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OKTOBERFEST

7th November 2026

STILL TIME TO GET YOUR TICKETS

XMAS FAYRE

Sunday 29th November 2026

If you wold like a table contact Josie 07514025623

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 11th December 2026 @ 7.30pm

Men's Contact Training

Mondays & Wednesdays @ 7.15pm

Junior Contact 14+ Boys

Wednesdays @ 6.00pm

Mixed Touch Training 14+

Thursdays @ 7.30pm

ESSINGTON RUFC NEWSLETTER

November 2026

🍻 Oktoberfest is nearly here at Essington RUFC, and you're not too late to get your tickets!

Join us for a fantastic oompah band, plenty of laughs and a thoroughly entertaining night. Get into the spirit with a costume and come ready to join in the fun! 🥨🎶

Grab your tickets **HERE**!















Grants, Graft and the Occasional Computer Lockout!

Dave is at it again! He and his daughter Jennie have spent hours putting together an application for the Government's Common Ground Award, scratching their heads over the various criteria and making sure they get the wording just right.

If successful, the funding would help extend our disabled parking—the two spaces we currently have are well used—and provide a ramp down to the pitch. This would improve access for wheelchair users, people with pushchairs and the emergency services, helping more people join our pitchside spectators. The application also includes lighting to make access safer and easier.

Dave has also applied for a South Staffs grant that would bring in advisers to look at ways to improve the club's appearance. Our clubhouse looks fantastic inside, but the outside could do with a little help to make it just as welcoming! Another funding opportunity through British Airways is also being explored. Somehow, Dave manages all this despite continually being locked out of his computer. Thankfully, his determination to find funding is stronger than his relationship with technology!

And Dave isn't the only one busy seeking support. Phil B applied to Allianz for a £1,000 grant last year and has submitted another application this year. Mike C has secured £500 from the Staffs RFU Doris Fund towards the roof repairs completed earlier in the year, along with £1,000 from the parish council towards replacing the fuse board.

These applications take time, patience and plenty of work behind the scenes. A big thank you to everyone involved—every successful grant helps us maintain the standards we want and keep improving the club for everyone.

ANAGRAM

This months 'quiz'

(Congrats to Wil, Gerwyn & Jak who correctly guess last month's anagram - Gregory Osborn)

Unravel this anagram to reveal
a rugby player at the club:

Amos Jerks

Answers to essingtonrufc@gmail.com
Winner wins a free drink at the club

October Rugby Round-Up

3rd October 2026 - Willenhall 2nds v Essington

Essington's 1st XV kicked off October with a league outing against Willenhall 2nds. Unfortunately, the team never quite came together on the day, losing 39–14. Tries : Je Howard & A Baldwin. .

10th October 2026 - Essington Vets v Willenhall 3rds

After a rugby-free weekend, it was the veterans' turn to take centre stage, welcoming Willenhall 3rds to Essington. Graham captained a side featuring at least three sexagenarians, proving there's plenty of rugby left in those legs!

Wil managed a cheeky 15 minutes of game time—just enough to earn himself DOTD & a Try! A former Essington player, Adam Smith, who has now transformed his skills to American football, also returned to the rugby pitch and impressed enough to be named the opposition's player of the game.

With plenty of tries to enjoy, Essington came away with a 64–40 win. A great result and lovely to see some familiar faces back on the pitch! Tries :- A Smith, S Hylton (2), A Baldwin, D Best (& conversion king),W Nicklin, J Hands (2), R Lillie & W Osborn.

24th October 2026 - Telford 2nds v Essington

The next game took Essington to Telford 2nds on a very inhospitable day. With the bare 15 players and no substitutes, everyone knew they would have to put in a full shift—and they certainly did! It was a "stick it up your jumper" sort of game, but Essington got off to a flying start, scoring two tries within the opening 10 minutes. Every player kept working hard right up to the final whistle. It was also the first outing in the new away kit - see article further down.

Man of the Match went to Kyran Fellows, with his first try in an Essington shirt. Jesse picked up DOTD, seemingly deciding that running straight into people was his preferred tactic for the afternoon!

Congratulations to Connor McGeary for scoring his first try in an Essington shirt. Tries:- M Dixon, A Hunt, K Fellow, C McGeary, W Osborn.

31st October 2026 - Essington V Sutton Coldfield 2nds

Wow, Wow, Wow—What a Performance!

