

ESSINGTON RUFC

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JUNIOR RUGBY RETURNS – NOW ON WEDNESDAYS!



We're delighted to announce that Junior Rugby training is back at Essington Rugby Club, with a new training night for the upcoming season.



Wednesdays



6:00pm – 7:00pm

Training is open to boys aged 14–18, and everyone is welcome, whatever your experience or ability. Whether you've been playing for years or have never picked up a rugby ball before, this is the perfect opportunity to get involved.

Our friendly coaching team will help you:

- Develop your handling and core rugby skills.
- Learn the laws and tactics of the game.
- Improve your fitness and confidence.
- Make new friends and become part of a great team.

Rugby is about much more than what happens on the pitch—it's about teamwork, respect, discipline and having fun.

So why not bring your mates along and give it a try?

No previous experience is needed—just enthusiasm and a willingness to get stuck in!

We look forward to welcoming both returning players and new faces to Essington Rugby Club on Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Come along and be part of the team!



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drinks and open for you**

MONDAY – FRIDAY

9am - 3pm

SATURDAY

9am – 2pm

CLOSED SUNDAY

**Essington Community Centre
Hobnock Road, Essington WV11 2RF**

STAFFS TOUCH SERIES CONCLUDES

The final round of the Mixed Touch Rugby Tournament took place at Stafford Rugby Club, bringing to a close another successful and enjoyable series of fixtures.

The Hawks can be proud of their performances throughout the tournament, with the highlight being victory in the third round. The club also reached another milestone by fielding two teams

on two occasions during the series—a fantastic reflection of the growing strength and enthusiasm within the squad.

The tournament has provided an excellent opportunity for players to put their training into practice against, at times, some very strong opposition. As the series progressed, the team's confidence, skills and understanding of the game improved noticeably, while the Hawks continued to grow together both on and off the pitch, strengthening the family spirit that makes the club so special.

Our players have also been backed by fantastic support from family, friends and club members throughout the tournament. Your encouragement from the touchline has been greatly appreciated by everyone involved.

The exceptionally hot weather during several rounds made for challenging playing conditions, but the commitment and determination shown by all the players was outstanding.

The season will be rounded off in style with a well-earned celebration at the Hawks Curry Night on Thursday 14th August, providing the perfect opportunity to reflect on a successful tournament and look ahead to the next one.

Congratulations to everyone who represented the Hawks—you've done the club proud!

THANK YOU, COACH FAZ

As another Mixed Touch Rugby season comes to a close, we would like to pay a special tribute to Coach Faz, whose final tournament as Head Coach took place on Friday 17th July.

Over the past few years, Faz has devoted countless hours to coaching, organising and supporting the Hawks. Through his commitment, enthusiasm and leadership, he has transformed not only the team's skills on the pitch but also the mentality and togetherness that define the Hawks today.

His encouragement has given every player the confidence to develop, compete and, above all, enjoy the game. Under his guidance, the Hawks have grown into a close-knit family, producing some outstanding touch rugby and creating memories that will last a lifetime.

While Friday night at Stafford Rugby Club marked the end of Faz's time as Head Coach, the impact he has had on the club will continue to be felt for many years to come. His dedication, patience and belief in every player have helped shape the team into what it is today.

On behalf of everyone at the Hawks, thank you, Faz, for everything you have done. Your hard work, friendship and unwavering support have meant more than words can express, and your legacy will remain at the heart of the team.

Once a Hawk, always a Hawk. Thank you, Faz.

Faz won't be too much of a stranger, he will be making guest coaching appearances, just to keep his hand in!



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

At Essington Rugby Club, we know that volunteers are the heartbeat of everything we do. From coaching and organising events to helping behind the scenes, every volunteer plays a vital role in making our club the success it is.

To recognise the incredible people who give their time so generously, we're delighted to introduce our new Volunteer of the Month award. Each month, we'll celebrate someone who has gone above and beyond for the club and made a real difference.

We're proud to announce that our very first recipient is Simon 'Faz' Farrow.

July has been another busy month for Faz. He has led the Essington Hawks through the final stages of the summer touch rugby tournament season, even managing two teams at some events, while continuing to deliver weekly training sessions. He also played a key role in organising another successful Essington Touch Tournament, helping create a fantastic day for everyone involved. Faz's commitment doesn't stop there. For years, he has dedicated countless hours to coaching, organising and supporting the Hawks, helping players develop their skills, build confidence and, most importantly, enjoy their rugby. His passion and willingness to give his time have made a lasting impact on the club.

Congratulations, Faz, on becoming our first-ever Volunteer of the Month, and thank you for everything you continue to do for Essington Rugby Club.

