not solely ground crew or committee members and that individuals should feel confident in challenging non-compliance.

It was suggested that appropriate signage would be required to clearly communicate the policy to dog owners. A member also proposed that sanctions should be considered for those failing to comply with the rules.

Following discussion, a vote was taken. The proposal was carried by 22 votes to 21.

It was agreed that dogs would be permitted on tarmac areas only, subject to the conditions outlined, for a trial period of three months from the start of the season. The policy will then be reviewed.

5b: Nomination of a Life Member - The Management Committee

The President, on behalf of the Management Committee, proposed that Nigel Jamieson be awarded Honorary Life Membership of the club. He explained that the proposal was made in recognition of Nigel's outstanding contribution over many years as a player, coach, and volunteer.

The President outlined Nigel's significant service across these areas and noted that the proposal to make him the 34th Life Member of the club had the full support of both the Management Committee and the existing Life Members.

The proposal was carried unanimously.

The President advised that Nigel Jamieson was not present, as he is currently on holiday in France. He confirmed that Nigel would be informed of the decision and that arrangements would be made for a formal presentation upon his return.

Following on from this, Shaun Malarkey as the incoming treasurer took the opportunity to thank Bill Reynolds as the outgoing treasurer, for all his hard work in the role over many years.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 12:38pm.

Micky Knott
Secretary
Whitley Bay Rockcliff Rugby Football Club Limited

Whitley Bay Rockcliff RFC Ltd

Draft Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

Whitley Bay Rockcliff RFC Ltd

Bar Trading Account for Year Ended 31 March 2026

| | Y/e 31-Mar-26 | | Y/e 31-Mar-25 | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Sales | | 245,341 | | 201,012 |
| Less Cost of Sales | | | | |
| Opening Stock | 12,544 | | 9,794 | |
| Purchases | 128,415 | | 111,918 | |
| | <u>140,959</u> | | <u>121,712</u> | |
| Closing Stock | - 11,038 | | - 12,544 | |
| | | <u>129,921</u> | | <u>109,168</u> |
| Gross Profit | 47.0% | 115,420 | 45.7% | 91,844 |
| Less: Bar Costs | | | | |
| Wages - Steward | 38,982 | | 35,891 | |
| Wages - Bar Staff | 57,064 | | 49,709 | |
| | <u>96,046</u> | | <u>85,600</u> | |
| Bar Licences, etc | 355 | | 389 | |
| | | <u>96,401</u> | | <u>85,989</u> |
| | 7.8% | 19,019 | 2.9% | 5,855 |
| Function Profits (room hire) | | 20,194 | | 15,726 |
| Net Bar Profit | 16.0% | <u>39,213</u> | 10.7% | <u>21,581</u> |

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Revenue Account for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

| | Y/e 31-Mar-26 | | Y/e 31-Mar-25 | |
|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Income | | | | |
| Bar Trading Profit | | 39,213 | | 21,581 |
| 50 to 1 Club | | 4,080 | | 3,748 |
| AGP Upkeep | 14,700 | | 14,700 | |
| AGP Expenses | - 8,328 | 6,372 | - 5,531 | 9,169 |
| Advertising & Sponsorship | | 1,621 | | 3,607 |
| Beer Festival | | 9,737 | | 7,466 |
| Burns Night | | 1,220 | | 1,613 |
| Donations & Special Events | | 2,223 | | 110 |
| Grants | | 6,264 | | 15,364 |
| Premium Bond Win | | 100 | | - |
| Interest Received | | 469 | | 818 |
| International Tickets | | 1,258 | | 2,467 |
| Merchandise | | 557 | | 2,001 |
| Pitch Hire | | - | | 1,280 |
| Raffles, programmes | | 595 | | 809 |
| Subscriptions | | | | |
| Players | 58,901 | | 52,959 | |
| Social & VP | 1,132 | | 867 | |
| | | 60,033 | | 53,826 |
| | | 133,742 | | 123,859 |
| Ladies/Girls Teams - Fund Raising | | 2,734 | | 1,157 |
| Age Grade Fund Raising | | 7,477 | | 6,445 |
| WB Rockcliff RFC Foundation Grants | | 24,149 | | 23,993 |
| Net Income c/fwd | | 168,102 | | 155,454 |

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Revenue Account for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

