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2017-2018

ANNUAL REPORT



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FOREWORD 2017/18

Welcome to the Durham Association of Boys and Girls Clubs Annual Report for 2017/18 as we celebrate our 85th year.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself as the new Chairman of the Association following the resignation of Michael Banks due to work commitments. I was delighted and honoured to be asked by our President Frank Nicholson, to take on the role and I will endeavour to ensure the Association continues to provide top quality activities for our young people.

2017/18 has been another highly successful year despite these challenging times. As you read through the report, I'm sure you will be impressed by the breadth of sporting activities that have taken place as well as by the fantastically talented young people we have in the association. At DABGC we provide opportunities for young people at county and regional level as well as in national and international competition. Young people are given the opportunity to develop talent and skills that will last a lifetime.

In order to continue to offer such a strong programme, fundraising remains a crucial part of our work. We are hugely grateful to the individuals and organisations, which have funded DABGC throughout the year, and I hope they feel that the investment in our young people has been worthwhile.

We would not be successful in our mission without the fantastic work of our Executive Youth Officers, Simon Healey and Alan Watson along with our Corporate Support Officer, Tina Townson. All three work tirelessly planning, organising and delivering events. They are passionate and committed to ensuring DABGC is a leading provider of activities for young people. Thank you for all you do in support of DABGC

Many thanks also to our Executive Committee who ensure DABGC is meeting its aims and objectives. All give their time freely and play an important role in ensuring the DABGC continues to thrive. Special thanks also go to Michael Kirtley, our honorary treasurer, for his dedication and loyal support throughout the years. Michael has stepped down from this post having taken up a position out of the area and we wish him the very best in his future career.

Finally I would like to pay tribute to our President Frank Nicholson for his continued enthusiastic support. His skilful Chairmanship of the AGM should not be missed!

David Orford
Chairman

TREASURER'S REPORT 2017/18

The Association's financial statements are set out later in this report.

Financially this year the association has reported an in-year deficit of (£3,640). This compares with a reported deficit of (£11,449) in the previous financial year (2016/17). It is highlighted that the accounts have been prepared on a cash basis that recognises revenues and expenses at the time physical cash is actually received or paid out.

The accounts state for the last financial year total income increased from £48,410 in 2016/17 to £57,911, an increase of £9,501 (20%). This increase in income is pleasing to report given the challenging economic climate that the Association has faced in recent years. I would like to personally thank all contributors to the Charity, which allows the Association to support the County Durham and surrounding area youth community.

The Trustees of the Association have continued to recognise the pressures facing donors and have endeavoured to maintain a prudent approach with close monitoring of operational expenditure. This has ensured that the funds received have been utilised to further the objectives of the Charity. In total, expenditure levels have marginally increased to £61,551 in 2017/18 from £59,859 in 2016/17, an increase of £1,692 (2.8%).

The Charity envisages that the forthcoming year will remain financial difficult and in the short term where appropriate will utilise reserves to support the activities of the Charity. The Association will continue to maintain tight control of expenditure during 2018/19 and aims to increase income levels from grants, donations and other fundraising activities. This prudent approach with the dedication of the team will ensure the Association continues to support the local youth community in the future.

M Kirtley

Honorary Treasurer

DABGC VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS

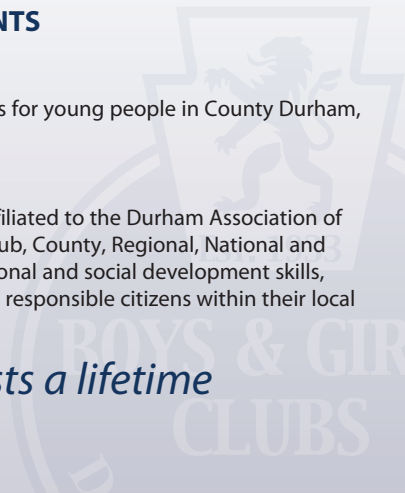
VISION

To be the best provider of sporting activities and events for young people in County Durham, Darlington, South Tyne and Wear and Cleveland

MISSION

To encourage and provide young people from clubs affiliated to the Durham Association of Boys and Girls Clubs, to access opportunities at Inter-Club, County, Regional, National and International level, so that they may increase their personal and social development skills, thus enabling them to fulfil their potential and become responsible citizens within their local community

Invest in Young People - it lasts a lifetime



AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 1.** To foster and support the development of new clubs male, female and mixed in areas of need.
- 2.** To support and develop existing clubs and their voluntary management.
- 3.** To present opportunities to young people so they may take part in a wide range of activities to increase their personal and social development.
- 4.** To promote and compliment the work of UK Youth, NABGC and other partners throughout the Durham Association area.
- 5.** To act as liaison between our National organisations and other partners with our affiliated clubs and also between government, local authorities, public bodies, trust funds and other external agencies concerned with youth provision.
- 6.** To provide guidance, advice and support where requested to our individual clubs on areas of concern, such as financial or internal organisation matters.
- 7.** To encourage and provide Inter-Club, County, Regional and National Sports and Creative Activities, Adventure Courses, Training, Development and International opportunities.
- 8.** To provide for Leader, Management and Members Training.
- 9.** To raise funds for the furtherance of the above objectives.
- 10.** To provide equality of access and opportunity for all young people irrespective of race, culture, sex, religion.
- 11.** To identify and promote good practice throughout the Association.
- 12.** To develop effective working partnerships with a wide range of organisation and agencies.



