



Wharfedale

Rugby Union Football Club Ltd



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Dear Parent,

Re: WRUFC Membership

On behalf of Wharfedale Rugby Club I would like to thank you for your invaluable support of the Mini & Junior section last season. It is the foundation from which the club can build for the long term.

On the field, it was one of the 1st XV best seasons for some time, finishing a very creditable 4th in the league. When you consider a couple of missed opportunities, the team may well have gone one better. Rotherham & Leeds ultimately battled it out for the single promotion spot. In the end Rotherham prevailed & they can look forward to a different challenge in National One, where Wharfedale remained continuously for an incredible 20 years. Last year's performances, particularly the endeavor, courage & commitment, were at times awe inspiring, even when we were on the losing side. Preseason training has gone well. With the bulk of last year's squad retained, & the addition of some new signings, hopes are high for another enthralling season ahead. Your continued support is needed & hugely appreciated, particularly by the players, who understand the lift it gives the team both at home & away. The club continues in its attempt to find challenging fixtures for the Foresters, who narrowly missed out on being crowned Yorkshire & NE Premiership champions and, when availability allows, the 3rd team, who lost in the semi-final of the Aire/Wharfe Cup.

The Wharfedale RUFC mini and junior section is very proud of its long history, and all involved look forward to its continued development and growth. The growth of the mini and junior teams has been noticeable in recent seasons; with higher numbers of girls and boys committing themselves to the Wharfedale M&J teams to work hard, improve their skills and fitness, make memories with their teammates, coaches, opposition players and to play rugby with smiles on their faces.

Thanks go to all those involved; volunteers, coaches and parents for their time celebrating, commiserating and giving a good experience to the players of the future.



In Memory of Brian Verity

Anthony Donald and Mark Tywang have been co-chair for the M&J section since 2020 and the privilege of chairing the section is now with Andy Goulty. You will notice the white band across the shirts. This is designed with the tackle height laws in mind, as an aid to players, coaches and referee's as to what is the maximum legal height of the tackle is. All tackles should be below the white band. This idea came years ago from Michael Harrison (Clarty) and has finally been put to use in the M&J Section.

For any organisation, primarily reliant on volunteers, our resources are finite, despite the huge support we get from so many. Our efforts continue to look at new ways of improving the experience for everyone that comes into contact with our great club. In these challenging economic times, many sporting clubs are facing rising costs & we are no exception. We recognise & acknowledge the fantastic contribution our supporters make. They are the club's life blood. The club is very conscious that this should be rewarded where possible.

The club is delighted therefore to announce a new innovation with the launch of "**THE GREEN CARD**". This exciting new initiative will provide members with significant benefits. It is available in 2 options, both being produced in a credit card size format, in recycled plastic.

Option 1 – Parent Member - Cost £50 - Includes:

Reduced entrance fee £10 (instead of £12) to every 1st team home fixture

An additional "**Mini & Junior**" card per child with the same benefits as a member (**Excludes Match Day Raffle & Annual Prize Draw**)

10% Discount on all club purchases including the bar & kitchen

10% Discount on the Gilbert Online Shop [Wharfedale RUFC \(gilbertrugby.com\)](http://Wharfedale RUFC (gilbertrugby.com))

Automatic entry to the new Match Day Raffle for every 1st XV N2N home game

Automatic entry into the new Annual Prize Draw

Valid for 12 months from 1st September 2024 to 31st August 2025



Please complete the Mini and Junior Section membership application located at <https://www.wharfedalerufc.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/WRUFC-MIN-JUN-AFF-DOC-2024-25-SHORT.pdf>

and either: -

A) Scan it and return it to Adrian Parry and forward payment by bank transfer. The e-mail address and bank details are shown on the application form.

B) Return the completed form to the club at one of the registration sessions that will be held in the clubhouse between 10.00hrs and 12.00hrs on the first three Sundays in September. After that, completed forms should be passed on to either Adrian Parry, Hedley Verity or your child's team manager.

Option 2 - Season Ticket - Cost £180 - Includes:

Entrance to every 1st team home fixture

An additional **"Social Member"** digital card (see below)

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Should you wish to purchase a season ticket send your request to Tim Lockett at the following email address:

tim.lockett@healthcare.co.uk or Text Mobile: 07980 618238

A completed M&J section membership and subscription will also be required for age grade players (see option 1 above for details).

Brian Verity

You may notice a new addition on the reverse of **"THE GREEN CARD"** alongside the other main sponsors. We are delighted to announce the family of Brian Verity, who was a pioneering & first major sponsor, have agreed to become a main sponsor in Brian's memory. The whole club is delighted to have the family back on board. I'm sure supporters will show Linda, Sarah & Caroline

their appreciation. Their support could not have come at a better time as there are major projects under way & planned in the coming months.

Payment (for option 2 only)

If you have a Direct Debit mandate already set up, upon confirmation of the type of membership you require, a deduction will be made before the **1st of September 2024**. If you do not instruct us otherwise, we will assume you wish to continue with the same Membership as last season. Direct Debit makes administration so much easier for the club. Details of a new online mandate will be available shortly.

Alternatively, you can pay the required amount to the following account:

Name: **Wharfedale RUFC Subscriptions**

Sort Code: **20 78 42**

Account: **43233553**

Please put your full name as a reference, followed by **"THE GREEN CARD"**

Please always have **"THE GREEN CARD"** available when visiting the club in order to benefit from the discounts on food & drinks.

"The Raffle is dead. Long live the Raffle"

Each Season Ticket & Member **GREEN CARD** will be personalised & allocated a number. This will be valid from 1st September to 31st August 2025. Each number will automatically be entered into a new Match Day Raffle for the whole season. That's 13 chances to win! The draws will take place in the club house around 5.00pm in a new format. Watch out for news on **"The Green Machine"** Match Day Raffle with increased prize money. The first draw will take place on **7th September**, after the home game against Sheffield Tigers. In addition, every number will be entered into the new Annual Prize Draw. Prizes & a draw date to be announced.

Boost your chances of winning

We are launching a new **"Social Member"**. This is a **"digital card"**, not a physical one, aimed at those that do not live close by, perhaps live abroad or wish to follow & support the Club from afar or members to increase their chances of winning in the Match Day Raffle & Annual Prize draw. The purchase of more digital cards will improve the odds for Season Ticket & Member card holders, as each **"digital card"** will also be allocated a unique number & be automatically entered in to both the Match Day Raffle & Annual Prize Draw.

Social Member - Cost £10 - Includes:

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Would you like your "Lucky Number" on your "GREEN CARD"?

We are also giving an opportunity to secure a unique number from 1-1500 for anyone that has a favourite number, perhaps a birth date or a number that has given them good fortune in the past. Please place a bid for your "Lucky number", that you will keep for the entire season. **The highest bid wins.** The auction will close on **27th August 2024**. Please email me your bids to:

tim.lockett@healthcare.co.uk or Text Mobile: 07980 618238

Increase in Match Day entry (Minis & Juniors FOC)

The ever-increasing overheads and continual reinvestment required by the club have meant the standard gate entry will increase from **£10** to **£12** for non-members only. However, we are pleased to say that all Parent Members and Members (Excludes Social Members), upon showing "**THE GREEN CARD**" at the gate, will still only pay **£10**. Season Tickets holders have free entry to all home games as part of their membership.

"**THE GREEN CARD**", with your unique number will be available for collection at the registration sessions mentioned above. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks again for your support.

Yours faithfully

Tim Lockett

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WRUFC Engagement Officer