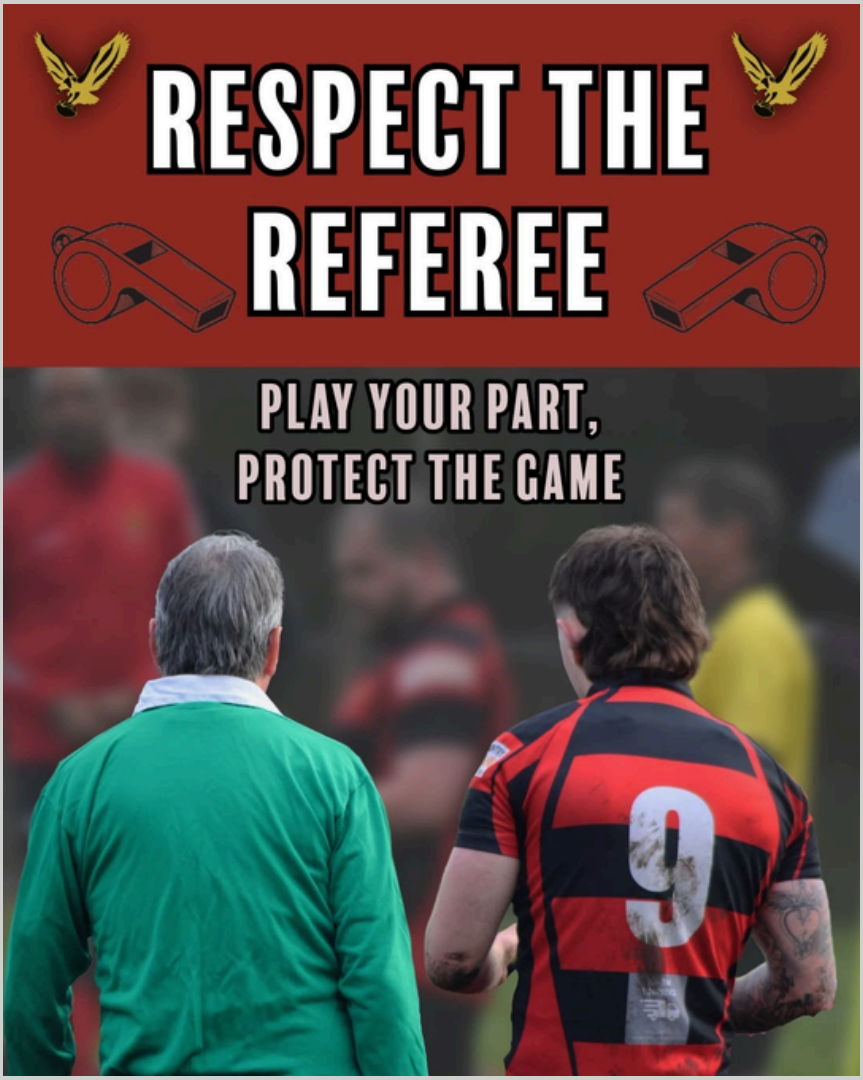
What an amazing end to October! Essington started with just 13 men and played with those numbers until nearly half-time, but they certainly showed what they were made of.

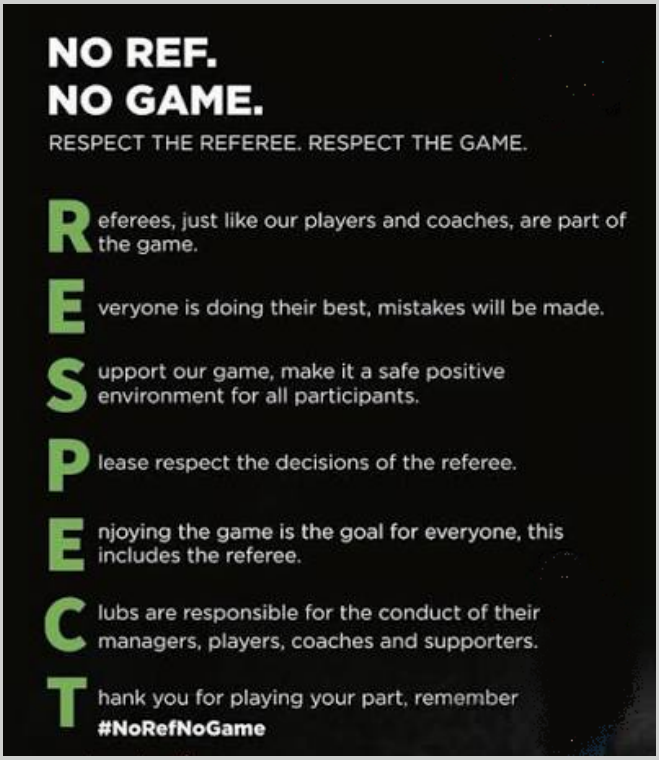
The tackling was immense, and the determination and commitment were there for everyone to see. Many spectators said it was the best game of rugby they had seen at the club—high praise indeed!