| | Y/e 31-Mar-26 | | Y/e 31-Mar-25 | |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Net Income b/fwd | | 168,102 | | 155,454 |
| Expenditure | | | | |
| Rugby Playing Costs | | | | |
| Travel & Team Expenses | 3,530 | | 3,279 | |
| Strips, Balls & Equipment | 16,617 | | 21,490 | |
| Kit Laundry | 409 | | 1,099 | |
| AGP Hire | 1,852 | | 3,813 | |
| Coaching | 6,820 | | 4,545 | |
| Other Costs | 10,199 | | 6,618 | |
| Physiotherapy | 6,899 | | 6,972 | |
| | 46,326 | | 47,816 | |
| Community Coaching | 9,483 | | 9,333 | |
| | | 55,809 | | 57,149 |
| Ground Maintenance | | 1,927 | | 7,685 |
| | | 57,736 | | 64,834 |
| Clubhouse & General | | | | |
| Rates - General | 1,591 | | 513 | |
| Rates - Refuse Collection | 4,044 | | 3,282 | |
| Insurance | 2,292 | | 5,298 | |
| Water | 4,303 | | 3,394 | |
| Light, Heat & Power | 15,948 | | 18,145 | |
| Equipment Hire & Leasing | 6,985 | | 3,622 | |
| Repairs & Renewals | 9,949 | | 14,442 | |
| Cleaning & Materials | 24,038 | | 20,777 | |
| Telephone & BT TV Subscription | 5,567 | | 3,382 | |
| Postage & Stationery | 667 | | 362 | |
| Other Expenses | 4,926 | | 2,527 | |
| Accountancy Charges | 1,823 | | 1,982 | |
| Legal & Professional | 662 | | - | |
| Bank & Card Charges | 5,759 | | 4,772 | |
| | | 88,554 | | 82,498 |
| Corporation Tax | | - | | - |
| | | 146,290 | | 147,332 |
| Net 'Cash' Income | | 21,812 | | 8,122 |
| 'Non-cash' Items | | | | |
| Depreciation - Clubhouse | 13,668 | | 24,585 | |
| Depreciation - Changing Rooms | 14,292 | | 14,292 | |
| Depreciation - Fencing & Ground | 895 | | 4,655 | |
| Depreciation - Furniture & Fittings | 162 | | - | |
| | 29,017 | | 43,532 | |
| Less grant Amortisation | 25,216 | | 25,216 | |
| | | 3,801 | | 18,316 |
| Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year | | 18,011 | | -10,194 |

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2026

| | 31-Mar-26 | | 31-Mar-25 | |
|--|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Fixed Assets | | | | |
| Buildings | 138,647 | | 159,045 | |
| Fencing & Equipment | 1,363 | | 2,258 | |
| Fixtures & Fittings | 920 | | - | |
| | | 140,930 | | 161,303 |
| Investments | | | | |
| Premium Bonds | | 500 | | 500 |
| | | 141,430 | | 161,803 |
| Current Assets | | | | |
| Stock | 12,868 | | 15,848 | |
| Debtors & Prepayments | 4,990 | | 3,778 | |
| Bank Accounts | 114,846 | | 95,236 | |
| Cash in Hand | 1,000 | | 1,000 | |
| | 133,704 | | 115,862 | |
| Current Liabilities | | | | |
| WBR Foundation | 9,775 | | 10,002 | |
| Suppliers | 16,304 | | 7,877 | |
| VAT & PAYE | 7,930 | | 4,050 | |
| Creditors & Accruals | 4,585 | | 3,159 | |
| | 38,594 | | 25,088 | |
| Net Current Assets(Liabilities) | | 95,110 | | 90,774 |
| | | 236,540 | | 252,577 |
| Longer Term Loan | | | | |
| RFF | 7,517 | | 11,682 | |
| Northumberland RFU | - | | 4,667 | |
| | | 7,517 | | 16,349 |
| Grants | | 74,871 | | 100,087 |
| | | 154,152 | | 136,141 |
| Represented by: | | | | |
| Revenue Reserves | | | | |
| At 1-Apr-25 | 136,141 | | 146,335 | |
| Surplus/(loss) this year | 18,011 | | -10,194 | |
| | | 154,152 | | 136,141 |
| | | 154,152 | | 136,141 |

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Fixed Assets as at 31 March 2026

| | Club House £ | Furniture & Equipment £ | Changing Rooms £ | Fencing & Equipment £ | Total £ |
|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Cost | | | | | |
| - Cost b/f | 284,824 | - | 298,956 | 85,042 | 668,822 |
| - Additions | 7,562 | 1,082 | - | - | 8,644 |
| - Disposals | - | - | - | - | - |
| - Cost c/fwd | 292,386 | 1,082 | 298,956 | 85,042 | 677,466 |
| Depreciation | | | | | |
| - Depreciation b/f | 238,525 | - | 186,210 | 82,784 | 507,519 |
| - Depn this period | 13,668 | 162 | 14,292 | 895 | 29,017 |
| - Depn on disposals | - | - | - | - | - |
| - Depreciation c/f | 252,193 | 162 | 200,502 | 83,679 | 536,536 |
| Net Book Value | | | | | |
| As At 31 March 2026 | 40,193 | 920 | 98,454 | 1,363 | 140,930 |
| As At 31 March 2025 | 46,299 | - | 112,746 | 2,258 | 161,303 |

| | Grants £ |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Grants | |
| - grants b/f | 336,064 |
| - Additions | - |
| - Disposals | - |
| - Grants c/fwd | 336,064 |
| Depreciation | |
| - Depreciation b/f | 235,977 |
| - Depn this period | 25,216 |
| - Depn on disposals | - |
| - Depreciation c/f | 261,193 |
| Net Book Value | |
| As At 31 March 2026 | 74,871 |
| As At 31 March 2025 | 100,087 |

ITEM 3b: Report of the activities of the Club since the previous AGM.

