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A TOUGH SUMMER FOR THE PITCHES

You only need to look around to see the effects this extraordinary dry and hot summer has had on the flora and fauna. Our pitches at the club have certainly felt the effects, with the prolonged hot, dry weather leaving them extremely hard and with very little grass coverage.

As a result, the RFU has taken the decision to delay the start of the season by two weeks. This has meant that our planned warm-up games have had to be postponed, and the cup game against Stone has now been moved to 19th September.

The good news is that training is going well, with the lads putting in plenty of hard work and getting themselves ready for the season ahead. Coaches Steve and Adam (Biggins) are excited to see what the lads can do when they finally get the opportunity to put all that practice into motion under proper game conditions.

There is, however, some rugby to look forward to. We have a warm-up game against Rugeley on 12th September, before the first league game of the season, which will still be at home against Burntwood 2nds.

President Dave Brawn is organising a Vice Presidents' meal before the Burntwood game. If you would like to attend, please contact Dave directly to book your place.

After a long, hot summer, everyone at the club is looking forward to getting back on the pitch. So come along, enjoy the rugby, support the lads and see whether all that hard work at training can be put into practice!

Come along, support the lads and let's get the new season underway!

CHANGES AT THE RFU!

Some of you may follow Staffordshire Rugby Union on social media where they have posted the following message ;

'Staffordshire Rugby is pleased to welcome the creation of the new Midlands West Regional Growth Partnership Board, bringing together Staffordshire, North Midlands RFU and Warwickshire.

Congratulations to Monica Shafaq on her appointment as Chair.

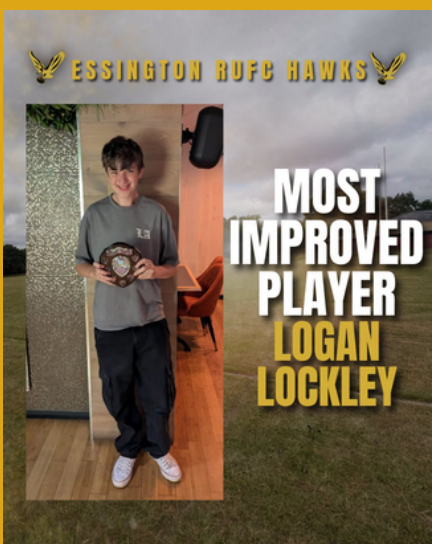
The Board will work alongside the three Constituent Bodies and the RFU to help open new doors, build new partnerships and create opportunities to grow the game across our region.'

At this stage, we don't know what this change will mean for our club or for our local Staffordshire Constituent Body. Indeed, we have not received any notification or information directly regarding the changes.

There is some additional information available through this [LINK](#), along with some interesting articles which may provide a little more background and context.

As more information becomes available, we will hopefully have a clearer picture of what the new structure means for local clubs and the future development of rugby in Staffordshire.

ESSINGTON RUFC HAWKS **END OF SEASON CELEBRATION**



**Most Improved Player —
Logan Lockley**

A fantastic season of development, hard work and determination. Well deserved, Logan!



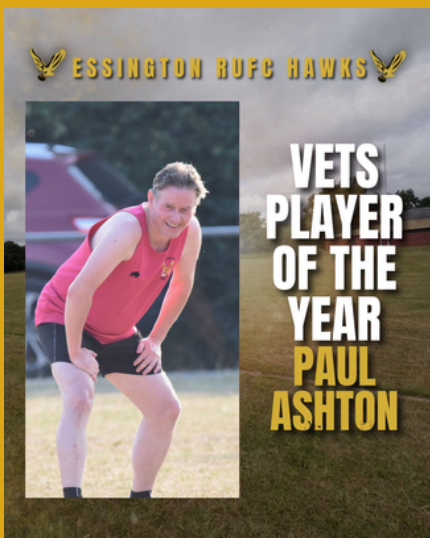
**Male Hawk of the Year —
Jesse Howard**

Recognising the same qualities that make a true Hawk — commitment, passion, teamwork and everything that comes with representing our club both on and off the pitch.



**Female Hawk of the Year —
Rhiannon Pearson**

An award that embodies what it truly means to be a Hawk, both on and off the pitch. Rhiannon has shown incredible commitment, passion and dedication throughout the season.



**Vets Player of the Year —
Paul Ashton**

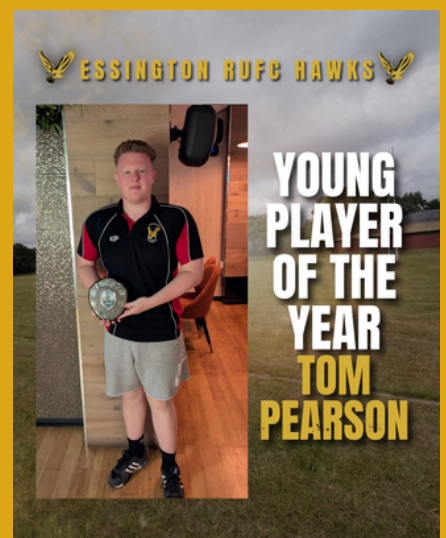
Recognising the experience, commitment and passion Paul continues to bring to the team.

