



# Durham County RFU Newsletter

## December 2021

### Fixtures

5 Dec Billingham B14 v Consett KO 11:00AM -Cup 1st Round  
 5 Dec Blaydon B14 v Hartlepool KO 11:00AM -Cup 1st Round  
 5 Dec Houghton B14 v Horden and Peterlee KO 11:00AM - Cup 1st Round  
 5 Dec Ryton B14 v DMP KO 11:00AM -Cup 1st Round  
 5 Dec Stockton B14 v Darlington KO 11:00AM -Cup 1st Round  
 5 Dec Westoe B14 v Durham KO 11:00AM -Cup 1st Round  
 5 Dec West Hartlepool B14 v Bishop Auckland KO 11:00AM -Cup 1st Round

### 24 Dec 2021: 2pm Winter Kick Off

From - David Thompson - Chair -Competitions Committee  
 Some time ago I was tasked by the Board and General Committee of the County to try to standardise winter kick off times between Durham and Northumberland.

**Agreement was reached for the period November to February inclusive normal kick off times would be 2.00 pm**

Kick off times against clubs for other Counties would have to be by mutual agreement.

Thanks and Best Wishes

David Thompson

- **3 Nov 2021: Candy League Results So Far Tables 23 Oct 21**
- **14 Nov 2021: U20 County Representative Coaching and Management Roles**
- **27 Nov 2021: Festival at Darlington**

Pictures from **U13 Girls Festival** at [Darlington Rugby Football Club](#) 14 November 2021

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/wMKET4AAyAq6Rjjj6>

Players from Horden, Darlington, Mowden, Blaydon, Rockcliff, Preston, Gateshead

Pictures from **Blaydon U18 Festival** 5 teams with girls from Blaydon, Ryton, Peterlee & Horden, Whitley Bay Rockcliffe, Stockton, Gateshead, Darlington Mowden Park, Hartlepool Rovers

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/J9s76DmLXcfxC9Cs7>

### Future Girls Festivals

*U18 Girls,Novocastrians,5th December 21*

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*U13 Girls,Rovers,16th January 22*

*U15 Girls,Blaydon,6th February 22*

*U13 Girls,Bishop,13th February 22*

*G13,Bishop Auckland,13th February 22*

*U18 Girls,Stockton,6th March 22*

*U15 Girls,Mowden,27th March 22*

*U15 Girls,Bishop,3rd April 22*

*U18 Girls,Mowden,10th April 22*

### 27 Nov 2021: Girls Age Grades for Next Season

Posted on the County Women and Girls Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/durhamcountyrfuwandg>



	YEAR 7 UNDER 12	YEAR 8 UNDER 13	YEAR 9 UNDER 14	YEAR 10 UNDER 15	YEAR 11 UNDER 16	YEAR 12 UNDER 17	YEAR 13 UNDER 18
CURRENT	U13		U15		U18		
NEW	U12 GIRLS SINGLE AGE BAND*	U14 GIRLS DUAL AGE BAND		U16 GIRLS DUAL AGE BAND		U18 GIRLS DUAL AGE BAND	
RULES OF PLAY	REG 15 APPENDIX 6 (ALIGNED TO U12 BOYS)	REG 15 APPENDIX 8 (ALIGNED TO U14 BOYS)		REG 15 APPENDIX 9 (ALIGNED TO U15-18 BOYS)		REG 15 APPENDIX 9 (ALIGNED TO U15-18 BOYS)	

Following a three year review, consultation and development process between 2018 and 2021, the RFU Council agreed to change the age bandings in the girls game from the 2022-23 season.

[Download PDF](#)

### 28 Nov 2021: Community Game Update 23/11/2021

#### 1. FOR ACTION

Future Competitions Structure - Lower XV Criteria for entry into RFU Leagues 17-Year-Olds Playing Adult Rugby  
 NEW Girls Age Bands from 2022/23 approved by RFU Council

#### 2. ACTION IF OF INTEREST

Register your January Warrior Camp now!

