

# Batley Bulldogs Community Team



## 'Uniting Communities Through Sport' Newsletter October 2020

**Welcome back to the Community Team newsletter!**

**We're still here!**

Its been a long time since we have seen any of you, in normal times we would have had plenty of things happening – but of course we know these are not normal times!

We hope that you have all been able to stay well through lockdown and continue to stay safe and well, as we all do our bit to help protect ourselves and others to get through the pandemic.

We have been working to get our projects back underway, following the current COVID-19 guidelines so we can welcome you back safely.

So lets get on with telling you what's going on!

### **NCS with Huddersfield Town Foundation!**

The Huddersfield Town Foundation is bringing National Citizens Service to Batley this October half term and it will take place at the home of Batley Bulldogs! NCS is designed specially for 16 and 17 year olds, the NCS experience will give you a clearer idea of what you want from your future. There is still time to sign up for NCS at [www.wearencs.com](http://www.wearencs.com).

We have more plans in the pipeline with HTAFC Foundation to bring more exciting projects to Batley for young people, so watch this space!

### **Community Gym is back!**

We have been working hard to make Community Gym safe for you to return and we are pleased to tell you that we are now back open. For the moment we are running our over 50's session on reduced hours – Tuesday and Thursday 8am and sessions must be booked in advance, but we will be increasing our sessions in the coming months.



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However, the gym will be closed for the first 2 weeks of November for some much needed refurbishments, we will be sharing pictures once this is complete and would like to say a massive thank you to Batley and Birstall Community Fund for making this refurbishment possible.

We would also like to say a huge thank you Fox's Biscuits who now sponsor the Community Gym as well as the Community Team and keep us going with their delicious biscuits!

### Community Wellbeing Allotment

Our Community Wellbeing Allotment project, in partnership with St Anne's Community Service, is finally underway. Gardening is a great way to get fit, feel good and learn some green fingered skills. We have big plans for this amazing space which already has an orchard of apple and pear trees, which we were able to harvest some fruit from and donate to Sensory World for their Community Outreach.

### Community Team Kit

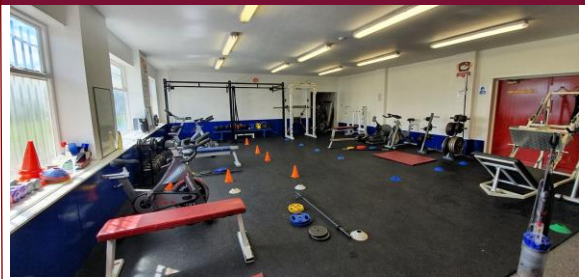
Our long awaited new team kit has finally arrived, We would like to say a big thank you to returning kit sponsors Fox's, TNL Community Fund, Farrar Windows, Creative Scene & AJ Winner Plasterers, and welcome new sponsors PPG, The Jo Cox Foundation, More in Common & The Crescent. Many thanks for all our sponsors continued support and keeping is looking the part!

### Team Update

Community Team Coach Kyle has left us for the University of Cumbria to study Sports Rehabilitation, we would like to wish Kyle the best of luck and we hope to see him back at Batley soon!

### Schools Coaching

We've gone back to school! We are pleased to announce our schools coaching programme is back underway, our schools coach Paul Wood is helping year 6 children increase their team work and fitness skills safely and we hope to be back at more schools soon.



## Sporting Memories Reminiscence Café

Sporting memories has gone virtual! Like all face to face sessions Reminiscence Café has moved online, but not only that, it has now evolved to include sessions on cricket. Sessions are held via Zoom – Cricket on Thursdays and Rugby League on Fridays. If you would be interested in joining these sessions email [info@dewsburymemories.co.uk](mailto:info@dewsburymemories.co.uk)

## Working safely with COVID-19

We take COVID-19 and your safety very seriously and have risk assessed all our activities and taken all precautions to make sure we keep our service users, our coaches and our volunteers safe during the pandemic.

Our Community Gym has been spaced out to make plenty of space between stations and there is hand sanitiser, cleaning equipment and Track & Trace in place.

In schools our coaches will have cleaning equipment to hand and wear masks when coaching, whilst ensuring we remind children of safety rules.

We have booking systems in place with all our sessions, which are run with reduced numbers so we can ensure that distancing rules can be observed and followed safely.

We hope to see you soon!

Take care and stay safe

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### Batley Bulldogs Memories

Invitation to our Reminiscence & Memory Café



Share stories about Rugby League, Sport, Batley Bulldogs & everything in between.

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## We haven't beaten the virus... yet!

COVID-19 is still in our community. The only way to eliminate it is to stop it from spreading. All of us have the power to beat the virus.

Here's how you can play your part...

-  **Stay 2 metres apart**  
Only get closer to people within your household bubble. If you have to get closer then consider wearing a face covering
-  **Wash your hands**  
Wash your hands regularly with soap and warm water for 20 seconds - Especially when you've been out
-  **Wear a face covering**  
If you're going shopping, using public transport or expect to be less than 2 metres away from others
-  **Isolate with symptoms**  
If you develop any of the COVID symptoms, you must isolate immediately and call 111, or visit [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) to arrange a test
-  **Stay away from crowds**  
Even small groups can spread the infection
-  **Follow Test & Trace**  
If you are contacted by NHS Test & Trace - isolate immediately and follow their instructions

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