

ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021



BOYS &
GIRLS CLUBS

Durham Association



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PEOPLE FOR 88 YEARS





DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

(Incorporating County Durham, South Tyne and Wear and Tees Valley)

Affiliated to the National Association of Boys and Girls Clubs, UK Youth and the World Federation of Youth Clubs

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FOREWORD 2020/21

Welcome to the Durham Association of Boys and Girls Clubs Annual report for 2020/21 as we celebrate our 88th year.

Being chair of an organisation that has enabled thousands of our young people to enjoy the sports they love is a great honour. Durham Association has a long and proud tradition of our people having grit and determination, and this is exhibited by our young people in everything they do.



We are all aware of the significant impact coronavirus has had on sports and activities. Our young people have seen much reduced access to schooling and in parallel with that has been reduced access to DABGC activities.

The Association has adapted and continued to support clubs during the pandemic and proudly received the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service recognising the outstanding commitment to our communities. The award is a great honour and reflects the hard work and dedication of our staff and volunteers. As society finds a new normal, it is even more important that our young people have activities that will bring them together. The activities DABGC facilitate will offer many activities to young people who have had to live through one of the most challenging periods of their lives.

In this context I appeal to our valiant donors and supporters to maintain their commitment to DABGC for the future. Never more have our young people needed your help and support.

Our Executive Youth Officers, Simon Healey, Alan Watson, with support from Tina Townson, Corporate Support Officer, have all been impacted by Coronavirus, and I would like to thank them for their forbearance and commitment. I would also like to extend thanks to all the Executive committee as we move forward.

Finally, can I extend my thanks to our President, Frank Nicholson for his continued and invaluable support for this Association.

David Orford
Chairman

TREASURER'S REPORT 2020/21

The Association's financial position is detailed in the Financial Statements for the period ended 31 March 2021.

This year the Association has reported an in-year profit of (£30,536). This compares with a reported deficit of (£2,507) in the previous financial year. The majority of this relates to the restriction around activities and has been ring-fenced by the Association in order to support the activities of the Charity. 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 show that in the last financial year income increased from £69,882 in 19/20 to £85,415, an increase of £15,533 (22%). The increase in income is attributable to the successful Covid-19 bids and one significant benefactor providing multiple grants. The Association took the decision for the second year running to waive the affiliation fees to show support to all of our clubs at source.

I would like to personally thank all contributors to the Charity, your valued contributions allow the Association to support the County Durham and surrounding area youth community.

The Trustees of the Association continue to extend the delivery of specific opportunities for young people, this year, due to the pandemic, focused on socially distanced and outdoor activities.

Expenditure has decreased from £72,390 in 19/20 to £54,880, a decrease of £17,510 (-24%). This is attributable to the restriction on activities during the pandemic. The Association has ring-fenced £31,113 for the delivery of activities in the future.

The Association continues to modernise financial processes in order to ensure efficiency in the use of the Charity's funds, maximising support to the local youth community.

Lyn Younger

Honorary Treasurer

DABGC VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS

VISION

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

MISSION

To encourage and provide young people from clubs affiliated to the Durham Association of Boys and Girls Clubs, access to 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, inclusion and opportunity for all young people irrespective of race, culture, sex, religion or disability.
11. To identify and promote good practice throughout the Association.
12. To develop effective working partnerships with a wide range of organisations and agencies.



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TOGETHER STRONGER**

COUNTY POOL CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2020 /21

The DABGC Pool championships were held at Lambton Street Youth Centre in Sunderland on the 27th May 2021 and we are sincerely grateful to Kevin Howard and his staff for making us so welcome. Lambton Street dominated with winners in all categories.

BOYS

Under 12

Winner	Kai Toner	Lambton Street
Runner Up	Jaydon Lane	Lambton Street

Under 14

Winner	Corbyn Begg	Lambton Street
Runner Up	Rylie Dimmock	Lambton Street

Under 16

Winner	Cameron MacIntosh	Lambton Street
Runner Up	Kyran Marchant	Lambton Street

GIRLS

Under 19

Winner	Alysha Pearce	Lambton Street
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The winners and runners-up in each age group were due to go forward to the National NABGC finals but this did not take place due to Covid restrictions.



COUNTY TABLE - TENNIS COMPETITION - 2020/21

The DABGC County Table Tennis Competition was held at Bishop Auckland Table Tennis Club on Monday 28th June 2021 with a very good turnout. We would like to thank Ryan Morton and his team at Bishop Auckland TTC for the use of their splendid new facility together with an excellent night of Table -Tennis.

MALE

Under 12

Winner	James Reeves	Bishop Auckland TTC
Runner Up	Max Hancock	Brandon TTC

Under 14

Winner	Harry Flynn	Brandon TTC
Runner Up	Lockie Martin	Brandon TTC

Under 16

Winner	Ewan Copple	Brandon TTC
Runner Up	Dominic Mc Cabe	Brandon TTC

Under 19

Winner	Peter Smallcombe	Brandon TTC
Runner Up	Oliver Wilkinson	Brandon TTC

FEMALE

Under 12

Winner	Lucy Hetherington	Bishop Auckland TTC
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Under 14

Winner	Freya Williams	Brandon TTC
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NABGC NATIONAL TABLE - TENNIS FINALS - 2021

The NABGC National Table -Tennis Finals were held at Wragby in Lincolnshire on Saturday 10th July 2021. All competitors received a Certificate of Participation and Durham dominated with 6 National Champions together with 3 National Runners –up. This was a great day, being well supported by all young people, parents and coaches. A special mention to Oliver Wilkinson from Brandon TTC, who was praised by the Nottinghamshire Association for his care and attention, in going over and above, to support their contingent of young people of whom several had additional needs.