GMS drop-ins

#### FOR AWARENESS

RFU Council appoints four new co-opted members to improve diversity

'Off-field' support for legal, entertainment licensing and VAT

Round-Up - Rainbow Laces, 8 Dec, Luke Mortimer's incredible story & Great Rugger mental health run

## **28 Nov 2021: Are You Looking to Play a 17yr old from January**

## **1 Dec 2021: Durham County Rugby Union Referees` Society**



Return to Rugby  
The 2021-2022 season is well underway but the signs are that the pandemic break has taken its toll on rugby.

Many clubs are struggling to turn out the same number of adult male

teams as before the covid-19 interruption. The Ladies and Age Grade sections of the game do not seem to have been so badly affected.

With significant league structure changes planned for next season by the

RFU, many are wondering what the future hold and how many clubs may soon be unable to operate.

### **Head Injury – Important Reminder**

All Match Officials should be aware that Head Injury Assessments (HIA) are **NOT** permitted at the Community Rugby level. This means all games that Durham Society Referees would be appointed to. All match officials should ensure that

they understand that if a player displays one or more observable signs

or symptoms of concussion they should **be removed from the pitch immediately and should not be allowed to return**, irrespective of any alternative opinions held by the player, their team mates, coaches or physios. [RFU Head Injury information](#)

### **REMEMBER.... IF IN DOUBT, SIT THEM OUT**

#### **Jim Fox retires from re-appointments role**

Jim Fox and Edna! have decided it is time to step down from probably the most demanding role in the society. Jim has been the re-appointments Secretary for over 20 years having previously held the position of Sunday and Midweek Appointments Secretary.

#### **Society Membership**

Members are reminded that if they need any kit to contact David Sawyer who is currently offering significant discounts!

Due to the Corona Virus disruption to the 2020-2021 season it has been agreed by the Board of Directors that the 2019-2020 membership will be extended by 1 year until the 31st August 2021

#### **DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service)**

All referees are encouraged to ensure they have had A DBS Check. It is an essential requirement for anyone that is to be involved in officiating an Age Grade game

## **1 Dec 2021: U20 Durham County Nominations Now Open**

U20 JASON LEONARD CHAMPIONSHIP DURHAM COUNTY 2021-2022 SEASON NOMINATIONS

After being uncertain as to whether the U20 championship would even take place this season, we have just been informed that it will happen. We have just received notification that our first championship game will be on Sunday 23rd January 2022 (and therefore have a tight turn around)!

Eligible candidates will need to be under 20 years of age on the 1st September 2021.

*If you feel you have any suitable players with the appropriate skill level or you have any questions, contact Bill Lynch **immediately**:*

Bill Lynch U20 Chairman on 07881 285 249 / [williamalynch6@aol.com](mailto:williamalynch6@aol.com)  
[Full Club letter and Information:](#)

## **1 Dec 2021: 'Game On Global' community law variations to advance rugby accessibility and welfare**

- *Modified contact, weight-banded matches and lowered tackle height at the heart of new community law variations to further advance accessibility and welfare*
- *Law variations include flexibility in number of players, game duration, pitch size, ball size, as well as variations to scrums, lineouts and kicking rules*
- *Promoting global consistency at the community level of the game, the menu of 10 law variants can be implemented by national unions from January 2022*
- *The introduction of Game On Global follows World Rugby`s recently launched participation plan to accelerate sustainable rugby involvement*
- *Implementation of the law variations will be optional and available in part or in whole for National Unions to determine.*
- *Central monitoring, and research will be undertaken evaluate impact...*

# Billingham

## Social Media



Photo: We will remember them

### We need YOUR help!

We need a videographer to video our 1st XV home games. You must have the gear to video and edit for highlights which will be showcased across our social media channels. This is a volunteer role however what we can offer YOU is... A free opportunity to showcase your brand on our platforms - We engage with 60k+ across all channels Promotion of your brand name through the club. Please email [mikebrown\\_bill@hotmail.com](mailto:mikebrown_bill@hotmail.com) if interested or message the club  
**#OSIOS**

following a recent trip to fellow North Premier side Preston Grasshoppers cemented our decision.

