

# Batley Bulldogs Community Team

## 'Uniting Communities Through Sport' Newsletter December 2020



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

### A Message from the Community Team

We hope you have all been able to stay safe and well, things have been changing often but we have learnt to adapt and wanted to tell you we are here for you!

As long as we remain in Tier 3 our Gym and Allotment projects are able to continue following government guidelines, your safety is our priority at all times and we have worked hard to make sure our space is COVID safe.

### Hampers

Last year the Community Team partnered with the Jo Cox Foundation to do a community Christmas Dinner, hosted at the club for people who might be alone at Christmas as part of the Foundations Great Winter Get Together campaign. Obviously the pandemic has meant that we have been unable to do the dinner this year and we know that this year will be an exceptionally lonelier time for people in our community as well as increased financial hardship for individuals as well as families. We decided to do 50 hampers as part of the GWGT campaign in place of the dinner and have worked with local voluntary organisations across Batley & Spenningsdale to identify those most in need, particularly trying to identify those people who don't come forward and ask for help. Thank you also to Fox's biscuits for their donation towards the Hampers!



## The BIG Bulldogs Toy Drive

We have been overwhelmed by the fantastic response to our Toy Appeal, hundreds of donations were given by the residents of North Kirklees to provide to children of families who have been hit Hardest financially by the pandemic and vulnerable families across the area.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all who donated for their amazing generosity!

## Holiday Wellbeing Activities

Its been a busy Christmas holiday for the Community Team providing Wellbeing activities for Children aged 4-11. We partnered up with Huddersfield Town Foundation and the Training Cave, the children have enjoyed football, boxing, quick cricket and craft activities.

Huddersfield Town Foundation provided Premier League Kicks for 11- 17 year olds, what a fantastic opportunity for young people in the area! More to come in 2021!

## What's coming in 2021?

We are here for you in 2021 and have some exciting work coming up!

Community Gym continues with over 50s session at 8am on Tuesdays and Thursdays, new for 2021 will be ladies only boxing sessions, watch this space for that!

The Town Fondation will be back with us for more young people sessions, they will also be running a Sports Degree Course out of the Fox's Biscuits Stadium starting in September so get in touch for more information!

We will be starting some Mens walking, Cycling and Scooting groups, so watch our for the start of this!

The Community Team is a Charity and we will be looking for funding to carry on the work we do, if you can help us with a small donation please see our crowd funding page [here!](#)





## 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 and Happy New Year!!!

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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...

- 1 2m** **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
- 2 20** **Wash your hands**  
Wash your hands regularly with soap and warm water for 20 seconds - Especially when you've been out
- 3** **Stay away from crowds**  
Even small groups can spread the infection
- 4** **Wear a face covering**  
If you're going shopping, using public transport or expect to be less than 2 metres away from others
- 5** **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
- 6** **Follow Test & Trace**  
If you are contacted by NHS Test & Trace - isolate immediately and follow their instructions

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