President: Richie Bloomfield

I have now completed my second full term as President of Whitley Bay Rockcliff RFC. and, whilst my first year in office was very much about learning the ropes, gaining experience and fitting into the club management structure, this past twelve-month period has felt far more productive from my standpoint, on both a personal and collective level.

Focusing firstly on my own particular responsibilities within the Management Committee: I am tasked with overseeing all matters relating to '*Culture and Community*' at Rockcliff. This currently involves me promoting a '*One Club Vision*' across all rugby sections; the communication of our cultural and strategic plans; and working on improving relations with our neighbours. I feel that progress has definitely been made over the past year on all aspects of this remit, although I am conscious that this will always be a 'work in progress' and something that will need regular attention.

My idea of a '*One Club Vision*' is that every member of Rockcliff is aware of virtually everything that goes on at our club, both on and off the pitch, no matter how large or small, and not just matters relating to whichever team or section they are attached to. By engendering a feeling of belonging to the *whole* club it is my hope that we can all work hard, play hard, celebrate and commiserate together, with the common aim of making Rockcliff a club that everyone - members and the wider Whitley Bay community - can feel rightly proud of.

This links nicely to '*The Rockcliff Way*', a culture project undertaken by the club and assisted by Ben Drury (to whom go my sincere thanks). Rolled out to all of our membership from September 2025, the project's aims were to understand what members see as Rockcliff's collective values and beliefs, and then to collate these into a single accessible document. It gave me a real sense of satisfaction to have been part of a project which was able to evaluate our club's collective views around its culture, values and expected behaviours, and I hope that moving forwards this document will underpin all of our actions.

In addition, I see the continuation of our distinctive pre-match lunches (where we look to extend the hand of friendship to our opponents, as well as our own members), and the output of our thriving History Society (which aims to make all members aware and proud of our club's rich and fascinating past), as very much adding in a positive manner to our overall culture. On both of these fronts I feel that we are probably not that far off becoming 'market leaders' within North East rugby. In relation to my remit of improving our relationship with our neighbours, I have always taken this to mean not just getting on better with those who live in the vicinity of Hillheads, but promoting the club to the wider community. In reality the quality of our relationship with those living close to the club hinges (understandably) on the occasional excessive parking and noise issues caused by visitors. The formation of a WhatsApp group, allowing us to inform our immediate neighbours of fixtures and functions which may potentially affect them, appears to be working very well for both parties and our relationship is currently on a good track. Similarly, our stock in the wider Whitley Bay community is currently equally good, thanks to strong links over the past 12 months with local groups such as the Royal British Legion, the Whitley Bay Fiesta and St. Paul's Church, to name just a few. I hope to continue the positive work on both fronts in the coming year.

On rugby matters I have had the pleasure of spectating at the majority of the Men's and Roses games this season, as well as taking in numerous age-grade fixtures. My aim in doing this has been to try and be as visible and approachable to as many of our members (and visitors) as possible, as well as fervently supporting all of those playing in Cardinal and Gold. I have been extremely proud of the way all of our players and coaches have conducted themselves on and off the pitch, and also of the amazing support given to all of our teams from the touchline. My own particular highlight was seeing the Roses go through an unbeaten league campaign to claim the title, although the vastly improved overall performance of the Men's First Team came a close second. It also gives me infinite pleasure to see the continuing flow of age-grade players into our senior teams; proof, if it were needed, that all of the hard work carried out by the numerous coaches, managers, first-aiders etc. is bearing rich fruit.

I also want to say a heartfelt thank you to every one of our fabulous volunteers, whatever role you carry out, for selflessly helping to keep our club going over the past year. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Finally I want to thank my fellow directors. The majority of the work that they have done over the past year probably goes unseen by the majority of club members, however I have seen at close hand how much time and effort you have given to ensure that Rockcliff is fit for purpose, both on and off the pitch. Your passion, dedication and commitment are applauded by me.

Richie.

Chair: Andy Sugden

This is the second year I've had the honour of reporting to you as the Chair of your rugby club, and I'm pleased that I can reflect on a largely positive year.

Our rugby offer is strong, and getting better.

On the field our adult teams have had a much better season, with the Roses etching their name on the league trophy (undefeated!), our Men performing well with a third place finish in Counties 2, and a reinvigorated Vikings provided the challenge for every First XV position. Our Age Grade setup continues to be a real highlight with record numbers, particularly in the younger ages, and a significant number of Colts and U18 Girls making the step up to senior rugby demonstrating that our focus on a solid pathway and transition is beginning to bear fruit. We still have some vulnerabilities with teams at all clubs folding and merging, particularly at U16 upwards, but that's something we're managing so that our young players get the rugby they crave and maintain their links with Rockcliff. Touch rugby continues to grow its offer with more people than ever enjoying the game here.

Commercially we've done well but there is more to do.