As from Saturday, Our Match Day Programme will be **DIGITAL**.

This decision has not been made lightly however as a club we have to factor a number of things into equation. We are in 2021... a digital era. We want to be accessible worldwide not just in Billingham. We reach over **40 THOUSAND** people on our online platforms, having a digital programme would not only reach these people but will help showcase our ever *growing* sponsorship, hopefully bringing in more sponsors in the future.

Again we are in 2021. We need to think **GREEN**. We need to change our thought processes. This is just the first step... For those who like to keep a record of match day scorers etc... don't worry we have you covered. At the gate you will be able to collect a scoring sheet :)

Chairman Mark Armstrong added 'The reason is 'green'. We use a lot of paper and it goes to waste. This way we can save the planet and at the same time provide a richer programme, more dynamic and with links for our sponsors - welcome to the digital world . I am looking at other ways we can be greener too, so please share your ideas!' **#OSIOS**

[Report: STOCKTON V BILLINGHAM U13](#)

[Report: BILLINGHAM JUST TOO STRONG FOR DMP](#)

[Alum: BILLINGHAM 3TM 27 V SUNDERLAND SHIPWRIGHTS 17. 30/10/21](#)

## Bishop Auckland

### Fixtures

5 Dec West Hartlepool B14 v Bishop Auckland KO 11:00AM -Cup 1st Round

27 Nov 2021: [Bishop Auckland](#)

⇨ [BARUFC U9's v Jarrovians 21/11/21](#)

⇨ [Bishop Auckland RUFC Under 14's v Durham RUFC](#)

⇨ [BARUFC U10's v Jarrovians 21/11/21](#)

⇨ 10 Nov [BARUFC U9's v Houghton](#)

⇨ 9 Nov [BARUFC U10's v Houghton-le-Spring](#)

⇨ 9 Nov [BARUFC U16's v Consett](#)

⇨ 5 Nov [BARUFC U13's v Horden away 31/10/21](#)

## Blaydon

### Fixtures

5 Dec Blaydon B14 v Hartlepool KO 11:00AM -Cup 1st Round

27 Nov 2021: [Blaydon go down against Houghton-le-spring – No rockets but plenty of sparkle](#)

07/11/21/ Houghton-Le-Spring 34 v Blaydon Spartans 22 by Nicholas Eatch SR-News November 5th 2021

22 STOCKTON & BILLINGHAM LIFE Thursday, 25th November, 2021



## Action Jackson is Bill match-winner

**Words by Mike Brown**  
**Picture by John Robertson**  
ONE of the best games of rugby ever played in the history of the game took place on Saturday afternoon at the Billingham Sports Ground. The match was a thriller, with both sides showing great attacking play and a number of tries being scored. The final score was 17-10 in favour of the home side, who were led by captain Paul Jones. The game was a real test of the players' skills and was a great success for the club.

**Stockton move up to fifth after brilliant away win**  
STOCKTON moved up to fifth in the league after a brilliant away win at Billingham on Saturday. The team showed great attacking play and scored four tries, while conceding only one. The win was a real boost for the team and shows they are capable of competing with the best in the league.

### Barren night for the Stars

By Julie Clayton

THE STARS were unable to make a mark on Saturday night as they were held to a 0-0 draw by the home side. The game was a real test of the players' skills and was a great success for the club.

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27 Nov 2021: [Billingham](#)

11 Nov 2021: [Moving With Times... We Are Going DIGITAL!!! click the link to read more.....](#)

As a club we are continually evolving and adapting, not just on the rugby field but as a club.

A conversation that has been had on many occasions but

Photos: [CLICK HERE!](#)

A very windy day saw Blaydon go down despite a spirited fight back in the second half by twelve points.