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TOGETHER STRONGER**

POOL 2017 /18

Our county round of the DABGC Pool championships were held at Lambton Street Youth Centre on the 20th March 2018 and we are sincerely grateful to Kevin Howard and his staff for making us so welcome. The winner's were-

Under 12

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| • Winner | Kieran Batey | South Tyneside Positive Activities |
| • Runner Up | Jay Beddow | Hartlepool Belle Vue |

Under 14

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| • Winner | Dainton Ould | Lambton Street |
| • Runner Up | Nathan Ord | South Tyneside Positive Activities |

Under 16

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| • Winner | Arron Simmons | South Tyneside Positive Activities |
| • Runner up | Leon Bassam | Hartlepool Belle Vue |

Under 19

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| • Winner | Glenn Westley | South Tyneside Positive Activities |
| • Runner up | Scott Simpson | Hartlepool Belle Vue |

The winners and runners up in each age group went on to the NABGC Pool finals held at Newcastle-under-Lyme in Staffordshire on 20th May 2018 where they had a great day against some strong competition with Kieran Batey from South Tyneside Positive Activities becoming the Under 12 National runner- up.

All the other Durham representatives played really well and enjoyed the day.



COUNTY TABLE - TENNIS 2017/18

This was held at Bishop Auckland Table Tennis Club on Monday 4th June 2018. We would like to thanks Matthew Porter and his club members for making available this facility and providing a warm welcome.

Boys Under 12

Winner	Jake Bewley	Bishop Auckland TTC
Runner Up	Ashton Tallentire	Bishop Auckland TTC

Boys Under 14

Winner	Matthew Pearson	Bishop Auckland TTC
Runner Up	Jack Anderson	Bishop Auckland TTC

Boys Under 16

Winner	Joe White	Bishop Auckland TTC
Runner Up	Jack Lambert	Bishop Auckland TTC

Boys Under 19

Winner	Jamie Collins	Bishop Auckland TTC
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Girls Under 12

Winner	Charlotte Higgins	Bishop Auckland TTC
Runner Up	Halie Tallentire	Bishop Auckland TTC

Girls Under 14

Winner	Eleanor O'Reilly	Bishop Auckland TTC
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Girls Under 16

Winner	Sophie Golightly	Bishop Auckland TTC
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Girls Under 19

Winner	Emma Smith	Bishop Auckland TTC
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NATIONAL TABLE-TENNIS FINALS 2017/18

The Table-Tennis finals were held in Lincoln on Saturday 7th July 2018. This was a good quality venue, which was well presented for both players and spectators. All players received certificates of participation and enjoyed a full days play.

Durham players did extremely well winning 4 National titles, 2 National runners-up and retained the National Club Trophy - a tremendous achievement

Boys

Under 14	Matthew Pearson	(Bishop Auckland)	National Champion
Under 16	Hayden Gilmour	(Bishop Auckland)	National Champion
Under 19	Jamie Collins	(Bishop Auckland)	National Champion

Girls

Under 12	Charlotte Higgins	(Bishop Auckland)	National Champion
Under 12	Lucy Whales	(Bishop Auckland)	National Runner-up
Under 14	Eleanor O'Reilly	(Bishop Auckland)	National Runner-up



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING /PRESENTATION OF AWARDS NIGHT 2017

We were again delighted that over 300 young people, together with parents and supporters attended the evening held at Ramside Hall Hotel, Durham on 25th September 2017 where our President, Frank Nicholson presented a wide variety of awards to celebrate the achievements of our young people over the past year.



THE BETTY WOODWARD YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2016 / 2017

We had many strong nominations for the Betty Woodward Award, which is awarded on an annual basis to the Young Person of the Year from within the affiliated clubs of the Association. The criterion is open-ended except that the young person must be a regular member of the club and aged between 16 years and 21 years.

Winners of the 2016/17 Betty Woodward Youth Achievement Award:

Nathan Gardiner	Gateshead Redheugh 1957
Claire Hodgson	Consett Young Firefighters.

Certificates of Recognition:

Jack Naylor	Brandon Carrside Youth and Community Project
Chloe Rudkin	Brandon Carrside Youth and Community Project

BOYS 5 A SIDE FOOTBALL COMPETITION 2017/18

Our County Under 12, 5-a-side football competition was held at the Soccarena in Durham on the 10th March. Some excellent football was played and the winners and runners-up were:

Boys Under 12

Winners	Gateshead Redheugh (White)
Runners Up	Gateshead Redheugh (Red)



GIRLS 5 A SIDE FOOTBALL COMPETITION 2017 /18

Our County Under 14 and 16, 5-a-side football competitions were held at the Soccarena in Durham on the 11th March with the Under 12 competition held on the 7th April 2018. The quality of the football played was excellent and the winners and runners –up were:

Girls Under 12

Winners	Lumley Ladies FC
Runners Up	Darlington Spraire Lads and Lasses

Girls Under 14

Winners

Washington AFC (Blue)

Runners Up

Washington AFC (Red)

Girls Under 16

Winners

Washington AFC (White)

Runners Up

Washington AFC (Blue)



NABGC NATIONAL 5 A SIDE FOOTBALL FINALS

With more counties participating this year, the event, which was held on Saturday, 9th June 2018 in Manchester, was well run and produced some exciting football from all the teams representing the Durham Association.

National success went to Gateshead Redheugh (Reds) Under 12 Boys who became National Champions.

Congratulations also to Washington AFC Under 14 Girls who finished National runners-up.

