



Oxfordshire RFU



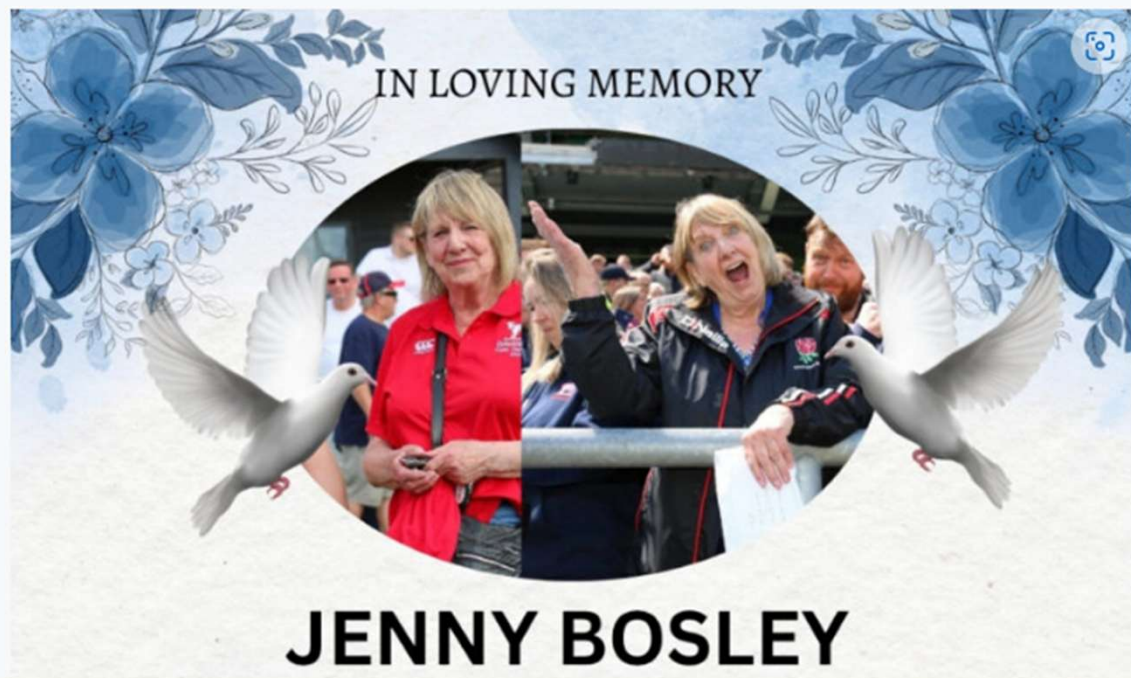
14th July, 2026
Welcome



1. Apologies
2. Approval of the 2025 AGM minutes and matters arising
3. Election of new Officers: -
 - i. Secretary: Samantha Levell
 - ii. Chair of junior competitions: Stuart Bayliss-Gore
4. Ratification of the uncontested Executive Board Members (Chair and all other positions on the Executive Board)
5. County Reports:
 - i. Jane Weaver, President: this season's Challenges, Achievements and Priorities.
 - ii. Rob Walsh, RFU Council Representative: RFU activities and decisions.
 - iii. Pete Bramley, Chair, RFU & County update
6. Adult County competitions for next season (SM)
7. Q & A session/AOB
8. Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 07th July 2027



Jenny Bosley RIP





Mens



Great campaign – our boys really enjoyed the experience.
I watched the Banbury match and the enthusiasm was amazing.

Training numbers excellent - averaged 35 every session.
Great to see the players who did not make the squad turn up every week

Very satisfying to beat two of our neighbouring CB's
on the way to the Semifinals

Thanks to the backroom staff for support (especially the new members)



U17's 25/26 Season



86 boys turned up for the trials held over 3 days at Quins

45 boys selected to represent Oxfordshire to play the 3 games.

Oxford vs Warwickshire - won 60 - 35

Oxford vs Buckinghamshire - lost 15 - 20

Oxfordshire vs East Midlands - won 35 - 25

We now have our summer session which will lead us into the U18 program starting in October
Our Sessions will be held at multiple clubs.

Team will be cut initially from 45 to about 32 players, and then to 23 players to represent Oxfordshire at the South West trials in December.