## 29 Nov 2021: [Social Media](#)

28 Nov@ Huge well done to our U16's making it to the County Cup Final in January after a solid win today beating Durham RFC U16's 29 - 13

 [21 Nov Action Shots2](#)

## 29 Nov 2021: [Blaydon Ladies](#)

### 10 Nov: **Fancy giving Rugby a try?**

Come down to our open training session and get stuck in.

 Monday 15th November

 6.30pm - 8.00pm

 Riverside Pitch, Blaydon RFC

 Free session

Suitable for females 18 years and over of any fitness level and playing ability. So if you've never touched a rugby ball before, have no idea of the rules of rugby don't worry you'll fit in absolutely fine.

We have spaces available within our 1st and 2nd team squads as well as the option to just play Touch rugby, if your a little unsure about the tackling side of the game or just wanting to get involved to spice up your fitness training.

As well as the rugby side of the Red Kites the team have a fantastic social set up and enjoy getting together to have fun as well as being a great support network for each other.

So dig out your trainer's or boots if you have them and come on down to Crow Trees, we would love to see you.

If you have any questions or would like more information about what we can offer at Blaydon as part of the Red Kites just drop us a private message. ❤️

 7 Nov:

**Blaydon Red Kites - Women's Rugby** is at **Gateshead Rugby Club.**

[t75 N96o2ivemb1seor 5a4t 718ti4:0d31](#) · Gateshead ·

Lovely day for a little run around.

Well done to the 8 Red Kites who played the 2nd team away fixture against Gateshead Ladies today.

Tough game playing 8 v 8 with no Subs, but they cracked on, had some fun and they're all still smiling regardless of the final score.

Gateshead – 3 Red Kites - 1

Try scored by Charmaine Ho.

Well done to Gateshead ladies on the win and thank you for a great game. Good luck for the rest of the season. 😊❤️

[#upthekites](#) [#blaydonredkites](#) [@gatesheadrfc](#)

## Consett

### Fixtures

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## Darlington

### Fixtures

5 Dec Stockton B14 v Darlington KO 11:00AM -Cup 1st Round

Darlington Mowden Park

### Fixtures

5 Dec Ryton B14 v DMP KO 11:00AM -Cup 1st Round

## 29 Nov 2021: [Mowden Park](#)

[DMP Girls](#)

 23 Nov: Pictures DMP v Barney by Steve Alstead

 8 Nov: Girls U18's festival at Blaydon

[Click here to follow DMP Durham Sharks on Facebook](#)

## Durham City

### Fixtures

3 Dec Durham City Ladies v All KO 7:00PM -Touch Tournament

5 Dec Westoe B14 v Durham KO 11:00AM -Cup 1st Round

## 27 Nov 2021: [HARTLEPOOL ROVERS 59 CITY SARACENS 24](#)

This was a 59-24 (9 tries to 4) defeat that was hard to take in a game in which we competed aggressively throughout but were out-muscled after suffering injuries and missed too many first-up tackles. 

## 27 Nov 2021: [We're a hardy lot up north](#)

[Video showing the conditions today 27 Nov 2021](#)



## Gateshead

### Fixtures

5 Dec Hartlepool Ladies v Gateshead KO 2:00PM - Friendly

## 29 Nov 2021: [Social Media](#)

### ⇒ 17 Nov:

Following on from the successful food bank donation by club members, you can apply to donate a Christmas hamper to a family in need.

<https://feedingfamilies.azurewebsites.net/give>

Please support if you can, you could make a massive difference to someone going through a hard time. Post by Matty & Jill Butler.

[FEEDINGFAMILIES.AZUREWEBSITES.NET](https://FEEDINGFAMILIES.AZUREWEBSITES.NET)

[Information on how to donate a Food Hamper this Christmas](#)

[Feeding Families UK](#)

### ⇒ 8 Nov WEEKEND RESULT

There was just the one fixture for us at the weekend following our 1st XV having to pull out of the county cup due to an extensive injury list and our 3rd XV fixture also being unfortunately cancelled. However the one team who were in action did not disappoint!

