Batley Sporting Charitable Trust

'Uniting Communities Through Sport'
Community Newsletter May 2019



Welcome to the May edition of Batley Sporting Charitable Trust Newsletter, we have lots to tell you!

Volunteer week

Volunteer week starts 3rd of June and we are recruiting! If you are looking for something a little bit different, you are passionate about sport and the community then this could be for you. From walking rugby to indoor curling and holiday club, there's lots of fun to be had. Get in touch for an informal chat.

Fox's walking rugby with the RVS

BBSCT has secured another strong partnership with Batley's RVS and through the ongoing sponsorship from Fox's Biscuits are excited to bring Walking Rugby to the community. After some strategy meetings held at the RVS's Batley office and the Bulldogs Fox's Biscuits Stadium, plans have been put together to run six taster sessions for the community to take part in some Walking Rugby. The beauty of Walking Rugby is it is open to EVERYONE, as it is based on touch rugby with the twist of walking only. The sessions will be held at the Fox's Biscuits Stadium with refreshments and debrief, with the 26th June penciled in as the date for the first session. We are looking at running the sessions between 11 am and 2 pm with a cost £2 per session. All are welcome! As this will be a great opportunity for in the community to get outdoors, to make new friends and get fit in the process. Watch this space for further information or contact the Community Team.

Kirkwood Hospice collection at Bulldogs vs Halifax game

It was a pleasure to welcome Kirkwood Hospice to the game to help them raise funds for the vital and much needed work they do in Kirklees, Kirkwood is not just a Hospice, they provide services to families long past the passing of a loved one, including nurses into patients homes. Thank you for your hard work Kirkwood.







The Great Get Together launch

Clare from the Community team and Batley CC Coach attended the Great Get Together launch at Huddersfield Town and had the opportunity to speak to local TV and radio media news teams about the Sporting Heroes project. The project finale will take place on the 16th June at the Jo Cox memorial rugby game which is part of the GGT. More in the project and the game below!

More in Common 'Sporting Heroes' Partnership Project

The 'Sporting Heroes' Partnership project is well underway. Children came together from Batley Boys, Batley Bulldogs neighbours Batley Cricket Club and children that are affiliated with neither team, in a series of sessions held at both grounds. The project is designed around bringing children together through sport and they took part in rugby training, quick cricket & other multisport activities. The next session is to be held at the Fox's Biscuits Stadium at 7pm on the 11th June and the finale will be at the Jo Cox Memorial Rugby game between Batley Bulldogs and Sheffield Eagles on the 16th June, the children will take part in pre-match activities and will receive their participation t-shirts and certificates.

The day will begin at 12.30pm and there will be lots going on, including live music and fairground rides. Batley Cricket Club will also be showing the India vs Pakistan on a big screen on the same day and have invited everyone to join them after the game.

Wilton Park Youth Activity Weekend

Over the May bank holiday 4th-6th, the BBSCT team in partnership with Fox's Biscuits hit Wilton Park to support Batley West Young People's Activity Forum in a weekend of sports and fun. Over the course of the weekend families of all ages could come and take part in









tennis, boxing, football, rounders, poetry, cricket and of course touch rugby. The BBSCT team set up a touch rugby pitch where the community could play touch rugby games as well as kick tennis. We also had a number of skill-based stations set up to keep audiences of all ages entertained. The weather held out and the weekend turned into a success with people of all ages and backgrounds coming out to the park and taking part.

Memorial – Beverley Nicholas

Last week Beverley Nicholas sadly passed away, after a long battle with illness. Beverley was dedicated to the Batley Bulldogs and she put a huge amount of effort into fundraising for breast cancer charities by running events like the Pink Weekend, raising in excess of £100,000. Beverley was also Chair of Trustees for the Trust and was instrumental in its set up and running, she was described as 'the driving force behind the Pink Weekend and a truly wonderful lady' this weekend at the stadium. Beverley will be missed by all at the club and all our thoughts are with her husband Kevin and daughter Alexandra. Her family would like to encourage people to make donations to Breast Cancer charities in her memory and come to the next Pink Weekend 11th August against Dewsbury Rams.

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