The coaching staff and medical team have been exceptional in the supporting of players on and off the field.

Each player was given comprehensive feedback.



Women's

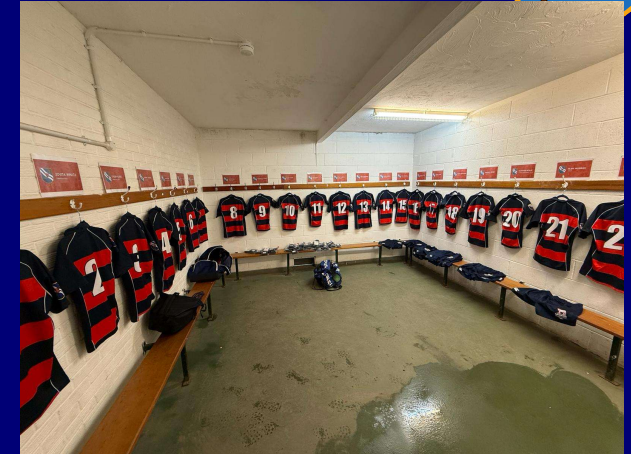


Club Progress

Didcot promoted from NC3 → NC2 under new professional coaching
Banbury significantly increased player numbers and entered NC3

County Squad Development

125+ players attended assessments and training, including U18 transitions
Strong club support enabled higher-level coaching access



Gill Burns Cup Challenges

Away trip to Cumbria impacted player availability; home game hosted at Abingdon
Skill gap: many Inner Warrior players competing against Championship/NC1 athletes

2026/27 Priorities

Recruiting all areas of Women's senior setup
Proposal to shift investment toward club growth & NC league progression over Cup costs



U15/U14/U13 Boys County Cup



Successfully ran U13-15 boy's competitions (average of 9 teams per age grade)

2026/7 fixtures are almost in place

No volunteers yet to run U13 and U14 competitions.

New chair of competitions for season 26/7



U16 PDG + U18 County Girls



U16 PDG

- 35 Players in the U16 programme
- Development & Performance Team
- Fixtures included 10's v Herts. Oxon v Bucks at home (3 Games 15-15 0-20 & 0-5). Oxon v Berks at Home (2 Games 0-59 P 19-5 D). Oxon v Warwick away (38-27 P)
- 7 U16 & 2 U17 players nominated for Regional U18 PDG, trials are in August-Sept.
- 1 U18 took part in the 18s 6N campaign

U18 PDG

- A challenging season as last year with player numbers
- 23 Players signed up
- 2 Fixtures against D&W - 24 33 loss & Bucks 17 48 loss (played with no subs)
- Berkshire fixture cancelled as they were unable to field a team
- Ongoing discussion around next season to gauge interest and possible numbers.



Schools Liaison



U16 County Cup launched – 12 schools entered

South Oxfordshire playing formats understood

County-wide engagement – around 55 schools with named leads.

Communication rhythm embedded – a participation survey, competition mailouts and start/end-of-season updates sent to all schools.

Lots of events run this season

Moving forward, we are aiming to liaise more closely with age grade leads to tighten up the age grade calendar and iron out fixture clashes.

The key pipeline is now clear:

England Rugby → England Rugby
— all working in alignment.

Schools → Oxfordshire CB → Oxfordshire CSU → clubs and schools



Safeguarding



CBSM: Sam Cartland (07792868327)

1. By its nature, we cannot generally share safeguarding issues publicly. Reminder that all safeguarding concerns should be reported directly to the RFU via their referral form ([Safeguarding Referral Form RFU](#)). They will provide advice and guidance, alongside making the CBSM aware as needed.
2. CB and the RFU ran a successful webinar around Regulation 15 and 21. A recording is available online for those who missed it ([Webinar Recording](#))
3. Lots of learns this year for individual clubs around tours, camps and festivals. Some have gone ahead without CB permission – this cannot happen next season! All tours (including adults), camps (including 3rd parties who deliver at an Oxfordshire Club) and festivals must be requested 6 weeks in advance of them happening or the club will be issued £100 fine.
4. England Rugby Learning is being launched to support coaches, match officials and volunteers to complete essential training. This will go live at the end of July. DBS requests after the 1st August will require completion of Introduction to Safeguarding on England Rugby Learning.
5. **Save the date** – meeting to discuss changes to Regulation 15, 21 and prepare for the new season. Tuesday 25th August at 7pm via TEAMS. All clubs should ensure they have a minimum of one person attending.