Gateshead Redheugh (White) Under 12 Boys reached the semi-final stage only to be drawn against the eventual winners while Lumley Ladies Under 12 Girls and Darlington Spraire Lasses Under 12 just missed out on a semi-final place following the group stages.

Comments from young people and leaders who attended were:

- "Thanks for a good day - the team really enjoyed it and we are all looking forward to getting involved again next year"
- "Great day for Gateshead Redheugh becoming the National Under 12 Champions - a great effort and achievement"
- "Really enjoyed the day and I also got a runners-up trophy and county badge"
- "Competitive and enjoyed playing against teams from Northern Ireland"
- "Enjoyed the bingo on the bus back - won a bar of chocolate"



COUNTY CROSS COUNTRY 2017 /18

We had a great turnout for our County Cross -Country event which was hosted by Birtley Athletic Club at their base in Lord Lawson School on Sunday, 17th December 2017 and we are sincerely grateful to Ed Lown and the many helpers from Birtley AC together with Alan Watson and Simon Healey our Executive Youth Officers for organising the event and for its smooth operation.

Boys U11

County Champion	Joseph McGinley - Houghton Harriers
Team Champions	Houghton Harriers

Boys U13

County Champion	Chris Perkins - Birtley AC
Team Champions	Blackhill Bounders

Boys U15

County Champion	Duncan Hughes - Birtley AC
Team Champions	Sunderland Harriers

Boys U17

County Champion	Robert Dunlop - Sunderland Harriers
Team Champions	No Team

Girls U 11

County Champion	Ella Jones - Chester-le-Street AC
Team Champions	Chester-le-Street AC

Girls U13

County Champion	Katie Francis - Birtley AC
Team Champions	Birtley AC

Girls U15

County Champion	Tess Graham - Birtley AC
Team Champions	Birtley AC

Girls U17

County Champion	Sarah Knight - Sunderland Harriers
Team Champions	Sunderland Harriers



BASC CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING - YOUNG SHOTS

Two excellent days, on Sunday 25th February and 29th April 2018, provided by instructors from the national organisation BASC, who gave up their time to support 32 young people from four of our affiliated clubs, Durham Agency Against Crime (Police Cadets), Consett Young Firefighters, Cheesy Waffles Project and Mid Durham Youth Project. The weather was a mixed bag of showers and a cold northerly wind but each group of 6 at both sessions enjoyed the experience provided by qualified instructors.

All of the young people had never experienced this activity before and found the opportunity a thrilling experience. Comments such as 'Really enjoyed the day' / 'Thank you for letting me try a new activity' and 'I think I might join the Gun Club' speak for themselves. The instructors commented on the positive behaviour of the young people and welcomed other groups in the future.

Our Young Shots winners were:

Sunday 25th February

Tariq Al Baury
David Collinswood
Jirapat Uuongsal

Consett Fire Cadets
Mid Durham Youth Project
Cheesy Waffles Project

Sunday 29th April

Prathwik Ashisu d' Silva

Durham Agency Against Crime



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STUBBERS ADVENTURE WEEKEND

Cheesy Waffles Project enjoyed a fantastic weekend between 15th-17th June 2018 at this superb outdoor centre in Essex. They undertook a range of outdoor activities on land and water experiencing exciting things such as the high ropes courses and fun on a banana boat at this well equipped adventure centre. During the weekend friendships were made with the Nottinghamshire Association, which has resulted in an invitation to the Cheesy Waffles Project to visit Nottingham in December.



POWERBOATING

This exciting activity on the River Tees, next to the famous Middlesbrough Transporter Bridge was on offer to our affiliated clubs. Cheesy Waffles Project.

took advantage of this fantastic opportunity and thanks must go to Cleveland Youth Association and Trevor Forster and his team at Teesside Nautical Studies Centre for the use of the facility.



ATHLETICS 2017/18

DABGC County Athletics was held at Middlesbrough Sports Village on Sunday 17th June 2018. Thanks must go to Middlesbrough Sports Village for the use of this first class facility and to all team coaches and parents.

Participation was good and the dry weather produced some excellent performances from some fine athletes on show.

Thanks to all officials and helpers, including James Colling and Ann Watson and the two Executive Youth Officers.

Boys Team Awards

Boys U11	Houghton Harriers
Boys U13	Birtley AC
Boys U15	Birtley AC
Boys U17	Derwentside AC
Boys U20	Houghton Harriers

Girls Team Awards

Girls U11	Birtley AC
Girls U13	Derwentside AC
Girls U15	Birtley AC
Girls U20	Darlington Spraire Lads and Lasses



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COMMONWEALTH GAMES - AUSTRALIA 2018



James Colling, one of our DABGC Board members, is now an established senior official with UK Athletics. His vast experience has seen him officiate at many events, including Olympics, Paralympics, Commonwealth Games, World and European Championships. In April he attended the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast in Australia as one of the team athletic officials and experienced the excitement and thrill of officiating "Down Under".

Other DABGC young people represented at the Games were three boxers from Birtley ABC – Pat Mc Cormack, who won a gold medal while his brother Luke won Bronze and Calum French was awarded his UK Vest.

Others with DABGC connections who also took part in the games included Alyson Dixon (Sunderland Harriers) who came 6th in the marathon and Richard Kilty (Middlesbrough Harriers) who won Gold in the 4 x 100 replay.