You'll have seen in the accounts that the bar takings this year have been the best ever and delivered a profit of more than £3000 per month, all of which gets reinvested in our club and sporting offer. Neil and his team deserve significant plaudits for not only the result but style in which they do it: continually offering a warm, proper rugby club welcome. Our wider commercial income - from sponsorship and events - hasn't been so impressive, with efforts to develop a commercial team of volunteers faltering. We're getting some outside support funded by the RFU in order to bring some focus and better execution in this area which is vital as we prepare for a new kit supply contract, with the sponsorship opportunities that brings, in 2027.

Financial reporting and budgeting needs to be tighter.

Our bar profits and membership income are both up and we've maintained a tight rein on day-to-day spend, but we continue to be buffeted by inflation pressures - particularly for utilities - so the final outturn isn't as positive as we might have hoped. Behind this, we've struggled to develop a rhythm of regular financial reporting and budgeting rigour. If we want to be investing for the long term sustainability of the club - particularly on projects like the planned extension - then we must be more deliberate and proactive in how we manage the club's finances.

Volunteers are our greatest strength and our Achilles Heel.

There are well over 100 people who give their time and energy to volunteering at this club. Without them games wouldn't get played, pitches wouldn't get mown, kids wouldn't get coached, beer festivals and fun days wouldn't happen, in fact little if anything would. I can get quite emotional about the gratitude I feel for the difference that this collective effort makes, and in some small way the event that follows this AGM is the club's chance to say thank you to everyone who does their bit. Despite this, we continue to have some key roles unfilled and many of our volunteers doing two, three or more distinct jobs. There's no easy answer, it might come from the plans we have to develop a more systematic approach to recruiting and supporting our volunteers, or perhaps we

need to decide that some things are simply beyond us with the resources we have. Or maybe this is the lot of volunteer-run, ambitious, community rugby club and we learn to live with it!

I'm honoured to sit alongside the rest of the Management Committee and the army of members, volunteers and supporters who make this club that terrific place that it is.

Director of Rugby: Karl Briggs

Reflecting on my first year back in the rugby hotseat I feel very proud of the efforts of all involved at Rockcliff, whether it be coaching, playing, organising or all of the unseen things that happen to ensure everyone can play rugby.

I would like to give special thanks to the Joint Rugby Group- Martin Train, Cathryn Clark, Simon Tindall, Lesley Marshall and Rob Hamilton for their hard work running their particular sections which in turn makes my job much easier.

Men's Rugby

First team finished third in Counties 2, Durham and Northumberland which is a great achievement with our young team two seasons into our rebuild, our continued ability to give senior colts a debut at the highest club level possible has been one of the highlights for me and shows the production line is whirring back into action.

Vikings finished second in Candy league 3 after a strong season which saw a good number of senior colts make their senior debuts alongside the ever present stalwarts.

Thanks go to David Neasham who is standing down as Vikings Captain after a few tumultuous years in which he has continuously steadied the ship behind the scenes and led from the front whilst playing and to Andy Dunn who is stepping back from his coaching role.

We are still some way off being able to field a third team but hopefully with a few new players it will be back on the cards shortly.

The season ends with our very own Super 10s which is always a great event.

Pre-season starts on the 2nd of July with optional summer fitness underway on Monday nights.

Touch Rugby

Numbers for social touch continue to be good with a broad range of ages taking part. 3 young touch players have been selected for junior raiders training in July: Max Tyler, Austin Stanley and Beatrice Hawkins.

Walking rugby continues on Friday nights

Athena Enderstein, Carl Cockburn, and Lesley Marshall have been selected in England's high performance squad and Gareth Bell in Scotland's over 40s squad for the European Championships next month

Women's Rugby

The Roses finished their season unbeaten in the league with 12 wins from 12 games seeing them get promoted to NC2 North.

Six Roses earned a place in this season's County squads, Caitlin McVeigh, Adelle Telford and Brooke Neal-Wright represented Northumberland in the Gill Burns County Championship. And Clare Gibson, Alyx Charlton and Abi Fraser played in the Northumberland development team.

The end of season awards night saw the Roses presented with the Noel Jackson Rockcliff Team of the Year Award for their outstanding efforts on the field.

Planning for next season has already begun with a team entered into the inner warrior league to help with player numbers and pre-season planned to begin on the 1st of July with optional summer fitness during June.

Recruitment events are planned for freshers week at the unis.

The Roses have also continued with our pathway from junior rugby by having 2 U18 girls make their senior debuts during the season and having the U18 girls at training when their schedules line up.

Age Grade

Another strong year for our Age Grade section as we continue to solidify our position as one of the biggest in the North East of England. With around 450 girls and boys from U6 to U18, the famous cardinal and gold can be seen having fun and showing off their skills on pitches across the region.

One sign that we have truly embedded The Rockcliff Way is the amount of unsolicited feedback we receive throughout the year from opposition coaches, expressing their admiration for our teams and the way they behave when representing the club.

That is testament to our fantastic group of volunteers who coach, manage, and care for the kids on a weekly basis. We have a very committed group who are engaging with training courses to ensure the kids have the best possible experience at training and on match days.

Like all clubs, we do have some challenges, and the lack of a U16 boys team this season will have a knock on effect on our Colts for the next two seasons. It is a reminder that we cannot rest on our laurels.

