



Board Report 2022 – 23

Devizes RFC Limited

As a Rugby Club this has been a very significant year of change trying to create some stability for the future of our club.

On field we had a successful season with both the 1st XV and 2nd XV establishing themselves in their respective leagues the Ladies have shown extreme resilience and team spirit that is exemplar for the whole club.

This year we say thank you to Joe and James who have led our Senior sides for the last 6 years and have brought through many home grown players to be regular senior players. They are earning a well deserved break and we will look forward to welcoming them to the supporters side of the fence.

In the juniors we have had superb development and performances across all age groups which continue to deliver players to the senior sides.

Throughout this last year your board have had a focus on securing the future of the facilities required to be a rugby club, Niall has outlined the approach that we have taken and even though the final paperwork is not yet signed the rugby club has taken over the running of the clubhouse.

We have managed our costs and developed our revenue streams to ensure that as a club we have a years operating expenses in the bank – this is good financial practice. We are a sound and secure club by ensuring this.

This club runs with volunteers at the heart of it whether they are team mangers, working behind the bar or creating the fantastic lunches for the juniors, we do need to ensure that we do not overload the current volunteers by asking them to do too much if you think you can help please do speak to any of the current team and we are sure we can find you a role.

At the end of the season we celebrated the achievements throughout the club with the a couple of highlights to bring to you –

Mark Davies was recognised as he finishes his long coaching involvement as the colts graduate this year – unfortunately the Colts lost the Final of the D&W Colts cup by a single point. Thank you Mavis.

Emma Matthews has stood down from the management of the Ladies she was one of the founding members of the Ladies set-up and has been a great servant to the club, thanks Mufty

At the Senior Dinner there was recognition of the hard work over many years that Keith Butler has provided to the club by presenting him with the Clubman Trophy as recognition and very well deserved.





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Looking forward we have undertaken a rigorous selection process across a number of quality candidates and our new head coach is Neil Loader. We welcome Neil.

Next year sees a fundamental change in how tackling is used in the game – it is there to protect the players but will also have a dynamic on the game with more opportunities to offload. There are resources being published all the time on the RFU website we urge you all to look at them.

Our final point is to say a massive thank you to Julian Roberts who is stepping away from helping run the clubhouse, throughout the pandemic and up to now he has tirelessly supported us all by making sure we have a clubhouse to use as well as the best pitches in the county.

This club is your club it only works if we all work together – we have secured our future , we are financially sound we need you to have your say in the future and help us get even better.

On behalf of the

Directors of Devizes RFC Ltd

Chris Jones

Niall Maclean