Over 30 players, organisers, families and supporters joined us for our end-of-season curry — a brilliant evening celebrating our achievements on and off the pitch.

The awards are a new Essington Hawks tradition, recognising the commitment and dedication of our players.



A huge thank you to everyone who has supported the club throughout the season. We couldn't do it without you!



**Young Player of the Year —
Tom Pearson**

A brilliant season and a fantastic contribution from one of our younger players.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



A massive congratulations to August's Volunteer of the Month: Pete Cooper! 🙌

Pete came down in his own spare time to rescue the club scrum machine from an early grave in the weeds, giving it a full service and getting it back in top working order. Thanks to his hard work, the lads can now take full advantage of it in training—and hopefully, we'll be reaping the rewards on the pitch this season! 🏉

Volunteers like Pete are the absolute backbone of Essington RUFC, and we can't thank him enough for his effort.

Want to get involved? We're always on the lookout for extra hands around the club. Whether you can lend a skill, spare an hour a week, or help out on match days, every bit makes a massive difference.

If you're interested in volunteering, drop us a message or get in touch with a committee member!

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! ❤️❤️

Family Fun Day



What a fantastic afternoon we had! Adults and children, from 2 years old up to 70, enjoyed goes at the egg and spoon race, sprinting and sack race, with plenty of laughs and some serious competition along the way!

Everyone got involved in rugby rounders, while the children had a brilliant time on the bouncy castle. And, of course, there was plenty of water pistol fun to keep everyone cool!



A huge thank you to Ellie and everyone who helped make the afternoon such a success. We couldn't have done it without you!

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DIARY DATES
2026 / 2027

	SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2026 - Owen Cup & Presidents' Meal
	SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER 2026 - Halloween Party
	SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2026 - Oktoberfest
	SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2026 - Christmas Fayre
	FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER - Quiz Night
	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

Great Events. Great People. Great Club.

Put the Dates in Your Diary

The new season is here, and we've got a fantastic line-up of events planned for 2026/27!

Essington RUFC is about community, friendships and having a good time together, both on and off the pitch. So why not come down, bring your friends and family, meet some new faces and get involved?

Got an idea for another social event?

We'd love to hear from you! Whether it's a family day, live music, themed night, race night, bingo, games evening or something completely different, get in touch and let us know what you'd like to see.

essingtonrufc@gmail.com

Support a Player. Support the Club.

Want to get more involved with Essington RUFC and show your support for one of our players? Our Player Sponsorship packages for the 2026/27 season are now available!

Contact Player Sponsorship – £100

Touch Player Sponsorship – £60

What do you get?

- Your name or business featured on the team sheet whenever your sponsored player takes to the pitch.
- Special mentions when your player receives recognition, including Player of the Match and other awards.
- Your sponsored player receives a sponsor shirt featuring your name or business, helping promote your sponsorship throughout the season.



It's a great way to support an individual player, promote your business and show your support for Essington RUFC both on and off the pitch.

Whether you're a local business, family member, friend or proud supporter, we'd love to have you involved.

Interested in sponsoring a player? Interested in club sponsorship?

Email sponsoressingtonruffc@gmail.com for more information and to secure your sponsorship.

Back a player. Promote your business. Support the club.

Players Sponsored So Far

- Phil Breakwell - DAVID BRAWN
- Steve Langford - SPENCER & CO CONSTRUCTION <https://spencerandco.co.uk>
- Michael Millchip - NOT SO TYPICAL FITNESS. <https://www.notsotypicalfitness.co.uk/>
- Alex Baldwin - ADDITIVA. <https://www.facebook.com/share/1Hgu8RDJcr/>
- Conor Gilhooly - THE WELLNESSHOT. <https://www.thewellnesshot.co.uk/>
- Jesse Howard - SWEETPHORIA <https://sweetphoria.co.uk/>
- Wil Morgan Osborn - CHAINSHOT <https://chainshotclothing.co.uk/>
- Jamie Babington - MEMORY OF AUNTIE JANE
- Tom Pearson - THE OZZIE'S
- Greg Osborn - HS ACCOUNTING SOLUTIONS
- James Hands - THE LYNDONS
- Club Member Helen Chandler Sponsored by THE LYNDONS

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WEDNESDAYS
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PRE-SEASON TRAINING
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 **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 CONTACT TRAINING
MONDAYS
&
WEDNESDAYS
7.30PM

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

MIXED TOUCH TRAINING
AGES 14+
THURSDAYS
7.30PM

Meet Our President – Dave Brawn: Superhuman or Technophobe?

Every rugby club needs a good President. Someone who can lead from the front, represent the club and, ideally, understand modern technology.

Enter **Dave Brawn**.

Dave is, without doubt, a man of many talents. However, technology is perhaps not one of them. Let's start with the mobile phone. Dave doesn't have one. Well, apparently he does... but only when he has a heart attack! Otherwise, why would anyone possibly need one?

Then there's the watch. Dave can't wear one because, according to Dave, it goes out of control. Quite what that means, nobody knows, but we suspect the watch is probably just trying to escape.