Our 2nd XV faced Consett 2nd XV at home, given how successful Consett 1st XV had been in the last few years, we knew they were bound to be bringing a strong 2nd XV also. The lads put together their best performance of the season so far, from being 6-10 down at half time to come back and win 20-15 with a score in the last 10 minutes sealing the victory.

An absolutely outstanding performance which has been a long time coming after improving each week.

The result is a reflection of the hard work and commitment being shown from our entire squad week in week out in training.

More of the same this weekend please lads!

[#UpTheHeed](#) 🐾

## Hartlepool

### Fixtures

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5 Dec Hartlepool Ladies v Gateshead KO 2:00PM -Friendly

### 27 Nov 2021: [Hartlepool](#)

⇒ 18 Nov: [Hartlepool 38 - 12 Seaham](#)

📷 [Hartlepool 38-12 Seaham 13/11/21](#)

⇒ 14 Nov 2021 - [Hartlepool RFC Academy 56, Gateshead RFC Academy 0](#)

⇒ Match Report: [Hartlepool A 32 - 27 West Stags](#)

28 Nov 2021: [Great shot of God's Allotment from Sunday!](#)

### 28 Nov 2021: [Social Media Posts](#)



Our Ladies travelled to Ponteland yesterday for a muddy, but very enjoyable, development game 😊 Well done everyone 🍌

[#UTHOB](#)

19 Nov Gangbangers circa 2007 🍌

[#ThrowbackThursday](#) [#UTHOB](#)

31 Oct: 📷 [Photos from yesterday's 32-27 win over West Stags](#) Credit: Zach Pounder#UTHOBHartlepool B.B.O.B

### 27 Nov 2021: [Hartlepool BBP](#)

📷 23 Nov: [Washington v Hartlepool BBOB](#)

⇒ 22 Nov: [Washington 12 – 29 Hartlepool BBOB](#)

📷 9 Nov: [Seaton Carew v Hartlepool BBOB](#)

📷 9 Nov: [Seaton Carew 48 v Hartlepool BBOB 31.06/11/21](#)

⇒ 9 Nov: [Seaton Carew 48 v 31 Hartlepool BBOB](#)

## Hartlepool Rovers

### Fixtures

5 Dec Sunderland Ladies v Hartlepool Rovers KO 2:00PM -Women's NC 1 North Derby

⇒ 23 Nov: [GIRLS RUGBY WEEKEND ROUND UP](#)

⇒ 14 Nov: [HORDEN 2NDS 3 - 32 ROVERS HEUGHERS](#)

⇒ 14 Nov: [HARTLEPOOL ROVERS 35 - 14 PETERLEE & HORDEN](#)

⇒ 31 Oct: [ROVERS HEUGHERS 59 - 24 DURHAM CITY SARACENS](#)

### 29 Nov 2021: [Social Media](#)

[14 Nov](#): Our girls attended a joint training session with Bishop Auckland & Barnard Castle this afternoon. Three teams working together to develop their players. Training Thursday 6.00pm and new players are very welcome\_

## Horden and Peterlee

### Fixtures

5 Dec Houghton B14 v Horden and Peterlee KO 11:00AM -Cup 1st Round

5 Dec Horden and Peterlee Ladies v Stockton KO 2:00PM - Women's NC 3 North (North) Derby

29 Nov 2021: [Social Media](#)

⇒ [14 Nov](#): Huge thanks and shout out to [Houghton Rugby Club](#) and [Hartlepool Rugby Club](#) who were able to come together today to ensure game time for all players today 🍌  
A well drilled Horden side came away with the win, and are itching for that first league game, it will come! Lots of ideas from the training arena coming into play today, so happy coaches 🍌

Congratulations to Mia Simpson and [Emmy Holloway](#) who were awarded Forward and Back of the match respectively by the opposition 🍌

Touch training is tomorrow at 6pm

Contact training from 7pm 🍌

We have competitive touch rugby against a range of NE sides Friday 19th November at Eden Park too 🍌❤️

## Houghton

### Fixtures

5 Dec Houghton B14 v Horden and Peterlee KO 11:00AM - Cup 1st Round

5 Dec Houghton Ladies v ??? KO 2:00PM - Women's NC 3 North (North) Derby

28 Nov 2021: [Houghton](#)

📷 [6 Nov: HOUGHTON BOARS V BLAYDON 3 6TH NOVEMBER 2021](#)

### Social Media

⇒ 27 Nov: Here we go again!