Discipline - Adults



Offence	25/26	24/25
Reckless Play	4	1
Punch/Strike	5	4
Strike with Knee	1	1
Kick	2	2
Dangerous Tackle	2	6
Misconduct	2	1
Failure to Respect the Match Official	2	4
Verbal Abuse of a Match Official	2	2
2x Yellow Cards = Red Card	10	8
Citing	1	1
TOTAL	31	29



Discipline – Age Grade



OFFENCE	25/26	24/25
Punch/Strike	2	2
High Tackle	2	2
Dangerous Tackle	1	1
2 x Yellow Cards = Red Card	1	0
Failure to Respect the Referee	1	3
TOTAL	7	8
WHERE		
Clubs	1	3
Colleges	3	2
Schools	3	3



See slideshow



O.S.R.F.R.



Inclusivity awareness continues to grow



+5%

Fan Interest

Low socio-economic groups: from 32% to 37%

30

I&D Leads

Appointed across all Constituent Bodies

10,000

Rugby United

Target participants from Black & South Asian communities

RFU CEO Bill Sweeney

"Inclusivity is critical to our purpose, our strategic objectives and is at the heart of building a successful and thriving game across England that is open to all. It is the thread that runs through our values, both for those who enjoy our game already, and those we are taking the game to."

Rugby union is a sport built on values: respect, teamwork, discipline, sportsmanship and enjoyment. At Oxfordshire RFU we are committed to ensuring those values extend beyond the pitch and into every aspect of how we run, grow and celebrate the game across our county.

SEND Provision

- SEND provision has grown from 3 clubs to 5 clubs with Chinnor and now Abingdon offering provision of SEND section with over 150 players happening across the county
- Walking rugby continues to grow in popularity and we want to further develop this across the county where it works – already happening at Witney and Oxford
- Darren Rea also won the Inclusion Coach of the year award this year – very well deserved

Katiefest

- A huge success was managed by all SEND coaches and supporters in April raising community understanding and a wonderful day to celebrate the difference rugby clubs can make to lives - an amazing achievement. This event has grown significantly and is now nationally established

More to do next season

TRAINING AVAILABLE

A course has been developed for Sept onwards to share across the clubs and coaches on how to recognise and bring rugby modifications for both visible and invisible challenges in all age grades and adult teams

DIVERSITY COMMITTEE & YOUTH COUNCIL

- We are creating a sub committee to extend the games reach across all of Oxfordshire's vast and wonderfully diverse communities – if you can nominate someone please let us know as would enjoy different perspectives.
- Youth council work to bring younger perspective to committee – questionnaire sent out over summer to under 24yrs olds
 - Review of any interested applicants will ensure a role is created with support for the D&I lead



NATIONAL
YOUTH COUNCIL

SPEAK UP CAMPAIGN

We will be highlighting to clubs the need to make sure the “Speak up “ campaign is understood and well advertised – if any clubs want to discover more just reach out.

BYSTANDER TRAINING

We will be looking to get clubs to engage with bystander training to ensure behaviours on and off the pitch are aligned to the RFU values and what will make us a more inclusive clubs



SEND Highlights



Strategic Position

Oxfordshire SEND rugby is now operating as a scalable, recognised system, not a pilot—well positioned for further growth, funding, and regional/national influence

Provision expanded: 4 → 5 clubs

Weekly participation: 100–150+ players
Established county-wide “Wolves” network

Delivery & Pathway

Continued development of England’s first SEND county team

KatieFest

Year 3 – tripled in size

Recognition

UK Coaching Award – Inclusion (Winner)
BBC Make a Difference Awards – multiple entries

Partnerships & Sustainability

Commercial support secured (Kärcher)

Impact

Improved confidence, belonging, and social development for players





Recruitment continues to be a focus area



Volunteer recognition nominations were 80+ people this year

All volunteers received a prize and certificate thanking them for all their hard work and commitment

Nominations for the Oxfordshire Volunteer of the year was

UNSUNG HERO – Georgina Baker and Daniel Spencer

GAME FOR ALL - Olivia Doughty, Nell Simpson, Alfie Bridges

KEEPING PLAYERS IN THE GAMES – Adrian Walker



Georgina Baker from Banbury RFC won the overall prize and will enjoy a special event on the 4th Sept- Georgina has raised over £40k for the RFU injured players foundation by planning and executing 12 hikes in 12 months to raise money on behalf of a valued member of the rugby club. The sentiment and commitment involved has been amazing and has bought the club together.