As well as the players who have been recognised for their representative honours, I would like to acknowledge a number of Age Grade volunteers who are stepping down at the end of this season: Tony Hansen (Colts), Rachel Inman (U18G), David Inman (U18G), Ben Carr (U13B), Maryann Carr (U13B), and Claire Hayden (Safeguarding Officer). They have all contributed fantastically to the Age Grade section over many years, and their presence will be missed. Thank you.

Director of Health, Safety, Safeguarding and Facilities: Dave Hill

Safeguarding

- After sterling support over the last few years, our Safeguarding Officer, Claire Hayden, is standing down. Thank you Claire, you have been a star!
- We welcome our new Safeguarding Officer, Debs Alderson, who has vast experience in this area.
- We have, thankfully, had only the odd minor safeguarding issues across the last year, thanks to our safeguarding processes and diligence of our volunteers.
- In the annual external safeguarding audit the Club demonstrated best practice and were commended. Well done team!

RugbySafe

- We were all shocked and saddened by the tragic loss of young James Black. Thank you to our RugbySafe Officer, Claire Marsh, who helped provide support to James' team mates, family and team volunteers.
- Over the season, the Injury reporting processes worked well, and we had 18 first aiders trained to join our ranks of valued volunteers who look after the welfare and health of our players.

Health and Safety

- The Club recently passed a H&S inspection of our Grounds Crew operations by North Tyneside Council, with only three very minor recommendations made.
- Over the season we have drawn up risk assessments for tours, events and all Club operations. These are a record of the controls we put in place to keep everyone safe while at the Club.
- Remember, if you see something you think might be hazardous and you can't fix at the time, contact Dave Hill.

Facilities and Ground

- Our AGP was rated as 3 years younger than its actual age, passing the World Rugby tests with flying colours, demonstrating that we are using and maintaining it to the highest standards.
 - Our buildings, equipment and grounds are in great condition, thanks to everyone using our facilities carefully and continuous work of the Ground and Facilities Crew. If we had to pay contractors for the work the team do, the Club could not afford them and go bust.
- Overall, thank you to the many volunteers of our Safeguarding, RugbySafe, H&S and Grounds teams. We are always looking for more volunteers in these areas, so if you can help spread the load, please pass your name to Martin Train, our Volunteers Lead.

Dave Hill

Club Steward: Neil Thornton

Once again the atmosphere around the clubhouse has been fantastic this season and it has been an absolute pleasure to look after all of our members and visitors. Feedback from our own teams and visitors has been amazing. A huge thank you to Mal and the team for creating such a warm and welcoming environment.

External functions have remained steady throughout the year although the numbers attending, and the bar takings have reduced somewhat following the trend of the last couple of years. Despite the challenges we have had an exceptional year with an increase in bar revenue of £43k and an increase in net profit of £17k.

We held eleven pre-match lunches throughout the season including one prior to a Roses match. Numbers attending were slightly down on last season, however these remain a huge part of our match day experience. We received some tremendous feedback from visiting clubs and I feel these continue to put us on the map in north east rugby circles. There were three takeover days held across the season raising funds for the u15 boys and u14 and u16 girls. Thank you to everyone who attended our lunches and helped to support the fundraising on these days.

Other club events have been really successful with Burns Night, Day Disco, Past Players Dinner and the Whitley Bay Beer Festival all contributing significantly to the clubs income. Thank you to everyone who helped to organise these events and to everyone who attended.

We have continued with a great deal of community work throughout the year. Our continued support of the Royal British Legion is our main focus with us hosting the monthly Veterans Breakfast, monthly socials, a Christmas meal and our Poppy Day Challenge where we raised an amazing £2174 for the Poppy Appeal. A huge thank you to everyone involved in this, especially Shaun & Jacquie Malarkey and the Rockcliff History Society . We have also supported community groups and local sporting clubs such as Cullercoats Lawn Tennis Club, Beverley Park Lawn Tennis Club, Beacon Netball, Rockcliffe Tennis & Bowls Club, North Shields Basketball Club, Whitley Bay Round Table, North Tyneside Business Forum, Northumbrian Water, local Scout groups and a number of local schools.

The Whitley Bay & Tynemouth Bridge Club are now a permanent fixture holding up to seven sessions a week. The rental income generated £13,366 last financial year. They are also using us for all their social events including their 80th anniversary dinner which generated £2595 in revenue. While their presence can sometimes mean meeting space and parking can be an issue at times they are a large and very welcome part of the club and the revenue they generate is vital to our success.

We have struggled to get the commercial team off the ground and with the implementation of the new till system but great strides have been made in recent weeks on both of these.

In summary, a really positive year with a few challenges along the way. Myself and the bar team continue to strive to make the experience at Rockcliff the best in the north east. Any feedback on anything we can do to improve is always welcome.

Director of Volunteers: Martin Train

Volunteering is the heartbeat of this club. Very little happens without someone giving their time to make it happen. From keeping our facilities safe and maintained, to ensuring our players are coached and cared for, volunteers are at the centre of it all.

