



## COMMUNITY GAME UPDATE

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### Coronavirus (Covid-19) update

Please find below the thirty-third edition of our coronavirus (Covid-19) update.

Having submitted our Return to Community Rugby Action Plan to the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport ('DCMS'), we hope to announce a move to Stage C on the Return to Community Rugby Roadmap soon. We have also announced dates for the NatWest RugbyForce Weekend.

**Please visit our dedicated web portal on the England Rugby website to access coronavirus information and updates [here](#).**

**Past editions of these weekly updates can be found on this part of the website. Click [here](#) if you need to find a previous edition.**



# RFU headlines

## Return to community rugby update

We remain at **Stage B on the Return to Community Rugby Roadmap**. However, we have submitted our Return to Community Rugby Action Plan to the DCMS so we hope to have some positive news soon about the potential move to the next stage.

## NatWest RugbyForce confirmed for 5 & 6 September

We are pleased to announce that NatWest RugbyForce Weekend is returning on Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 September to support clubs as they get ready for the return of rugby.

NatWest RugbyForce Weekend provides the perfect opportunity to call on your volunteers to help get your facilities in great shape, to welcome back the community as we work towards a return to play.

This year, NatWest is offering more help to support the rugby community. If you haven't already registered, by pledging to get involved, your club could be eligible for a grant of up to £500 to support your NatWest RugbyForce weekend. Just click the link below and register by midnight on Sunday 9 August. If your club is already registered, we'll have been in contact with details of your grant. All that's left to do is start planning.

Rest assured, we will continue to monitor government updates and all activities will fall within guidelines present at the time of the event and we will provide support and guidance in the coming weeks on how to run your event safely.

[Register](#)

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## Other important updates

## Webinars and podcasts

### Employment basics for rugby clubs - Thursday 6 August at 7pm-8pm

This webinar run by our legal partner, Irwin Mitchell, will answer your employment law questions on the basics of employing and engaging people at your club.

Please note, as the official legal partner to England Rugby, Irwin Mitchell will be taking over the Legal and Tax Helpline from Saturday 1 August. The new legal and tax helpline number is **0333 0100337**.

Register for the webinar below and you will be automatically entered into a competition to win a signed England Rugby shirt.

[Register](#)

## Catch up on previous webinars

For those who want to catch up on previous webinars, these are available on the England Rugby website. Please click on the links below:

[Club Webinars](#)

[Referee Webinars](#)

[Coach Webinars](#)

## UK Coaching launches its new coach learning Duty to Care Toolkit

UK Coaching this week launched its new coach learning Duty to Care Toolkit package, designed to give coaches the confidence to embrace and adjust to the changed coaching landscape.

The toolkit will ensure the nation's coaches are equipped with the knowledge and skills to provide great coaching experiences to others, and support them as coaches to better look after themselves as they return to coaching after Covid-19 restrictions are relaxed.

Coaches will also be able to earn a free nationally recognised 'digital badge' to demonstrate to the public they are committed to the principles of Duty to Care (Diversity, Inclusion, Mental Health, Safeguarding and Wellbeing), which underpin great coaching.

Click below to access through the learning and development platform.

**Duty to Care Toolkit**

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## Rugby community doing great things

Rugby communities and their members continue to provide support to local their local communities. Today we highlight Wheatley Hills RUFC's Fin Garner who cleared up the shattered glass from a local bus shelter.

**Fin Garner**

In addition to clubs helping their communities, we are now highlighting clubs' self-help initiatives, as well as activities being undertaken to improve diversity and inclusion at clubs, on [englandrugby.com](http://englandrugby.com).

Mitsubishi Motors in the UK are proud supporters of the rugby volunteers across England who make up an integral part of the game. Help us recognise your work by sharing your club and individual stories and videos with [veemontebello@rfu.com](mailto:veemontebello@rfu.com) or [patriciamowbray@rfu.com](mailto:patriciamowbray@rfu.com).

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