OXFORDSHIRE RFU

SOCIAL MEDIA PERFORMANCE

1 APRIL - 10 JUNE 2026 | DURING THE CAMPAIGN

100%
ORGANIC

NO PAID
ADVERTISING

478.4K	64.9K	5.7K	280	12.8K	282
TOTAL VIEWS	TOTAL REACH/VIEWERS	CONTENT INTERACTIONS	LINK CLICKS	PROFILE/PAGE VISITS	NEW FOLLOWERS

INSTAGRAM

238.0K Views	+239.1%
21.9K Reach	+51.1%
3.4K Content Interactions	+262.7%
68 Link Clicks	+100%
4.6K Profile Visits	+278.7%
169 New Follows	+122.4%

1,440 FOLLOWERS

95.1% UK AUDIENCE

70.5% MEN
29.5% WOMEN

TOP AGES:
18-24, 25-34,
35-44

TOP TOWNS:
BANBURY, DIDCOT,
WITNEY,
BICESTER

FACEBOOK

240.4K Views	+130%
43.0K Viewers	+63.4%
2.3K Content Interactions	+165.3%
212 Link Clicks	+278.6%
8.2K Page Visits	+216.7%
113 New Follows	+82.3%

2,077 FOLLOWERS

92.2% UK AUDIENCE

66.3% MEN
33.7% WOMEN

TOP AGES:
35-44, 45-54,
55-64

TOP TOWNS:
BANBURY, WITNEY,
BICESTER,
DIDCOT



BLUEBLOOD
Footballers



SURREY COUNTY
CRICKET CLUB



SOVEREIGNS SPORTING



CYO



GRÜNEN

OXFORDSHIRE RFU

FIXTURES 2026

NEXT MATCH

BERKSHIRE RFU VS OXFORDSHIRE RFU

ALL LEAGUET DUNDON 3 (POOL 3)
15:00 ON 20/05/26 - PLAINFIELD RFC

VS

BERKSHIRE RUGBY

RECALLING 16TH MAY 2026

MEN'S

WOMEN'S

OXFORDSHIRE RFU

VS BERKSHIRE

ALL LEAGUET DUNDON 3 (POOL 3)
15:00 ON 20/05/26 - PLAINFIELD RFC

RESULT

BERKSHIRE RFU VS OXFORDSHIRE RFU

14-43

VS

BERKSHIRE RUGBY

RECALLING 16TH MAY 2026

MEN'S

WOMEN'S

OXFORDSHIRE RFU

VS CUMBERIA

ALL LEAGUET DIVISION 3 (POOL 1)
15:00 ON 20/05/26 - NORTON RFC

NEXT MATCH

CUMBERIA RFU VS OXFORDSHIRE RFU

ALL LEAGUET DIVISION 3 (POOL 1)
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VS

CUMBERIA RFU

RECALLING 17TH MAY 2026

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OXFORDSHIRE RFU

VS CUMBERIA

ALL LEAGUET DIVISION 3 (POOL 1)
15:00 ON 20/05/26 - NORTON RFC

RESULT

CUMBERIA RFU VS OXFORDSHIRE RFU

81-10

VS

CUMBERIA RFU

RECALLING 17TH MAY 2026

MEN'S

WOMEN'S

OXFORDSHIRE RFU

FIXTURES 2026

U17S

NEXT MATCH

OXFORDSHIRE RFU VS EAST MIDLANDS RFU

10TH COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
15:00 ON 20/05/26 - LUDLOW RFC

VS

EMRU

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Presidents Comments





Rob Walsh – RFU Council Rep





Pete Bramley – Chair





Stuart Mount – 26/27 Adult County Cups





AOB