The second half saw Sutton field a bigger pack, which gave them a slight upper hand, but Essington kept battling. The final score was 27-27, rounding off a tremendous contest.

Our try scorers were Semi, Wil and Jesse, and a couple of penalties taken by Alex, with Wil named the opposition's Man of the Match. Meanwhile, Alex took DOTD after managing to tackle the rugby post instead of touching the ball down for a try! A moment he probably won't be allowed to forget any time soon.

Let's keep this momentum going! Contact training takes place every Monday and Wednesday. Bring that same energy and commitment, and let's build on a fantastic performance.





Essington Rugby Club would like to remind all players, coaches, and supporters about the importance of respecting match officials.
We've worked hard to build a fantastic reputation with referees and Staffordshire RFU as a friendly, welcoming club. With ref appointments being particularly tough to secure this season, keeping that positive reputation directly helps us get official referees allocated to our games!

Please make sure we're giving referees the respect they deserve on and off the pitch.

















Jake's Quiz – Who's Jake?

For anyone who hasn't met him yet, Jake is our chairman's son, and he's busy raising money for his scouting trip to Malta in 2027. You may already have spotted him selling sweets at the club to help build up his funds!

Now Jake is swapping the sweet stall for the quizmaster's chair and hosting his very own quiz. He's putting in the effort to make his scouting adventure happen, and it would be lovely to see plenty of club members, friends and family come along to support him.

Get a team together, brush up on your general knowledge and join us for an evening of friendly competition, a few laughs and perhaps a little head-scratching! Whether you're a regular quizzer or simply fancy a fun night out at the club, everyone is welcome.

Let's get behind Jake and help him take another step towards Malta!

A Warm Welcome to Our New Club Sponsors

Essington Rugby Club is delighted to welcome HaLVE as our new Platinum Sponsor and Fur Royale as our new Silver Sponsor.

HaLVE – Platinum Sponsor

Based in Bilston, HaLVE specialises in high and low voltage electrical engineering, supporting businesses across the UK. Established in 2010, the company provides services including equipment installation, electrical testing, maintenance and emergency callouts, drawing on more than 30 years of industry experience.

We are delighted to have HaLVE on board and sincerely thank the team for their generous Platinum sponsorship and support for our club.

Find out more at www.halve.org.uk.

Fur Royale – Silver Sponsor

66 Wolverhampton Road, Essington. (Next to the Minerva pub).
07449 952 958

Our Passion for Pets

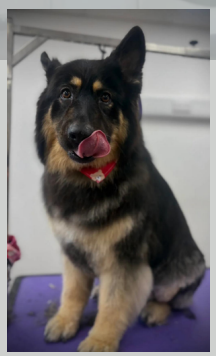
Is your pup looking more ruff than regal? In need of a good spruce up? At Fur Royale Dog Grooming Salon, we use only the finest, pet-friendly products to ensure your dog feels comfortable and looks their best.

Our salon is designed to create a stress-free environment, so that your beloved companions can enjoy their pamper whilst building positive relationships with our staff!

Our business is completely family run, located in the village of Essington; and we pride ourselves in creating the best environment possible for your pups to have their groom. we understand not all dogs enjoy being groomed, some may be reactive, some may be nervous; which is why our team are highly experienced when it comes to tricky situations and calming dogs nerves.

Find out more at www.furroyale.com.





Sponsorship makes a real difference to a community club like ours, helping us provide opportunities to enjoy rugby and bringing people together on and off the pitch.
Please join us in giving both businesses a warm Essington welcome and supporting them whenever you can.

Thank you, HaLVE and Fur Royale — welcome to the club!

🎃 A Spooktacular Night at the Club! 👻

How good did the room look? Spookily good! With fantastic decorations and some amazing outfits from both children and adults, there was plenty of Halloween spirit at the club.