Face coverings must be worn in shops and public transport.  
Grab your snood or face mask from behind the bar!  
(Limited numbers)

⇒ [21 Nov](#): Big Shout out to club lad Jason Ashman.  
Yesterday he refereed his first senior mens game at just 17 and handled it amazingly.

Being a ref is a thankless job sometimes but there would be no game without them.

[#thanks](#) [#durhamrefs](#) [#respect](#)

## Jarrovians

29 Nov 2021: [Social Media](#)

⇒ [22 Nov](#):

Good Morning, Good Morning, Good Morning from all of us here at HQ

With the continued support of the team at [Vic Young Ltd](#), our Junior Section has continued to grow and grow!

With teams starting from U6 all the way up to U15, the future of our club is blooming - but we need your help! We are on the look out for volunteers to support that growth and ensure that the [#blackandamber](#) continues to the next generation

If you are able to commit to a few hours a week to support the coaching teams then please get in touch

⇒ [7 Nov](#)

Well, yet another brilliant Sunday morning for the Junior Section - with ALL of our squads at home - it was a sea of black and amber.

Thank you to the [Durham City RFC](#) Minis for making the trip - as well as the [Billingham Rugby Club](#) U15s making the trip up the A19 - it was a pleasure to meet you all!!

Thanks again to the kitchen brigade and the car park `attendant` - he only does it for the bacon sarnies and the coffee 😂😂

Thank you to all of the Mam, Dad and Grandparent cabs as well as the Brothers and Sisters who give up their Sunday mornings

Final thanks, as always, to our coaches..... We couldn't do this without you - the future of our club is coming along nicely!!

Don't forget that the clubhouse will be open this afternoon for Scotland v Australia in the Autumn Internationals.

And the team from [Richardson's Amusements](#) are currently setting up for the Firework extravaganza this evening. All the fun of the fair starts at around 4pm with the Firework display from about 7pm

Enjoy the rest of your Sunday and we look forward to seeing you all soon

## Ryton

### Fixtures

5 Dec Ryton B14 v DMP KO 11:00AM - Cup 1st Round

12 Dec Ryton G13 v All KO 2:00PM @ Ryton - Girls County Festival

## Seaham

### Social Media

⇒ [21 Nov](#):

A fantastic weekend for the club was topped off this morning by our Under 11's as they won all THREE of their games against Durham City Juniors.

Another huge step forward for the club and massive statement from the team. This now puts their winning streak to five games. Getting better every week 🍌🍌🍌

Full credit to Mark and Matty as well as all of the lads who turn up week in week out at training and put in the hard work.

The Future 🍌

⇒ [20 Nov](#) FT: Seaham 45-12 Sedgefield

A dominant performance from the 1st XV as we get back to winning ways. Excellent from start to finish in both attack and defence from the red men. Full credit to Sedgefield

who provided a physical and aggressive test, especially in the second half claiming two tries. Big thank you to Sedgefield for filling the club afterwards, great group of lads

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Tries: Ben Turnbull (3), Elliott Pratt (1), Craig Gilmour (1), Adam Cowans (1), Gary Lynn (1)

Conversions: Harry Jon-Morgan (5)

FT: Horden 13-8 Seaham Harbarians

A tight aggressive battle ended in an unfortunate loss for the 'Haa-Baa's'. Fantastic effort against a very strong and established Horden second team, a real statement from our second XV. A big Thankyou to the teams that helped us out today to fulfil the fixture, that's what the amateur game is all about! Great to see some ex seaham lads back in red (black) also.