Could you be our next Volunteer of the Month? If you'd like to get involved and help support the club, speak to a member of the committee. We'd love to welcome more volunteers to the Essington Rugby Club family.

Support Essington Rugby Club with Octopus Energy

We're delighted to be part of the Octopus Energy People Power initiative – a simple way to support Essington Rugby Club while saving money on your energy bills.

When you switch your home energy to Octopus Energy using our unique referral link:

<https://essingtonrugbyclub.octopus.energy>

- You'll receive £50 energy credit.
- Essington Rugby Club will receive £50 to support our teams, equipment and club activities.

It's a win-win! Every switch helps us continue to grow and invest in the future of the club, with no extra cost to you.

Keep an eye on our social media channels and website for our referral link, or speak to a member of the committee for more information.

Thank you for supporting Essington Rugby Club – on and off the pitch! ❤️❤️

MEN'S CONTACT TRAINING IS BACK



ESSINGTON RUFC

THIS IS OUR CLUB

IT COULD BE YOURS!

PRE-SEASON TRAINING
JOIN US THIS WEEK
ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

 **EVERY MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY**

 **19:30-21:00**

 **ESSINGTON RUFC**
HIGH HILL, WV11 2DW

NOW'S THE TIME TO JOIN ERUFC
GET IN TOUCH!

🟡 Men's Rugby is Back!

Pre-season is here, and Men's Contact Rugby training returns to Essington Rugby Club every Wednesday at 7:30pm.

Whether you're a seasoned player, returning after a break or completely new to the game, all abilities are welcome. The more the merrier!

With player numbers continuing to grow, we're aiming to field a second team this season, giving even more players the opportunity to pull on an Essington shirt and enjoy competitive rugby.

Pre-Season Fixtures

Saturday 15th August - Penkridge (Home), 1:00pm kick-off

Saturday 22nd August - Rugeley (Home), 1:00pm kick-off

These warm-up matches will give the squad the chance to build fitness, sharpen skills and prepare for the challenges ahead.

The Owen Cup

Our competitive season gets underway with the Owen Cup, as we welcome Stone to Essington Rugby Club on:

🏆 Saturday 5th September @ Home

We'd love to see plenty of support on the sidelines as the lads begin their cup campaign.

Training every Wednesday at 7:30pm. Bring your boots, bring your mates, and be part of an exciting season ahead!

1ST TEAM LEAGUE FIXTURES 2026-27 ESSINGTON RUFC

SEPTEMBER

26 BURNTHWOOD 2S (H)

OCTOBER

03 WILLENHALL 2S (A)

24 TELFORD 2S (A)

31 SUTTON COLDFIELD 2S (H)

NOVEMBER

07 TAMWORTH 2S (A)

21 MOSELEY OAK 2S (H)

28 WEDNESBURY (A)

DECEMBER

12 OLD SALTLEIANS 2S (H)

19 BURNTHWOOD 2s (A)

JANUARY

16 WILLENHALL 2S (H)

23 TELFORD 2S (H)

FEBRUARY

13 SUTTON COLDFIELD 2S (A)

20 TAMWORTH 2S (H)

MARCH

06 MOSELEY OAK 2S (A)

13 WEDNESBURY (H)

APRIL

03 OLD SALTLEIANS 2S (A)

Season Socials Kick Off with a Successful Pub Crawl

The new season's social calendar got off to a fantastic start with our annual Essington RUFC Pub Crawl, bringing players, members and friends together for a day of fun, laughter and community spirit.

Our route took us to six fantastic local venues:

The Homestead

The Whimsey

The United Kingdom

The Swan

The Duke of Cambridge

The Milestone

It was a great opportunity to catch up away from the rugby pitch, enjoy each other's company and strengthen the friendships

that make Essington RUFC such a special club. Just as importantly, the day gave us the chance to support the brilliant local pubs and clubs that play such an important role in our community. We'd like to say a huge thank you to every venue for their warm welcome and hospitality throughout the day.

A big thank you also goes to everyone who joined us and helped make it another memorable club social. Events like these remind us that Essington RUFC is about far more than rugby—it's about friendship, community and creating lasting memories together.



Dates for Your Diary

- **Saturday 5 September 2026 - Owen Cup & Presidents' Meal**
- **Saturday 31 October 2026 - Halloween Party**
- **Saturday 7 November 2026 - Oktoberfest**
- **Sunday 29 November 2026 - Christmas Fayre**
- **Saturday 12 December 2026 - Essington Christmas Party**
- **Friday 29 January 2027 - Burns Night**
- **Friday 10th April 2027 - Men's Tour Weekend**
- **Friday 30th April 2027 - Dinner Dance Awards Night**
- **Saturday 1st May 2027 - Mixed Touch Games**
- **Sunday 2nd May 2027 - Chairman's Day**





PLAYER & CLUB SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – SUPPORT ESSINGTON RUFC

Sponsor an Essington RUFC Player!

