

President

As I end my term as President of Driffield RUFC, I am delighted with how the year has progressed. I want to extend a wholehearted thank you and appreciation for the fantastic support I have received from every member of our club : to all the players, coaches, volunteers, staff, supporters, and sponsors who have contributed to making this year a memorable one and for making Driffield RUFC a success and maintaining the club's spirit.

This year has been marked by tremendous success both on and off the field across all levels of our senior Men's and Ladies' rugby teams. Congratulations to the Ladies XV on retaining their place in their league : I know this season has been tough, but your dedication and teamwork have paid off. Well done!

Enormous congratulations to our Men's 1st XV, winning the Yorkshire Cup for the first time in our club's history. This prestigious tournament is one of the oldest rugby cup competitions in the world. This remarkable achievement highlights the relentless hard work and dedication of not only our players, but also Chris Young, Alex Piercy, Paul Cook, Bash and all involved in the preparations.

Our achievements also extend to our thriving mini and junior age-grade rugby, providing competitive rugby on a Sunday for the future of our club's success. Our new Mini-Junior Chairman Paul Dervey has taken to his new role like a duck to water by galvanising the enthusiastic young Woldsmen, eagerly supported by Lisa Naylor and Catherine Bristow. This comprehensive success reflects the hard work, dedication, and passion of our young players, coaches, and parents and supporters.

The Sportsman's Dinner hosted at the rugby club was a fantastic night, bringing cricket, football, and rugby together for the first time as joint initiative to work together as sporting community. A special thank you to Ian Douglas for helping us secure Dean Richards as our main speaker. We raised £6,057, which was split between the three Driffield clubs.

A heartfelt thank you to Kerry and her team. Your exceptional work, week after week, is really appreciated. You have gone above and beyond, making my Saturdays significantly easier. Thank you.

I am immensely proud and feel incredibly privileged to have served as your President. It has been an honour and a pleasure to be part of such a well-organised and efficiently managed rugby club. The dedication and hard work of everyone involved have made this experience incredibly rewarding. Together, we have upheld the proud traditions of Driffield RUFC and continued to foster a strong, supportive, and enthusiastic rugby community. Thank you for making this past year unforgettable and for your ongoing commitment to our shared passion for rugby

Finally, but certainly by no means last, I would like to wish Simon Megginson all the very best as President for next season and hope he enjoys it as much as I have. As Pip Snaith said to me, "It is your year. Enjoy it and just be yourself". Not sure if we can give the same advice to 'Leader' !

Thank you once again see you all next season.

Rodney Hogg
President 2023-24