As a club, we maintain our commitment to ensuring volunteers can access relevant training for their role at no cost to them. It is important that our volunteers feel confident in the roles they undertake so that, ultimately, our players and supporters can enjoy their time at Rockcliff.

This year we continued to run our volunteer recognition events: the Red Bulls Christmas Trip and the Volunteers' BBQ. We also continue to receive a steady supply of Red Bulls tickets from Gilbert, our kit supplier, which are offered to volunteers. We really value the effort and commitment our volunteers show and endeavour to run events and offers that volunteers appreciate. We are always happy to listen to constructive ideas.

The volunteer community is always fantastically supported by Neil, Mal and the bar team. After training, on match days, and during team and club events, they are always by our side, and we rarely hear the word "no" to any request that comes their way. A massive thanks to them for all that they do.

Similar to last year, in terms of the Director of Volunteering role, I feel there is a lot more I can achieve if I have the headroom to concentrate on it. We have spoken as a Management Team and are actively looking for ways to give me the capacity to focus on this role.

Monthly Draw

The take up for the Monthly Draw has remained stable over the past year, with £7,625 paid in and £3,812.50 both supporting the club's finances and paid out to lucky winners. Thank you to the approximately 85 players who enter every month.

Secretary: Micky Knott

Membership of Whitley Bay Rockcliff Rugby Football Club now stands at 681 of which 593 are playing members:

| Membership (at 17 June 2026) | Active Members |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Adult Playing Membership | 153 |
| Age Grade Playing Membership | 406 |
| Touch Rugby Playing Membership | 34 |
| Total Playing Members | 593 |
| Honorary Life Member | 6 |
| Vice President* | 24 |
| Total Voting Members | 623 |
| Social Member* | 11 |
| Rockcliff Rockets | 47 |
| TOTAL MEMBERSHIP | 681 |

** excludes those paying by Standing Order*

It has been a successful season for Whitley Bay Rockcliff RFC. At senior level, the Women's 1st XV have enjoyed a particularly memorable year, securing promotion as league champions, whilst the Men's section continues to perform strongly as an increasing number of young players make the transition from age-grade rugby and establish themselves within the senior environment.

Underpinning that success is the strength of membership across all sections of the club. From our youngest Rockcliff Rockets through every age group and into the senior game, participation levels remain healthy and the club continues to provide rugby opportunities for hundreds of players each week. As always, one of our priorities moving forward will be supporting the transition from age-grade to senior rugby, whilst continuing to recruit and retain players across both the men's and women's sections.

We remain committed to the principle that a family's financial circumstances should never be a barrier to participation at Rockcliff. Following the subscription increases introduced last season, it is encouraging to report that membership levels have remained strong. This has placed the club in a position where we are able to freeze subscription rates for the coming season despite the continued increase in the costs associated with running the club. I would also like to highlight the invaluable support provided by the Rockcliff Foundation, whose work ensures that financial hardship need not prevent players or families from remaining part of our rugby community.

One of our priorities this year has been to engage with our wider community. We have worked hard to engage positively with our neighbours through regular communication, meetings, leaflet drops and community WhatsApp groups. These efforts have helped foster constructive relationships and a greater understanding of the role the club plays within the local area. The success of our Family Fun Day, our participation in the Whitley Bay Fiesta, and the increasing profile of the club within the wider community demonstrate the benefits of that approach. We have also continued to build a strong reputation within the rugby community for the hospitality shown to visiting teams, officials and supporters, thanks to the efforts of Neil and the clubhouse team.

An important change approved by the General Committee this season is the retirement of the role of Club Captain. For much of the club's history, when Rockcliff operated solely as a men's rugby club, the position was traditionally held by the Men's 1st XV captain. As the club has evolved, it was felt that this no longer accurately reflects the structure of the organisation. Going forward, the captains of both the Men's and Women's 1st XV's will be recognised as the senior player representatives within their respective sections, with equal status within the club. In recognition of this change, the role of Club Captain will be retired and both captains will be recorded on the club's honours board in future seasons.

We're now offered over 200 tickets across the Six Nations and Autumn Internationals and continue to allocate these to our members via an open ticket ballot so everyone gets the chance to enjoy the pinnacle of England Rugby.

I am pleased to report that our disciplinary record remains strong. Across the entire club there were only two red cards during the season. Importantly, the conduct, sportsmanship and respect shown by all involved throughout the disciplinary process resulted in the maximum available mitigation being applied in both cases. At a time when Northumberland RFU continues to highlight concerns around Match Official Abuse across the county, it is particularly pleasing that Rockcliff continues to be recognised as a club that upholds the values of rugby and exemplifies the spirit of the game. That reputation is built not only by those who take the field, but also by our coaches, volunteers, spectators, parents and supporters, all of whom play a role in creating a positive environment at Hillheads.

On a personal note, I would like to thank everybody across every area of the club who has supported me throughout the season. The willingness of people to step forward, solve problems, volunteer their time and approach challenges with positivity makes my role considerably easier. Whitley Bay Rockcliff is a great club, and it is a privilege to play a small part in its continued success.