Social media is another area where Dave has struggled to embrace the modern world. He has made an attempt at Facebook, but things haven't exactly gone to plan. In fact, **Dave has now been banned from Facebook**.



Not because of anything he has written — we're not sure Dave would know how to write anything on Facebook in the first place — but because of his attempts to prove that he is human.

Facebook presented him with the dreaded test: "Select all the squares containing a motorbike."

Now, we have always thought Dave was superhuman, but apparently even a superhuman has his limits. After several attempts, Facebook decided that Dave was either a robot, or simply too dangerous to be allowed near a motorbike.

And yet, despite all this evidence that Dave may have been defeated by modern technology, there is one area where he really is superhuman.

Grants.

Dave's achievements in securing grants for the club have been nothing short of remarkable. While the rest of us struggle to identify a motorbike in nine small

squares, Dave can seemingly identify a funding opportunity from 50 miles away, fill in the paperwork, make the right connections and somehow come back with money for the club.

New equipment? Dave will find a grant.

Improvements to the club? Dave will find a grant.

Something we didn't even know we needed? Give Dave five minutes and he'll probably find a grant for it.

So perhaps we have got Dave all wrong. Maybe he isn't a technophobe after all. Maybe he's simply saving his superpowers for where they really matter.

And if anyone from Facebook is reading this — Dave is definitely human. He just can't prove it by finding a motorbike in a square.

Thank you, Dave, for everything you do for Essington RUFC. The club is incredibly lucky to have you — even if we do keep you away from the Wi-Fi!

PS Dave has since been locked out of his Microsoft Outlook account!!!

Our Club Sponsors So Far

1911 Cafe



1911 Cafe are a hub of the village in the community center opposite the school, providing delicious, freshly prepared meals and coffee/tea and cake! A great place to take people for a chat and relax. Used by many members of the Rugby Club. The cafe are long time sponsors and supporters of the Rugby Club.

The 1911 Café, Essington Community Centre,
Hobnock Road, Essington, WV11 2RF
<https://1911cafe.co.uk/>

Sweetphoria



Sweetphoria is Essington's new sweet treats shop. Classic treats to signature ice creams and milkshakes and candy floss ! A wide range high-quality British and European sweets and product that you will know and love. Located at the back of 1911 cafe in the Essington community centre.

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www.sweetphoria.co.uk

Stone Cross Scaffold



Stone Cross Scaffolding, based in Wednesbury, work together with a variety of clients to deliver safe, efficient scaffolding solutions across the West Midlands. Stone Cross have supported the rugby club with many repair works and projects where scaffolding support is required.

Ben Richards, one of the directors, is a long time member of the club and is an ex-player and ex-first team captain.

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<https://walshfunerals.co.uk/>

Hilton Main construction



Hilton Main construction are a family-based construction company, based in Bloxwich, specialising in civil construction maintenance and lighting, from small private schemes to large construction works, across the West Midlands.

Hilton Main are a big supporter of the Essington community and have helped the rugby club with projects including the new car park extension.

<https://www.hiltonmain.co.uk/>
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Support our sponsors : say you saw them advertised at Essington rugby club - Online, give them a 👍 , comment, or tag — It all shows them their support really matters

Become a Club Sponsor

We're looking to welcome new local businesses to our growing team of club sponsors!

Our existing sponsors play a huge part in supporting the club, helping us provide opportunities for our players, improve facilities, and continue building a strong community around the team.

We'd love to give more local businesses the opportunity to get involved, raise their profile, and show their support for grassroots sport. Whether you're a small local business or a larger company, your support can make a real difference.

By becoming a club sponsor, you'll not only be supporting the club and our players, but also putting your business in front of our players, families, supporters and wider local community. If you're interested in becoming a sponsor or would like to find out more about our sponsorship opportunities, we'd love to hear from you.

Support your local club. Support local sport. Grow with us.
Get in touch today to find out how your business can become part of the club

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☀️ **SLIMMING WORLD AT ESSINGTON RUGBY CLUB**

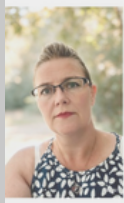
I'm Kim, your local Slimming World Consultant, and I'm proud to run our friendly Essington group here at the club every Thursday at 5.30pm. It's a welcoming space where members support each other, share ideas and celebrate every step of their journey.

This year, five of our amazing members have achieved their dream target weight, and as a group we've celebrated a total weight loss of 807lb (57 stone 9lb). Every one of those pounds represents determination, support, and real-life change — and I couldn't be prouder of them.

Right now, there are referrals available through Staffordshire, Wolverhampton and Walsall councils. If you'd like to check your eligibility, please contact me on 07900 982494 — I can give you the details for the local authority.



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THURSDAY
5.30pm

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Call Kim
07900 982494

Each week, our group is filled with people looking to feel healthier, happier and more confident. They find a relaxed, no-judgement environment where encouragement is at the heart of everything we do. If you're thinking about joining us, you're always welcome to pop in, have a chat and see what we're all about. No pressure, no judgement — just support.

Thank you to Essington Rugby Club for being such a fantastic home for our Thursday group.

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!

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