DABGC BOXING 2017 /18

Our County championships were kindly hosted at Belle Vue Sports Centre in Hartlepool on Saturday 14th October 2017 and we were delighted with the very good entries with 15 bouts on the day. We are sincerely grateful to everyone at Belle Vue for making us all so welcome together with the Tyne Tees Wear A.B.A. who assisted us with the event together with voluntary helpers from our Association. Our thanks to Paul Allen from Hartlepool Catholic ABC for assisting in the success of our county championships

Our County winners progressed to the Regional rounds and once again we had several winners who moved forward to the Quarter Final and the Semi-Final stage.

Many of our Boxers then progressed onto the National Finals where 8 became NABGC National Champions and 5 National Runners-up.

National Champions

Male Class A	Robert Dunn	Hendon ABC
Male Class B	Dan Toward	Birtley ABC
Male Class C	Joe Tyres	Darlington ABC
Male Class D	Travis Waters	Sunderland ABC
	Ben Rees	Birtley ABC
Female Class A	Alicia Parks	Houghton District ABC
	Danielle Marshall	Hartlepool Catholic ABC
Female Class B	Ellie Wilson	Gateshead Leam Lane AB

National Runners-Up

Male Class C

Dillon Clarke
Benjamin Jarvis
Dennis Sparkes

Plains Farm ABC
Redcar ABC
Horsley Hill ABC

Male Class D

Female Class A
Female Class C

Natalia Johnstone
Macey Kilkenny

Birtley ABC
East Middlesbrough ABC



NABGC NATIONAL CLASS D BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The National NABGC Under 21 Boxing Championships, held on Monday 11th December 2017, took place in the North East for the first time.

The NABGC Boxing Championships were hosted by the Durham Association Boys and Girls Clubs and saw under 21 year old boxers from across the UK take to the ring at The Lancastrian Suite, Gateshead.

Former European junior bronze medallist Ben Rees of Birtley Amateur Boxing Club defeated Patrick Allen Cripps of Harwich Boxing Club near Essex while another local boxing star, Travis Waters of Sunderland Amateur Boxing Club, retained his title from last year.



GORDON JARDIN MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR BEST BOXER 2017/18

This was awarded to Aidan Whiting from Toothill ABC.

PATRICK LAWFORD BOXING TROPHY 2017/2018

This was awarded to Birtley ABC.

Our association is well supported by our many affiliated boxing clubs.

Ben Rees of Birtley ABC was voted by the Tyne Tees Wear ABA as the Best Boxer for 2017/18. He is the current NABGC National Boxing Champion.

Our congratulations also go to Graeme Rutherford from Birtley ABC on being voted Coach of the Year. He has been the prime mover in the club's success over many years and most recently had three boxers competing in the Commonwealth Games in Australia: Luke McCormack, Pat McCormack and Calum French.

Paul Allen from Hartlepool Catholic Club has been voted as the Best Official of the Year. His loyal support has covered 35 years of voluntary work to the sport of boxing.

Our congratulations go to Lewis David Ritson from Forest Hall Boxing Club on being awarded his Lonsdale belt after successfully defending his British lightweight championship title. Lewis was previously a County and NABGC boxing champion.



CHARITY GOLF DAY - 18TH JUNE 2018

Once again, we had a glorious day on the 18th June 2018 for golf and a great competition. Thanks go to Brancepeth Castle Golf Club, Gordon Dance, Ann Watson and the DABGC Executive Youth Officers.

All teams thoroughly enjoyed the day and raised some much needed funds for the Association.

Winners

Team Pinpoint (83 points)

D Malone/ B Henderson/ J Shoulder/ R Newton

Runners-Up

Cellular Solutions (79 points)

R Reid/ M Bowers/ P Bainbridge/ A Lamb

Nearest the Pin Winner

R Houston

Longest Drive Winner

K Jackson



JUNIOR GOLF TASTER DAY

Thanks to golfing professional, Kevin Jackson, DABGC were able to offer this new event on the 25th August 2018 at Wearside Golf Club to young people at South Tyneside Positive Activities & Targeted Youth Support Groups.



RUGBY TRAINING SESSIONS

Training with Newcastle Falcons Community Foundation started on the 8th August at Consett Rugby Club with the aim of forming a DABGC Rugby team to compete against the Boys and Girls Clubs of Wales in 2019. The training was met with great enthusiasm from the young players. Our thanks go to John O'Connor, Director of Rugby Development at Consett Rugby Club and John Newton, Youth and Community Officer from the Newcastle Falcons Community Foundation, for offering DABGC Clubs this opportunity to compete internationally.



BRIDGES 2018 - AMERICAN CULTURAL TRIP

Four police apprentices from a DABGC member club, Durham Agency Against Crime, flew out on the 27th July to Raleigh in North America to join 20 young people from both Russia and North Carolina. Host families accommodated the young members and, after 3 days of getting to know more about Russian and American culture, the group left for the Blue Ridge Mountains of West Virginia. After 5 days of exploring this scenic area, the group returned to the host families to several events and tours of the area.



FIRST AID TRAINING

Three First Aid training sessions, including an accredited Football Association first aid training course were offered free to all DABGC affiliated Clubs during the last year in an effort to ensure the best possible safety in our member clubs. DABGC has helped 48 club members qualify in first aid in that time. Many thanks to County Durham Community Foundation for helping us provide funding for this valuable training.



NABC REUNION - LONDON

DABGC Executive Youth Officers Simon Healey and Alan Watson attended the first historic NABC Reunion held at a former Boys Club of the London Federation. This well supported event brought together many past and present colleagues to celebrate the impact and achievements of this long standing and widely respected organisation. Alan Watson in his fortieth year with Durham is currently the longest serving Executive Youth Officer within the National Organisation.



