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## Return to Rugby

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## Community Clubs boosted by Government Funding

We are thrilled that so many community rugby clubs across the country have benefited from the Rugby Union Winter Survival Fund.

Over the past few months, community rugby clubs nationwide have been boosted by an allocation of £30 million of government funding, the biggest single investment in the community game, following collaboration between the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), Sport England, the RFU and the grassroots game.

512 rugby clubs have already received Rugby Union Winter Survival Fund grants totalling £18,275,903, with more set to receive funding through the loans programme. You can read the full story below.

[Read More](#)



### Pitch up for Rugby is back 4-12 September

Pitch up for Rugby is making a welcome return and we are encouraging clubs, players, officials, volunteers and fans across the country to get involved in a national celebration of rugby. Events will be held over the two weekends of 4/5 or 11/12 September, choose one or both if you prefer.

The Pitch up for Rugby week will remind people that rugby is back, and clubs are welcoming members - new and old - to the rugby family. We are also keen to use this opportunity to recognise everyone who has worked tirelessly to keep the game going during the pandemic.

Many of you will already be familiar with the Pitch Up format, but for those of you who aren't, a story around last year's Pitch Up is available below. We will share further information over the coming weeks, alongside FAQs which will be uploaded to the Club Support Helpdesk.

**This document** contains more details on support, spreading the message via social media and more details around the summer rugby countdown.

**Register your interest via the link below, by Friday 9 July. This doesn't commit you to anything, it just gives us an indication of the number of clubs who will be getting involved to celebrate rugby being back.**

On the form, you can also nominate your Social Media Lead(s) and let us know when your celebration event will take place.

[Register Interest](#)

[More Information](#)



## First Aid and Immediate Care Provision Guidelines

Following on from the Regulation 9 changes announced last week, the **Community Rugby Pitch-side First Aid and Immediate Care Provision Guidelines** supporting this regulation for the 21-22 season is now available.

The document below provides guidance and information for clubs and other rugby activity organisers on the recommended pitch-side provision for first

aid/immediate care provision for training and matches. This covers the different levels and age-groups in the community game and includes information on medical emergency action plans, facilities, equipment and reporting.

On Wednesday 30 June we will be hosting a webinar to go through the new First Aid/Immediate Care Provision guidelines for the 2021-22 season and to cover other areas within FA/IC provision, including the first aid risk assessment, facilities and equipment and first aid training. **Register**

A new look RugbySafe toolkit will provide more information on player welfare responsibilities and good practice in clubs, and will be available in the coming weeks.

[Guidance & Information](#)

[RugbySafe Homepage](#)



## Rugby Camps Guidance

We have now consolidated our information regarding the organisation of rugby camps into one guide. This guidance is for all camp organisers at member clubs, educational institutions, Constituent Bodies (CB) and third party/commercial providers and can be found on the Summer Activity page below.

It will support anyone organising and delivering a rugby camp at any time and specifically during the summer of 2021 when out-of-season regulations have been changed due to the impact of Covid-19. We strongly recommend that all organisers see this guide as the template for their activity. There is

separate guidance for those responsible for rugby camp approvals (mainly CBs).

### Summer Activity Guide



## Connecting with your players

After such a challenging, disrupted year due to the pandemic, it has never been more important to keep in touch. Connecting with players and members will be essential ahead of the new season to encourage as many people as possible to return to clubs and rugby pitches nationwide.

Without being able to reach people, we can't share information about all the great things going on and all the opportunities to join together and increase participation. Updating GMS data is really important right now.

On Friday we emailed you information around a data tidy up taking place. We now have more information to help you with this below in the form of the criteria that you will need and how to update invalid data.

[Data Criteria](#)

[Update Invalid Data](#)



## News round up

### **Travel Funding 2021/22**

Details on travel funding support and application process will be shared on 29 June 2021 in the next Community Game Update.

### **Princess thanks volunteers**

HRH The Princess Royal, Patron of Gloucestershire Rugby Football Union, congratulated rugby winners at this year's Awards in Adversity event, recognising those who have gone over and above to support their rugby and wider community during the pandemic. **[Read the full story including the list of winners.](#)**

### **July 4 National Thank You Day**

The nation's first ever national Thank You Day will show gratitude to the NHS, frontline workers and all those in our communities who have helped us through the pandemic crisis so far. With over 16 million planning to get involved, it is likely to be the biggest mass participation event since the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

There will be a big thank you at England v USA at Twickenham. Let us know if you plan to thank your volunteers on national thank you day.

# Webinars and On-Demand Videos

## Webinars & videos on demand

As we build up to the Summer Series you can watch the first of episode of The Next Level where Eddie welcomes the new faces to the England Squad.

[Watch Video](#)

### Men's health survey

Simplyhealth, the official healthcare partner to England Rugby, would like your help to fill out a survey on men's health. Men are less likely to communicate about health issues and to seek help. Late diagnosis has long term consequences on health and wellbeing so Simplyhealth want to understand some of the barriers stopping men talking about health and getting the right support, empowering men to take positive action for healthier bodies and calmer minds.

[Survey](#)

Teamwork

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