A big thank you to Chris, Gillian, Laura and Tracy for helping Ellie pull everything together.

A special fang-tastic well done to Ellie for all her hard work in making it such a brilliant night!

Thank you to everyone who came along and joined in the fun. 🕷️🦇



We Will Remember Them

After last year's knitted poppies beside the soldier by the bar, Josie and Helen wanted to build on the idea and create a larger Remembrance display. Their plan was a cascade of poppies at the front of the club—and, with some wonderful help, that idea has come to life.

More than 300 poppies have been knitted, crocheted or made from felt. Our grateful thanks go to Josie, Helen, Angie, Andrea M, Laura M and the Gibbs family for their time, care and creativity. Big thanks to those who helped put together the 'cascade' and to Dave Burgess for his Tower of London poppy which Mike has mounted next the the soldier in the club. Children have also helped by painting plaster of Paris poppies to stand in the grass beside the cascade, making this a display that different generations have helped to create. At its heart, the display is an act of remembrance: honouring those who gave their lives in service and recognising the sacrifices made by members of our Armed Forces and their families. It also reflects the club's commitment to supporting charitable causes and bringing our community together.

Please take a moment to stop and look when you visit the club.

Lest we forget.









🏆VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH: JOSIE LLOYD🏆



🔥 VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH: OCTOBER 🔥

At Essington Rugby Club, we'd be lost without the incredible people working behind the scenes to keep things running smoothly.

If you know Essington, you know just how much this month's winner does for us. Our October Volunteer of the Month goes to the brilliant Josie Lloyd! 🏆👏

Josie has had a mega month! On top of her usual non-stop work managing room bookings, coordinating events, and keeping the clubhouse clean and tidy, she recently completed our food hygiene audit—securing and maintaining our 5-star hygiene rating! ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

As if that wasn't enough, she's already hard at work behind the scenes planning our upcoming Christmas Market to make it another massive success! 🎄✨

Josie, thank you for your endless hard work and dedication to the club—we appreciate everything you do! ❤️🖤

👀 Want to get involved?
Speak to any committee member today to find out how you can lend a hand. You could be our next Volunteer of the Month! 👇

New Away Kit, Same Essington Pride



Our new away kit for the 2026/27 season is here, and we're delighted to reveal a fresh look made possible by the generous support of our sponsors:

Sweetphoria
1911 Cafe
Ashmore Glass and Mirrors
Chainshot
ESM

A huge thank you to each of these businesses for backing Essington RUFC. Their support helps us keep moving the club forward, and we'll be introducing each sponsor individually on our social media pages soon.

Alongside celebrating our sponsors, we're proud to support the **Injured Players Foundation** (IPF) as one of our club charities this season. The foundation supports rugby players who have sustained life-changing injuries, helping them and their families through the challenges that follow. Our new kit represents the players who wear it, the businesses backing them and the community supporting us from the sidelines. Have a look at our fantastic 'reveal' video **HERE**. It's already produced positive comments from other local clubs!





Christmas Cheer at Essington Rugby Club

Join us for our Christmas Fayre on Sunday 29th November, from 10am to 3pm, at Essington Rugby Club, High Hill, WV11 2DW.

Browse the local stalls, pick up some Christmas gifts and enjoy festive treats and fun with family and friends.
Father Christmas will also be joining us, ready to meet our younger visitors and add a little Christmas magic to the day!

Book your Father Christmas visit **HERE**

Everyone is welcome, so bring your friends and family along and support our local stallholders while getting into the festive spirit.
Interested in having a stall? Email essingtonrufc@gmail.com to find out more.

GET ESSINGTON RUFC CLOTHING 👕🩳

We have a huge selection of quality clothing through our partner Halbro.
Get your playing shorts, coats, customised playing shirts, etc. including two ranges club shirts for after the game (with one at £23/24).

https://halbro.com/product-category/your-store/essington-rufc/

Socks £10 and ties £15 are only available over the bar and always in stock.
We do carry a small stock of other items behind the bar:-

Playing shorts. - 34"+
Long sleeve shirt – size 17½”
Long sleeve shirt – size 15½”
V neck Jumper – size 48–50”
V neck Jumper – size 54–56”
Woolly Hats - £12 & £15

















🎅 Get Christmas Wrapped Up – Order Your Clubwear Now!