NEW AFFILIATIONS

DABGC would like to welcome the following new affiliations to our Association:

- Barnard Castle ABC
- Cheesy Waffles Project
- Consett ABC
- Consett Rugby Club
- Delves Lane Phoenix JFC
- District Youth ABC
- Hendon ABC
- Sunderland Community Action Group

KEYSTONE AWARDS

Ambition presents Keystone Awards each year to give recognition to voluntary workers in the movement for their services to affiliated clubs or to the County Association for Diamond (60 years service) Presidents (50 years service) Platinum (40 years service) Gold (30 years service) Silver (20 years service) and Bronze (10 years service) with these awards presented on an annual basis at the AGM Presentation Night.

The 2018 Keystone Awards go to:

Bill Niblo	Auckland Youth and Community Centre	40 years (Platinum)
Jim Sinclair	Cleveland Hall Community Association	40 years (Platinum)
Ken Collins	Cleveland Hall Community Association	30 years (Gold)
Paul Allen	Hartlepool Catholic ABC	30 years (Gold)
Graeme Rutherford	Birtley ABC	20 years (Silver)

AMBITION QUALITY MARK

Durham Association Boys and Girls Clubs started this process in March 2018 and are currently gathering portfolio evidence against the Ambition Quality Mark criteria for County Associations. The Ambition Quality Mark is the only specifically recognised quality mark for youth organisations within the U.K.



ACTIVITY DAY

Consett Fire and Rescue Service is working in partnership with DABGC to provide another activity and educational day with Consett Firefighters at Consett Fire Station in September. The day will include team building activities and a question and answer session on topics of fire safety and future careers available within the service. Cheesy Waffles Project is looking forward to taking part.



NABGC - HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT DAY

On Tuesday 10th October 2017 the Durham Association were invited to the Houses of Parliament in London to meet MP's and promote the activities of the Association. Photo shows Simon Healey one of our Executive Youth Officers about to conduct business. This National event organised by NABGC was held to promote the positive outcomes of grass roots voluntary club based youth work.



HIGH SHERIFF AWARD

In March 2018, DABGC staff attended the prestigious High Sheriff Awards ceremony at Wynyard Hall to receive one of 12 Awards. This award, which is managed by County Durham Community Foundation and is supported by the Sir James Knott Trust and the High Sheriff, was in recognition of groups in the community who encourage useful and beneficial pursuits for local young people. We were extremely proud and honoured to have received this award for our excellent work with young people.



ACTIVE DURHAM SPORT & PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AWARDS

In October 2018, DABGC was nominated for our contribution to Physical Activity at a superb event hosted by Active Durham in the Durham Town Hall. These awards were held to recognise the talent and commitment clubs, schools and volunteers contribute over the year and DABGC felt honoured to be nominated for this award.



SPORT IN PROFILE MAGAZINE

The Association was featured in The Sport in Profile national publication, which presented a very positive spotlight on the Association and its activities. As a result the Association gained some excellent nationwide publicity.



CLUB NEWS FEEDBACK AND DEVELOPMENT

In February 2018 DABGC moved to its new office in Chester-le-Street. Our thanks go to Framwellgate Moor Community Centre for the accommodation and support provided over many years. The details of our new office are listed at the front of this annual report.

John McGuinness from Shincliffe AFC has recently received an award from the Football Association for his contribution to grassroots football. In August he was presented at Wembley with the McDonalds Community Award for coach of the year by Sir Geoff Hurst, a 1966 World Cup winner. John helped to set up the football club in 2012 and since then has gained a number of qualifications, this year becoming a UEFA qualified coach.

Sonni Coleman, a DABGC England International, is now playing for Stockton Town. He was a finalist in May at Wembley playing in the FA Vase final against Thatcham Town.

BBI Club 1st Insurance

NABGC has announced its new official partnership with Berns Brett Insurance to offer an exclusive and competitive insurance scheme to all our affiliated clubs. Details can be obtained from our DABGC office.

DABGC Fishing

This new event will be included in our Events Programme for 2019.

APPLE PROJECT

This is an initiative that has been running for 4 years with Apple at the Metro Centre. We are extremely grateful to Apple staff for providing DABGC with a range of field trips, group training, guidance, advice and support.

These projects and Field Trips continue to be open to all our affiliated clubs.



BEREAVEMENT

George Bowes from the Gus Robinson ABC gym in Hartlepool will be remembered as a boxing man through and through. He was a North East legend having coached the famous Feeney Brothers to numerous National titles and their Lonsdale belts.

DAVE LUMLEY LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award is presented each year in honour of Dave Lumley who served as a volunteer with this association for over 60 years.

The recipient of the award last year went to Ray Knox from Grindon Young People's Centre for his tremendous contribution over the years at Club, County, Regional, National and International level.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Keeley Fingleton - Mid Durham Youth Project

For her loyal and dedicated service to youth work in the Durham Area.

Bob Boustead - Cleveland Hall Youth and Community Centre

For a lifetime of loyal and dedicated service to Cleveland Hall Youth and Community Centre and Durham Association of Boys and Girls Clubs. He has invested many voluntary hours in working with young people in the Gateshead area.

Graeme Rutherford - Birtley ABC

For his commitment and dedication to the promotion of boxing. Graeme was instrumental in securing the financial future of the club and its ongoing success.

Kevin O' Rourke - Blackfyne Juniors FC

For services to football and youth work in the Consett Area.