Tries: James Bromley (1)

Pens: James Bromley (1)

⇒ [14 Nov](#) FT: Hartlepool 38-12 Seaham

A loss on the road for the 1st XV against a well drilled Hartlepool side, a fixture that always provides a physical and aggressive game for both sides.

Tries: Ben Turnbull (2),

Conversions: Conor Jones (1)

MOM: Ben Turnbull

FT: Hartlepool 48-28 Seaham Harbarians

A high scoring back and forth contest ended in defeat for the Harbarians after leading for long periods and displaying some great rugby. Hartlepool's numbers proved too much in the end. A big Thankyou to the club for sorting out the fixture at their ground and helping with players.

Tries: Elliott Pratt (3), Richard Carter (1), Conversions:

Richard Carter (4)

MOM: Elliott Pratt

## Seaton Carew

### [Social Media](#)

⇒ [25 Nov](#)

🍷🍷 TOUCH RUGBY CONTINUES 🍷🍷

Touch Rugby continues at Hornby Park tonight!

If you are looking to:

- Play rugby without all the bumps
- Learn the rules of rugby
- Increase your personal fitness
- Socialise with like minded people
- Get out the house

Then you need to come down on Friday as Touch Rugby might just be what you need in your life right now! It's only an hour, give it a try! You never know you might just enjoy yourself!

Have a run about then head on up to the Bar and treat yourself to a pint and/or cocktail as you will have earned it!

!!! Details you need to know !!!

📅 Day: Every Friday

🕒 Time: 17:30 - 18:30

📍 Venue: Hornby Park

Fine Print: Depending on numbers and age ranges the groups will be split accordingly to cater for all needs and abilities.

⇒ [20 Nov](#)

🍷🍷 GAME DAY SATURDAY RESULTS 🍷🍷

Another local derby win for Carew!

Seaton Carew came out on top in a fantastic local derby against our friends from West. Both teams threw caution to the wind and it made for a great spectacle. Perhaps most importantly Local Rugby won again today.

## Sedgefield

28 Nov 2021: [Sedgefield](#)

⇒ [20 Nov: ANOTHER LOSS](#)

Seaham 45 - 12 Sedgie I

⇒ [13 Nov EFFORT BRINGS NO REWARD FOR SEDGIE](#)

Darlo deservedly took the spoils, bragging rights and a bonus point win in a game that was much closer than the scoreline suggested.

⇒ [31 Oct: MUCH IMPROVED SEDGIE DENIED BY BISHOP](#)

📷 [31 Oct: SEDGIEFIELD VS BISHOP AUCKLAND](#)

## South Shields

29 Nov 2021: [Social Media](#)

16 Nov: The rebuild started last week with a trip to Newton Aycliffe



⇒ [7 Nov](#)

South Shields RFC have regrettably had to drop out of DN3 North with immediate effect due to lack of commitment and shortage of experienced players

with a lot of lads new to the game.

We wish to send our sincere apologies to all teams we were due to play within the league.

The club will immediately start a rebuilding process.

## South Shields Westoe

### Fixtures

5 Dec Westoe B14 v Durham KO 11:00AM - Cup 1st Round

1 Jan 2022: [New Years Day Game](#)

A few of us are hoping to organise a competitive rugby match on NYD at the rugby club. A game between Over

30s vs under 30s, Harton school and Westoe rugby club ex players with some light entertainment during the day and some entertainment in the evening.

The primary goal is to create an event which the rugby club will benefit from both a financial and social aspect by hosting a competitive game against Harton and Westoe's best over the years with a party on the night.

We are conscious of time giving us only a month or so to prepare. So, this is an initial message to generate potential interest to find out whether it is feasible.

Ideally, the day will start in the morning. Maybe, a NYD dip or any other fundraising activity. This is open to all rugby sections, juniors through to 1st XV and ex players, including all family and friends. Then, back to the club for refreshments before the main event at 14:00.