Are you looking for a way to support your local rugby club while getting your brand in front of a passionate and engaged community?

We're inviting local businesses, supporters, and members to sponsor one of our fantastic players for just £100 for a contact player & £60 for a mixed touch player - per season.

By becoming a player sponsor, you'll receive:

- ✓ A dedicated social media announcement celebrating your partnership with Essington RUFC.
 - ✓ Your name or business logo featured on the team sheet for every game your sponsored player takes part in.
 - ✓ Social media recognition whenever your player scores a try, achieves an award, or reaches a special milestone.
 - ✓ Your logo proudly displayed on the back of your player's custom Essington RUFC shirt.
- Your support helps our players, strengthens our club, and connects your brand with the Essington rugby community.

Mixed Touch Sponsored Top



Mens' Contact Sponsored Top



Away Kit Sponsorship Opportunities

We are excited to showcase our new Essington RUFC away kit design, featuring fantastic opportunities for businesses to showcase their brand.

You can secure a premium position on our kit with the following sponsorship options:

- 🟡 Front of Shirt Sponsor – Maximum visibility with your logo proudly displayed on the front of the shirt.
- 🟡 Back of Shirt Sponsor – A prominent position ensuring your brand is seen throughout match days and club activity.
- 🟡 Arm Shirt Sponsor – A great opportunity to feature your logo on the sleeve of our playing kit.



More Sponsorship Opportunities Available

We also offer a range of partnership packages designed to suit businesses of all sizes:

- ★ Platinum Package
- 🥇 Gold Package
- 🥈 Silver Package
- 🥉 Bronze Package

Each package offers different ways to support Essington RUFC while increasing your brand exposure within our growing rugby community.

Want to see the full range of sponsorship opportunities and find the package that works for you?

👉 Check out all our sponsorship deals [here](#).

Interested? Contact us at essingtonrufc@gmail.com

Join the Essington RUFC family and become a valued club partner today. 🏉



Dinner Dance Feedback - We Want Your Thoughts!

Whether you were there on the night or couldn't make it this year, we'd love to get your feedback on the 2026 Dinner Dance.

We've put together a super quick survey that takes less than two minutes to fill out. It's completely anonymous, and your answers will help us figure out what worked well, what we can do better, and how we can make future club events enjoyable for everyone.

Please take a moment to hit the link below and let us know your thoughts:

<https://forms.gle/qUCRT5365d3GsEN79>

**MEN'S CONTACT TRAINING
MONDAYS
&
WEDNESDAYS
7.30PM**

**JUNIOR BOYS RUGBY
TRAINING
AGES 14-18
WEDNESDAYS
6-7PM**

**MIXED TOUCH TRAINING
AGES 14+
THURSDAYS
7.30PM**

**RUGBY PLAYERS
REREGISTER
TO THE CLUB!**

RFU All players in must register annually through the RFU's Game Management System (GMS) to be eligible for contact rugby in the 2026/27 season.

PLAYERS NEED TO:

- LOG INTO** their personal GMS account
- COMPLETE** the renewal form
- SUBMIT** and confirm your details

**GET REGISTERED. STAY ELIGIBLE.
BE READY. BE PART OF IT.**

**DON'T LEAVE IT LATE - GET REGISTERED TODAY
FOR THE 2026/27 SEASON!**

Register

Touch & Contact Players - Please Register on the RFU GMS System

Data is KING! 🏆

Whether you are a contact player or a touch player, we need you to register on the RFU GMS system.

Your registration helps us build accurate player data, which supports the club with funding opportunities, planning, and future development. By registering, you'll also become part of the RFU family and stay connected with updates, news, and opportunities from the game.

Please take a few minutes to register — every player counts!

Thank you for your support. 🏆

Login to GMS [HERE](#)

MEMBERSHIP

Once registered there will be a need to pay membership to the club. The details for membership are [HERE](#)

MONTHLY QUIZ 🏆



At the end of July, Mike and I paid a visit to Stowe School in Buckingham. As we walked up to the entrance, there on the front steps was the Gallagher Premiership Rugby Trophy!

The reigning champions, Northampton Saints, were holding a junior training camp, so we couldn't resist having our photo taken

with the trophy... even if they did beat Exeter Chiefs in last season's Premiership Final! 😊

This Month's Quiz

How heavy is the Gallagher Premiership Rugby Trophy?

Email your answer to essingtonrufc@gmail.com for your chance to win a free drink at the club. The correct answer will be revealed in next month's newsletter. Good luck!