Vivian R Stapley - Trust Secretary, Sir James Knott Trust

For her dedicated work with the Trust and her loyal support of the Durham Association of Boys and Girls Clubs. The association wishes Vivian a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Julie O'Connor - Carrside Youth Project

For her loyal and dedicated service to the young people and the community of Brandon and surrounding areas.

Goff Bates - Clavering Boys and Girls Club and Maasai Club

For his tireless work, ensuring a continuing provision for young people in the Annfield Plain area. As a Grand Master in the sport he has contributed to the development of martial arts at local, national and international level over many years.

Sunderland ABC - Celebrating 50 Years

Congratulations in its 50th year to the dedicated volunteer coaches, staff and boxers The club has been an inspiration to many young people in the Sunderland area and has coached many champions over the years since its formation. The club is a credit to this association and the sport of boxing.

CHEESY WAFFLES PROJECT

As a newly affiliated club Cheesy Waffles Project has taken full advantage of many activities offered through the DABGC programme of events.

The Project provides for young people with additional needs during their leisure time. All young people learn skills through taking part in activities that will help them with the transition into adulthood and promote self awareness and independency.

Most importantly DABGC and the project believe that every young person, no matter what their disability, background or beliefs, deserve to have the same opportunities in life to help promote the learning of new skills, try new activities, visit new places and most importantly have fun. This is evident when a group of young people from the project attended the Adventure Weekend in Essex. They made many friendships, including with the Nottingham group, and have organised a residential weekend with Nottinghamshire Clubs for Young People in December.

Comments from Cheesy Waffles Project:

"Since joining the Association we have been given free First Aid Training (4 members of staff), 6 more members of staff and volunteers are attending in April. A group of young men visited Spennymoor Clay Pigeon Club and had a fantastic day, they were made very welcome and have been invited back.

Younger members of the Project are taking part in a residential at Essex Stubbers Outdoor Centre in June plus further activities later in the year. The Association has made us very welcome and are very supportive of our Project"

J.J. GRIFFITHS AWARD

This year the trophy for taking part in most sporting events and activities during the year was awarded to Cheesy Waffles Project.





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SUPPORTERS

The Durham Association of Boys & Girls Clubs would like to express their thanks to the following for their support over the past year: -

- Ambition
- Apple Metrocentre, Gateshead`
- Apple, Brandon, Florida United States of America
- Belle Vue Community, Sports and Youth Centre
- Birtley A.C.
- Boys & Girls UK North East Group (NBC/NGC)
- B.A.S.C. (British Association of Shooting and Conservation)
- Bishop Auckland Table Tennis Club
- Brancepeth Castle Golf Club
- Cleveland Youth Association
- Compass Royston Travel Ltd
- County Durham Community Foundation
- Durham Agency Against Crime
- Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service
- Durham Constabulary
- Durham Football Association
- Gateshead Redheugh (1957)
- Lambton Street Youth Centre
- Lloyds Bank – Sunderland/Durham
- National Association of Boys and Girls Clubs
- McKenzie Bell & Sons Solicitors
- Middlesbrough Sports Village
- Ocean Youth Trust
- Throston Youth Project
- Ramside Hall Hotel and Golf Club - Durham
- Soccarena Durham
- Solar Trophies
- Tyne Tees and Wear Amateur Boxing Association
- UK Youth





HISTORY OF THE DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS

Celebrating 85 years - 1933 to 2018

- 1933 sees the birth of the **Durham Association of Boys Clubs**
- 1998 sees the county change its name to the **Durham Association of Clubs for Young People** to fall in line with the change of the National organisation.
- 2012 sees it change again this time to its current name of the **Durham Association of Boys and Girls Clubs** as the National organisation changes its name to Ambition.
- In the early days the National Association of Boys Clubs had been around since 1925 and slowly throughout the country clubs for young boys were in the process of starting up.
- In Durham the first annual report (1933-34) indicates that 7 clubs made up the association - St.Mary's Boys Club - Gateshead / St. Joseph's Boys Club- Sunderland / Chester-le-Street Boys Club / Consett Boys Club / Durham City Boys Club / South Church Boys Club and Silksworth Boys Club together with the Boys sections of the YMCA in different parts of the county.
- Interestingly the President of the National Association at that time was H.R.H The Duke of Gloucester who has carried on the tradition throughout the last 80-90 years.
- The main objectives were to - 'focus on the value of organising useful occupation during the leisure hours of boys from 14-18 years of age' They did this by - Encouraging the formation of clubs and work with existing clubs / to promote an interest in Boys Club work by building up contacts with statutory and other voluntary organisations / to recruit and arrange for training for leaders and helpers / to collect funds to administer activities.
- 80 years on and these original aims and objectives still hold true. Yes the age range may have slightly changed and girls are now involved (and have been with Durham since the 1950's) but we still look to support the existing club network and encourage others to affiliate to us / work in partnership with others / support and deliver training and provide a wide ranging programme of events and activities.
- Interestingly the first Treasurer of the Durham Association back in 1933 was Frank Nicholson whose family have given so much to the Association over the years and where Sir Paul and Lady Sarah Nicholson are current Honorary Life Presidents with Frank Nicholson our current President.
- From these early beginnings the Durham Association grew to become a powerful force in competing and (more often) winning National Championships in a wide range of sporting activity. This tradition continues today with many young people competing for their club in county competition before being selected to represent the Association at regional / national or international events and coming home as National Champions.