We are looking to recruit players who are up for a competitive game. I know how many times in the past the suggestion of a game between the year groups has been mentioned, but nothing has come to fruition. Given what has happened over the last couple of years and the impact it has had on people and local sporting communities as a whole, this would be an excellent opportunity to bring everyone back together with fond memories of playing at Harton and Westoe and to raise much needed funds for the club. Not to mention the damage that has been caused to the club this weekend.

As well as raising money for the club, we would like to use the opportunity as a tribute to Mr. Byrne, Tom Brooks and the rugby club for their efforts over the years, who have produced such a vast pool of players who have went on to play at every level and given us all many fond memories. We would like to know who would be keen to take part in the game and also who would be interested in coming to the evening event as well.

If you can like or comment to express your interest so we can gauge whether or not to go ahead with planning and get in touch if you would like to be involved.

Thanks!

## Stockton

### Fixtures

5 Dec Stockton B14 v Darlington KO 11:00AM -Cup 1st Round

5 Dec Stockton Ladies v Horden and Peterlee KO 2:00PM - Women's NC 3 North (North) Derby

### 30 Nov 2021: [Social Media](#)

 [20 Nov](#)

Fantastic effort from Jakob an U15s junior doing some DofE hours [@stocktonrugby](#) . First time he's overmarked a pitch out with strings & he's a natural. [#goodlad](#) [#nextgeneration](#) [#groundsmen](#) [@GMAYoungBoard](#) [@RFURugbyGrounds](#)

[15 Nov](#) Match report by Coach Chris after today's win in the under 15s County Cup 

Another great performance today against the strongest opposition that we have faced yet.

The game was stuck with us leading 5-3 for the majority of the match and Durham continued to push to try and take the lead, hitting with everything they had.

Our forwards pushed the boundaries around the ruck and fell foul of the ref resulting in a couple of sin bins for being offside. Despite being down to 14 we still kept them out.

On almost the last play of the game Durham looked to spread it out wide only to throw it straight into the hands of Joe Banks who gave out to Kieran McNeil to run in under the posts and the conversion gave us a lead of 12-3 with a minute to play.

*The next round is towards the back end of January against a very strong Houghton. We will need the whole squad to push and strengthen together over the weeks ahead, keep up the hard work in training and the results will come.*

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## Sunderland

### Fixtures

5 Dec Sunderland Ladies v Hartlepool Rovers KO 2:00PM -Women's NC 1 North Derby

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### 29 Nov 2021: [Manager and Coaches Wanted](#)

Last call for coaches and a manager for our girls section relaunch!

Get in touch and be part of something amazing!



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# West Hartlepool

## Fixtures

5 Dec West Hartlepool B14 v Bishop Auckland KO  
11:00AM -Cup 1st Round

30 Nov 2021: [Social Media](#)



📷 [Pictures West Stags v Seaton Carew](#)

📅 [28 Nov This week Stags Report](#)

Thanks to [Antony Cameron](#) for this weeks stags report.

With Billingham third team off

paint balling for the afternoon Scotty Parker manage get the Stags a fixture away at [Seaton Carew RUFC](#)

# Winlaton

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📅 31 Oct ✖MATCH REPORT✖

Unlucky result for Winlaton Vulcans today. Going down the road to play against Blaydon. Brilliant team effort, amazing communication and skills we have learnt and are using.

A few injuries leading up to this game so want to thank Blaydon for loaning a player to us.

Final Score

@blaydon\_rfc\_red\_kites 11 - Winlaton Vulcans 6

Player of the match awarded to Kate Clasper for an outstanding first game back with some amazing tackles 😄

Huge thank you to our second rugby family

(@rytonrfc\_womens\_section) for helping us 😄

Next week the Vulcans have a well earned break. To learn and develop our skills and knowledge more. The following week Sunday 14th November we take a trip over the water to visit Ponteland Tigers.

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