Treasurer: Shaun Malarkey

Firstly, I wish to thank Bill Reynolds for his continued support and coaching during this financial year. I took over the role in June 2025 and commenced my induction and training in the role.

My continued aim is to improve financial reporting, develop streamlined processes that support accuracy, transparency and accountability. We are currently in a period of increasing pressure to ensure we operate with financial prudence. With that in mind I'd like to thank those that have worked with our suppliers to gain discounts through positive negotiations to get us good deals on our contracts.

For the first quarter of 2025-26, I experienced a number of difficulties around accessing the bank accounts, updating the signatories and the accounting systems. Further difficulties were experienced when moving some suppliers to direct debit payment processes and receiving invoices.

Due to the above, I have not progressed as I'd have liked to, to provide the Management and General Committees monthly and quarterly figures. I can report we now have full and on-line access to the Clubs accounts. Following further issues with the accounting system during the last quarter of this financial year we have moved to Xero. This is a more intuitive system and is linked to the bank accounts so from April 2026, I will be in a stronger position to report on our finances. Using the new accounting system has brought savings, payroll can be processed without using an accountancy firm and the monthly fees for the system are significantly reduced.

We have experienced further issues, most notably we have had to change our supplier for the bar tills. This was due to additional clauses in the contract we hadn't been notified of. However the new till system can link in to the accounting systems and allows for different pricing for members and non-members.

Moving forward, I'm focussed on developing processes that ensure any spending is known and approved before we commit, increasing accountability and ensuring transparency.

There are still areas I need to become familiar with to identify savings opportunities and increase revenue where possible. I'm keen to listen to ideas and proposals on how we can reduce cost / waste and improve the finances.

Draft accounts will be presented at the AGM.

Rockcliff History Society

2025/26 has seen interest in the activities of the History continue to grow, and we now have over 300 members of our Facebook page, ranging from those with connections the club and beyond, raising the profile of, and interest in, Rockcliff Rugby Club. The History Society has met regularly during 2025/26, with brief notes shared with the Club Secretary for information.

Uncovering and reporting on the history of the club has been explored from many angles, including press archives and other historical records, and includes the capturing of oral histories from club members.

Key highlights of the year include:

- The project to restore EW Taylor's grave came to fruition on 17th August 2025. The rededication of the grave was attended by family members, club members, and there was representation from Northumberland RU and the RFU. The ceremony was covered by BBC Look North.
- The rededication coincided with what has become Founder's Day, i.e. the date on which the club was re-established in 1887. As part of the Founder's Day celebrations, two further entrants to the Hall of Fame were made; British and Irish Lion George Lee, and England and GB 7's player Nathan Greenwood.
- Support to the local branch of the Royal British Legion for their Poppy Sword Challenge Day, for which profiles of our thirteen WW2 Fallen were prepared.
- Confirmation that we have a further past player, Waldemar "Wally" Brunstrom, who fell in WW1.
- Club mementos have been laid in Whitley Bay Cemetery at the family graves of Douglas Bell Atkinson (WW2 Fallen) and Edwin Laidlow and Waldemar Brunstrom (WW1 Fallen).
- Members of the History Society joined other club members on a Battlefield Tour in France, paying respects to, and laying club mementos at the graves of, or memorials to, our final three WW1 fallen: Frank Bastow, Lucien Penther, and Waldemar Brunstrom.
- The History Society sponsored a pre match lunch to honour our past and current Life Members.
- The discovery that Colonel Joe Brunton DSO MC was one of only twenty-two players to have taken part in the King's Cup, which was effectively the first rugby world cup, in 1919.
- Mike Anderson, the grandson of our former England Internationalist Stan Anderson, was a guest at the final pre match lunch of the season, and brought a treasure trove of information about his grandfather and Northumberland rugby for the History Society to read and analyse.
- The process of digitising club photographs has commenced, starting with photos of Life Members.
- The discovery that a proposal from Rockcliff made at the RFU AGM in September 1904 played its part in the evolution of the scoring methodology in rugby union.
- Numerous updates on individual players and anecdotes fed in by Society members and readers of our readers of our FB page.

Looking forward to the next few months we have a number of projects due for completion:

- Recording more oral history of the club through interviews with more club members.
- Visiting the grave of George Lee in the Tyne Valley to lay a club memento.
- Completion of the history of EW Taylor.
- Preparation for the History Society contribution to the next Founders Day, on 15th August, to include a history of Col. Joe Brunton DSO MC.