- Today our Club base has expanded to between 65-70 clubs embracing new activities along the way. Our geographical area still remains the old County Durham area incorporating South Tyne and Wear and North Cleveland (basically from the Tyne to the Tees) and includes General Youth Clubs / Boxing Clubs / Football Clubs / Fire Cadets / Durham Agency Against Crime / Cleveland Youth Association / Athletic Clubs and others providing a wide mix of clubs from rural to inner-city.
- All have one thing in common - that is to give 100% support to helping our young people become first class citizens as they progress into adulthood.
- 2018 saw the county office move from Framwellgate Moor to their new premises at Chester-le-Street.

By investing our time in Young People - it lasts a lifetime.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS UK

(Incorporating National Boys Club/National Girls Club–North East Group)

These organisations offer young men and women between the ages of 16 and 21 the opportunity to join a National Group in which they can further their personal development, give a service to the movement in the company of other members and enjoy new friendships based on shared experiences.

The Club has developed into local groups, which offer their services to County Associations as well as carrying out projects at local Clubs. The National Organisation offers members the opportunity to join others in nationally and internationally organised events. Belonging to Boys & Girls Clubs UK (NGC/NBC) is more than an honour, it acknowledges the young person's capabilities and signifies their acceptance of responsibility within the Community.

The North East Group, incorporating members in Northumberland and Durham has been in existence for several years and has again assisted the Executive Youth Officers with many events during the year and we are very grateful for their continued support.

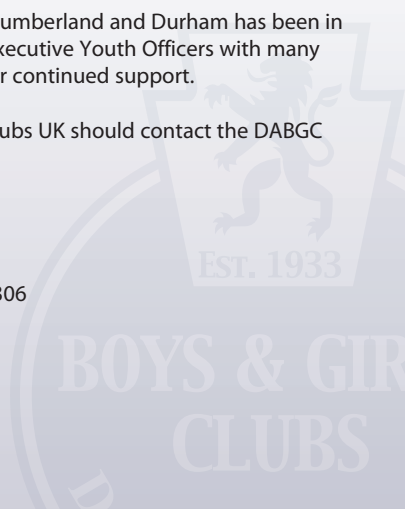
Anyone requiring information regarding Boys & Girls Clubs UK should contact the DABGC Executive Youth Officers on:-

Alan Watson: 07917156953

Simon Healey: 07917156954

Or:-

George Lee - North East Group Chairman: (01429) 232306





WAYS OF GIVING TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

BEQUESTS - LEAVE A LEGACY

The work of the Clubs will be as important in the future as in the past. So income from legacies and bequests continues to be of immense value to us. For the correct form of words and information on the tax benefits please consult your solicitor when you are drawing up or altering your will. Please donate to Durham Association of Boys & Girls Clubs - Registered Charity Number: 520920.

COVENANTS

By entering into a Deed of Covenant either as an individual or as a company you can provide extra help at no cost to yourself - for every £1 you give under Deed of Covenant the Inland Revenue will contribute almost 30 pence extra. Please help us in this way and let the taxman make your donation grow. Higher rate taxpayers will also qualify for additional income tax relief.

DIRECT DONATIONS - "Gift Aid"

Much of our need is urgent and requires cash that can be used directly and immediately. That's the special value of a direct donation to DABGC.

By companies - companies can now gain tax relief on single gifts. By individuals - single gifts are deductible against income tax for higher rate taxpayers and the Inland Revenue will refund almost 30p for every £1 contributed in this way. Gift Aid donations need to be made in conjunction with a declaration Inland Revenue Form.

SPONSORSHIP

The County Association organises many creative and sporting events and activities each year, which are a valued part of Club life. Sponsorship of such an event can benefit a company or organisation in promotional terms, helping to further their marketing plans.

GIFTS IN KIND

These can have a double value; they can supply urgent needs in Clubs and by association, gain publicity and enhancement of reputation from the donor. In some case if the gift in kind is not appropriate for use by clubs the gifts can be auctioned and money raised for them.

ADVERTISING

There are a number of opportunities for you to help local Clubs by taking advertisements in various publications and thereby subsidising and reducing the cost of such activities. Our Annual Report and the programmes for our various fund raising events are just some of these publications.

MATCHING DONATIONS

We are always grateful to benefactors who offer to match funds gathered by the Clubs. This is of great benefit as it serves as an incentive to the organisation.



PAYROLL GIVING

Individual employees are now able to make unlimited donations to any charity of their choice from their pre-tax pay. Thus, the employee need only give 78p for the charity to receive £1. If you are an employer or an employee whose company decides to get involved in payroll giving, please include DABGC on your list of named charities.

TIME

People from all backgrounds and with different skills who give their time to Clubs partake in one of the most valuable and appreciated forms of giving. If you are able and prepared to help with our urgent need in relation to the recruitment of additional volunteer workers and Management Committee Members for our affiliated Clubs please contact the Executive Youth Officers.

Clubs are always looking for people to join their existing teams of voluntary leaders - men and women with genuine interest in the development of young people and a willingness to give up one or two evenings per week to help young people in their leisure time activities. The following are some of the ways in which help is always required.

MONEY RAISERS

All Clubs have to spend an increasing amount of time in raising money and most have special committees to organise functions such as dances, bingo and jumble sales. All clubs urgently need people with the ability to organise these functions.

SPECIALIST ACTIVITY LEADERS

What's your hobby? Something energetic like football, quiet like stamp collecting or slightly out of the ordinary like silkscreen printing. Whatever it is, you'll find you enjoy it far more if you can pass on your skills and interest to young people and have the satisfaction of sharing your enthusiasm.