UPDATED FIXTURE LIST

7th November - Rugeley Greybeards - 2nd / Vets team Friendly (H)
14th November - Tamworth 2s - League (A)
21st November - Moseley Oak 2s - League (H)
28th November - Wednesbury - League (A)
5th December - Willenhall 3s - 2nd/ VETS Team Friendly (A)
12th December - Old Saltleians 2s - League (H)
19th December - Burntwood 2s - League (A)

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9th January - Rugeley Greybeards - 2nd / Vets team Friendly (A)
16th January - Willenhall 2s - League (H)
23rd January - Telford 2s - League (H)
13th February - Sutton Coldfield 2s -League (A)
20th February - Tamworth 2s - League (H)
6th March - Moseley Oak 2s - League (A)
13th March - Wednesbury - League (H)
3rd April - Old Saltleians 2s - League (A)



🏉 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – ESSINGTON RUFC 2026/27! 🖤💛

There's always something happening at Essington Rugby Club, and we've got plenty of great events lined up over the coming months!

From quiz nights and festive celebrations to Burns Night, our annual Dinner Dance and plenty of rugby fun, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Our club is about so much more than rugby. It's about bringing people together, making memories, supporting our community and, most importantly, having a good time!

📅 Take a look at our latest diary dates, get those calendars out and make sure you don't miss out! Whether you're a player, supporter, member or just fancy coming along, everyone is welcome.

Great Events. Great People. Great Club. 🏉🖤💛

#EssingtonRUFC #OneClub #DiaryDates #CommunityRugby #MoreThanJustRugby



🎄 CHRISTMAS JUMPERS ON, THINKING CAPS READY! 🎄

Join us at Essington RUFC on Friday 11th December at 7.30pm for our Christmas Quiz Night! Gather your team, dig out your favourite Christmas jumper and enjoy an evening of festive fun and friendly competition.

❤️ Help us spread some Christmas kindness, too. Alongside your £2 entry, please bring an item for the foodbank. Christmas can be an especially difficult time for people struggling to afford everyday essentials, and your donations can help ease that pressure.

If you're able to bring a little extra, it would be hugely appreciated. A few tins or packets may seem a small gesture, but together our donations can make a real difference to local people and families.

🎅 Teams of up to 6

🎟️ £2 per person, plus an item for the foodbank

🧶 Dress code: Christmas jumper

📍 Essington Rugby Club, High Hill, WV11 2DW

Let's fill the clubhouse with Christmas cheer—and the collection with much-needed donations!

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In support of

RFU INJURED PLAYERS FOUNDATION

The RFU Injured Players Foundation (IPF) is England Rugby's official charity.

The IPF supports players at any level of the game who have sustained an acute life-changing injury while playing rugby union in England. In the broadest terms, the charity defines life-changing injuries as those which result in the loss of, or loss of use of a limb, catastrophic spinal cord injuries or acute severe traumatic brain injuries which result in permanent functional disability.

The IPF also funds research to improve injury management and quality of life, and to reduce the risk of catastrophic injury occurring in rugby.

Friends of Essington Quiz



The first Friends of Essington Quiz was held at the rugby club an was a very successful night. 12 teams took part, 4 of which were made up of club members. The event raised £119 and was won by Jokers corner.

Look out for their next quiz at the club on Tuesday 24th November 2026.

Friends of Essington is a community group dedicated to improving life for local residents by caring for Essington's natural and built environment. They bring residents and businesses together through hands-on projects, encourage pride in the area, raise local environmental concerns, support nature conservation, and promote recycling and energy saving.

A Big Thank You to Our Club Volunteers

There's always something that needs doing at Essington Rugby Club, and we're fortunate to have volunteers willing to roll up their sleeves and lend a hand.

A special thank you goes to Chris and Andy, who have repaired the wobbly sink in the disabled toilet, and to Chris for also unblocking the toilet in the ladies. These jobs may not be glamorous, but they make a real difference to everyone using the clubhouse, and we're very grateful.

We'd also like to thank all our volunteers for the time, effort and care they give to the club. Whether it's helping on match days, supporting events, carrying out repairs or working behind the scenes, every contribution counts.

If you'd like to get involved, please contact James Hands, our Club Volunteer Coordinator. Whatever your skills or the time you can spare, we'd love to hear from you.

Thank you to everyone who helps keep Essington Rugby Club running!