REPRESENTATIVE RUGBY HONOURS

ENGLAND TOUCH

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| High Performance Squad | Athena Enderstein, Carl Cockburn, and Lesley Marshall |
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SCOTLAND TOUCH

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| Over 40s Squad | Gareth Bell |
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NORTHUMBERLAND

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| Women's Gill Burns County Championship Squad | Caitlin McVeigh, Adelle Telford and Brooke Neal-Wright |
| Women's Northumberland Development Squad | Clare Gibson, Alyx Charlton and Abi Fraser |
| U18 Girls | Sally-Jayne Gallagher*, Hannah McKenzie, Neve Casey, Emily Casey, Abi Fraser, Phoebe Cottiss*, Imogen Jones*, Sophie Anderson and Ellie McGreevy * denotes a Morpeth player currently playing for Whitley Bay Rockcliff |
| U17 Boys | Harry Drennan, Riley Cole |
| U16 Girls | Niamh Fahey, Sophie Douthwaite, Sophie McNeill, Mia Pritchard, Claudia McCluskey, Courtney Conway, Neve Leach and Maisie Irving |

SARAH HUNTER PLAYER DEVELOPMENT GROUP

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| U18 Girls | Matilda Woodhall, Grace Inman, Hallie Bucas, Jodie Darlington, Lily Howson* * denotes a Morpeth player currently playing for Whitley Bay Rockcliff |
| U17 Boys | Riley Cole, Tom Rowell, Harry Dennan |

NEWCASTLE RED BULLS

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| U18 Boys | Sam Owens, Dom Henderson |
| U17 Boys | Riley Cole, Tom Rowell, Harry Dennan |

ITEM 3c: Appoint Ryecroft Glenton as reporting accountants to the Club.

The Company resolves to re-appoint the following firm as its reporting accountants:

Ryecroft Glenton
32 Portland Terrace
Jesmond
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE
NE2 1QP

A firm registered by The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales with the registration number C006313267

Proposed: Bill Reynolds

Seconded: Andrew Sugden

ITEM 3d: Election of the President, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and the Elected Directors to be appointed.

Nominations have been received for the following Directors' positions:

| Role | Nominee | Proposer | Seconded |
|---|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| President | Richard Bloomfield | Ian Firth | Nigel Jamieson |
| Chair | Andrew Sugden | Rob Hamilton | Cathryn Clark |
| Secretary | Micky Knott | Wayne Beckett | Thomas Dent |
| Treasurer | Shaun Malarkey | Scott Carruthers | Ian Firth |
| Director of Rugby | Karl Briggs | Cathryn Clark | Ryan Rapallo |
| Director of Safety, Health and Facilities | David Hill | Martin Page | Nigel Lock |
| Director of Volunteers | Martin Train | Cathryn Clark | Lawrence Fletcher |

There being only one nomination for the above positions they are Duly Elected unopposed.

ITEM 4a: Election of the members of the General Committee who are not directors of the company.

Nominations have been received for the following members of the General Committee:

| Role | Nominee | Proposer | Seconded |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Elected Member | Noel Mather | Micky Knott | Andrew Sugden |
| Fixtures Secretary | Michael Marvell | Thomas Dent | Karl Briggs |

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| County Representative | Ian Richardson | Andrew Sugden | Micky Knott |
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There being only one nomination for each position they are Duly Elected unopposed.

No eligible nominations were received for the role of Membership Secretary. It is therefore proposed that the Company resolves to empower the Board to co-opt an appropriate individual to undertake the duties covered by the role.

Proposed: Andrew Sugden

Seconded: Micky Knott

Please note, the following positions are appointed as Members of the General Committee and are nominated to the General Committee by their respective sub-committees/sections:

| Role | Nominee | Nominated by |
|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Chair of Age Grade Rugby | Martin Train | Age Grade Section |
| Chair of Men's Rugby | Rob Hamilton | Men's Rugby Committee |
| Chair of Touch Rugby | Lesley Marshall | Touch Section |
| Chair of Women's Rugby | Cathryn Clark | Women's Rugby Committee |
| Men's Captain | Niall Stokes | Joint Rugby Group |
| Women's Captain | Caitlyn McVeigh | Joint Rugby Group |
| Head of Mini Rugby | Jonathan Eeles | Age Grade Section |
| Head of Boys Rugby | Simon Tindall | Age Grade Section |
| Head of Girls Rugby | Ingrid Whitworth | Age Grade Section |
| Immediate Past President | Scott Carruthers | <i>Ex officio</i> |
| Honorary Vice President | TBC | Management Committee |

ITEM 4b: to approve the membership subscription rates for the forthcoming season.

We are proposing that membership subscription fees are frozen for the 2026/27 season (from 1 September 2026) as follows:

| Membership Type | Membership | Playing Fees | Voluntary Donation to Rockcliff Foundation | Total Payment |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---|----------------------|
| Adult Playing Member | £60 | £60 | £60 | £180 |
| Adult Playing Member (Student) | £45 | - | - | £45 |
| Age Grade Playing Member | £60 | £60 | £60 | £180 |
| Touch Playing Member | £60 | - | - | £60 |
| Vice President | £60 | - | £60 | £120 |
| Rockcliff Rockets (U6s) | £60 | - | - | - |
| Social Member (no increase) | £25 | - | - | £25 |

The club maintains the position that cost must never be a barrier to participation in rugby at our club and therefore we are pleased to be able to freeze these rates, despite the impact of inflation on costs.

Proposed by: Shaun Malarkey

Seconded by: Andrew Sugden

ITEM 5: Any Other Business.

1. There were no items of any other business received before the deadline of 11 a.m on Saturday 20 June 2026.

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