VOLUNTEERS

Without the help of a large number of volunteers we would not exist. You don't need to be a specialist or a club helper - all you need is the willingness to help with the supervision of basic club activities - collecting subscriptions, staffing of the coffee bar or transporting club members to activities away from the club are a few of the tasks for which volunteers can greatly assist the Club Leader. Any offers of help should be addressed to your nearest Club or, alternatively write to:

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Website: <http://www.dabgc.co.uk>
Executive Youth Officer: Alan Watson: 07917156953
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Darlington
County Durham

Auckland Youth and Community
Centre Ltd
Bishop Auckland
County Durham

Aycliffe ABC
Newton Aycliffe
County Durham

Barmoor Hub
Ryton
Tyne & Wear

Barnard Castle ABC
Barnard Castle
Co. Durham

Belle Vue Sports and Community Centre
Hartlepool
Cleveland

Blackfyre Juniors FC
Consett
Co. Durham

Blaydon Youth and Community Centre
Blaydon
Tyne & Wear

Birtley Athletic Club
Birtley
Tyne & Wear

Birtley Boxing Club
Birtley
Tyne & Wear

Bishop Auckland ABC
Bishop Auckland
Co. Durham

Bishop Auckland Table Tennis Club
Bishop Auckland
Co. Durham

Blackhill Bounders AC
Consett
Co. Durham

Boldon Young Peoples Project
Boldon
Tyne & Wear

Bo's Boxing
Sunderland
Tyne & Wear

Boldon CA Girls
Washington
Tyne & Wear

Brandon Carrside Youth and
Community Centre
Brandon
Co. Durham

Cheesy Waffles Project
Durham
Co. Durham

Chester Moor ABC
Chester Moor
Co. Durham

Chester-le-Street AC
Chester-le-Street
Co. Durham

Clavering Boys and Girls Club &
Maasai Club
Annfield Plain
Co. Durham

Consett AFC Juniors
Consett
Co. Durham

Consett Young Firefighters
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Co. Durham

Consett Rugby Club
Consett
Co. Durham

Consett ABC
Consett
Co. Durham

Darlington ABC
Darlington
Co. Durham

Darlington Spraire Lads &
Lasses FC
Darlington
Co. Durham

Derwentside AC
Stanley
Co. Durham

DJ Evans Youth Club
Bowburn
Co. Durham

District Youth ABC
Washington
Tyne & Wear

Delves Lane Phoenix FC
Consett
Co. Durham

Durham Agency Against Crime
Chester-le-Street
Co. Durham

Durham City Centre Youth Project
Framwellgate Moor
Co. Durham

East Durham Boxing Club
Peterlee
Co. Durham

Gateshead Cleveland Hall CA
Gatehead
Tyne & Wear

Gateshead Redheugh
Gateshead
Tyne & Wear

Glenholme Centre
Crook
Co. Durham

Grindon Young Peoples Project
Sunderland
Tyne & Wear

Gus Robinson ABC
Hartlepool

Hartlepool Catholic BC
Hartlepool
Cleveland

Hartlepool Cleveland ABC
Hartlepool
Cleveland

Hartlepool Elite Boxing Academy
Hartlepool
Cleveland

Hartlepool Headland ABC
Hartlepool
Cleveland

Hendon ABC
Sunderland
Tyne & Wear



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Horden
Co. Durham

Horsley Hill ABC
South Shields
Tyne & Wear

Houghton & District ABC
Houghton Le Spring
Tyne & Wear

Houghton Harriers & AC
Sunderland
Tyne & Wear

Hylton Castle & Town End Farm Boys
and Girls Club
Sunderland
Tyne & Wear

Lambton Street Youth Centre
Sunderland
Tyne & Wear

Low Fell Running Club
Gateshead
Tyne & Wear

Lumley Ladies FC
Chester-le-Street
Co. Durham

Middlesbrough ABC
Middlesbrough
Cleveland

Newton Aycliffe Youth &
Community Centre
Newton Aycliffe
Co. Durham

North Road Gym ABC
Stanley
Co. Durham

North Star ABC
Sunderland
Tyne & Wear

Olympian ABC
Sunderland
Tyne & Wear

Perth Green ABC
Jarrow
Tyne & Wear

Phil Thomas ABC
Middlesbrough
Cleveland

Plains Farm ABC
Sunderland
Tyne & Wear

Redcar Boxing Club
Redcar
Cleveland

Ryton ABC
Ryton
Tyne & Wear

Schildon ABC
Bishop Auckland
Co. Durham

Shincliffe JFC
Shincliffe
Co. Durham

South Durham ABC
Sedgefield
Co. Durham

South Tyneside Positive Activities
& Targeted Youth Support Groups
Baldon Colliery
Tyne & Wear

Spennymoor Boxing Academy
Spennymoor
Co. Durham

Sunderland ABC
Sunderland
Tyne & Wear

Sunderland Harriers & AC
Sunderland
Tyne & Wear

Sunderland Community Action
Group
Sunderland
Tyne & Wear

Throston Youth Project
Hartlepool
Cleveland

Toothill ABC
Trimdon Colliery
Co. Durham

Ward Degnan ABC
Darlington
Co. Durham

Wearmouth ABC
Sunderland
Tyne & Wear

Wellington ABC
Middlesbrough
Cleveland

Washington AFC
Washington
Tyne & Wear





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