BOYS

Under 12

James Reeves	Bishop Auckland TTC	National Champion
Max Hancock	Brandon TTC	National Runner-up

Under 14

Harry Flynn	Brandon TTC	National Champion
Angelos Gidopulous	Brandon TTC	National Runner-up

Under 16

Dominic McCabe	Brandon TTC	National Champion
Ewan Copple	Brandon TTC	National Runner-up

Under 19

Oliver Wilkinson	Brandon TTC	National Champion
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GIRLS

Under 12

Lucy Hetherington	Bishop Auckland TTC	National Champion
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Under 14

Freya Williams	Brandon TTC	National Champion
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COUNTY TABLE-TENNIS PROJECT - 2020/21

The Association has been fortunate to receive some funding from Sport England to promote and encourage greater participation in Table-Tennis in local youth clubs.

We have teamed up with Bishop Auckland TTC and Brandon TTC who are both members of our Association who have the expertise to support this project. They have both been allocated a local youth club to share best practice with and to support the training of volunteers in clubs to gain a Table Tennis Coaching Award. This project has been extended until December 2021 due to the impact on clubs during the Covid restrictions period.



THE BETTY WOODWARD YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2020/2021

We had many strong nominations for the Betty Woodward Award, which is awarded on an annual basis to the Young Male and Female 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. Award winners will be announced at our awards night on Monday, 1st November at the Ramside Hall Hotel, Durham.



WORLD FEDERATION OF YOUTH CLUBS

The Durham Association is affiliated to the National body - NABGC - who in turn is affiliated to the World Federation of Youth Clubs. We have been well represented at a range of virtual meetings and continue to exchange and share best practice with other youth organisations across the world.



DABGC WELLBEING PROJECTS

GIRLS WELLBEING

Some generous funding from The Sir Tom Cowie Trust enabled the Association to run a series of wellbeing projects specifically for girls within the Sunderland area. These projects were especially important after the past challenging year for young people. Several of our clubs took advantage of this funding with each project developing different approaches.

Sunderland Harriers focused on developing female athletes while **Sunderland Community Action Group** ran a mental health and wellbeing summer programme and **Grindon YPC** a body awareness programme.



BOYS WELLBEING

Equally generous funding was received from the William Webster Trust to enable the Association to run three Boys well-being projects. The clubs involved were **Gateshead Redheugh FC, Birtley Boxing Club and Brandon Carrside YCC**. All three clubs engaged in an activity day at the Weardale Adventure Centre which was a perfect tonic post lockdown to bring young people together again in a sociable setting and have some much needed fun.



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS

The Durham Association is an integral part of the National Association (NABGC) by being involved in the National activities and events programme and also influencing and supporting programme development. A series of virtual meetings throughout the year kept the Durham Association informed. These meetings are vital in that by influencing the composition of the National programme more opportunities become available for our young people here in Durham.



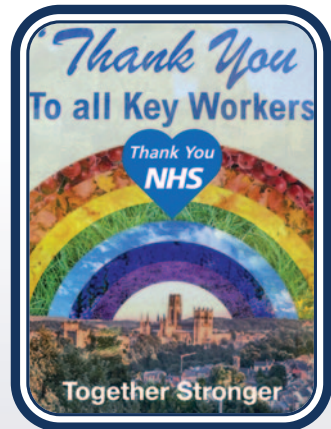
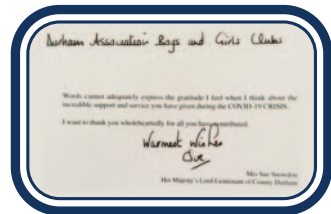
CORONAVIRUS 2020/21

From March 2020 until April 2021 the world was in lockdown due to the coronavirus pandemic and local restrictions. This had a tremendous impact on the youth sector with clubs closed. The Durham Association was fortunate to secure a grant to continue to support clubs with appropriate guidance advice and support and remained in contact throughout the lockdown period to reassure clubs and also support their recovery post lockdown. Our efforts during the pandemic were recognised by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of County Durham Mrs Sue Snowdon in a glowing letter to the Association.

The Durham Association would like to record our sincere thanks and appreciation to the NHS and all key workers for their dedication and committed work during the pandemic. Several were members from our clubs or have a close connection with the Association.

Lockdown also had an enormous impact on our programme of events and activities as well as the National Association programme. Events cancelled included the following:

- National Pool
- National 5-a-Side Football
- National Canoe Event
- American Experience
- County Boxing
- Charity Golf Day
- NABGC National Conference
- Stubbers Adventure Weekend
- County 5-a-Side Football
- Young Shots
- National Boxing
- County 11-a-side Football
- Ocean Youth Trust Sailing Residential
- Junior Golf Day



OYT SAILING RESIDENTIAL - 2020/21

Due to Covid restrictions on social distancing and living in close quarters for a week, the Ocean Youth Trust decided for safety purposes to cancel all 2021 residential sailings. This fantastic sailing week has been rescheduled and will now take place in summer 2022.



SURFING

This new activity to our programme in 2021 proved very popular with several clubs having a fabulous session on the water. Our thanks go to Nick and his team at South Shields Surfing Academy for their great instruction.



DABGC KARTING CHALLENGE - GRAND PRIX 2021

This exciting new addition to the programme generated a very wide interest from our clubs. It saw teams from each club competing on the track against each other and the chequered flag in a step towards producing the next Lewis Hamilton.



UK CLUB ATHLETICS NABGC CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2021

This was hosted by Durham on a glorious day in June at the Middlesbrough Sports Village. Thanks must go to NABGC for a grant towards the day and to James Colling OIC for organising his team of officials and other volunteers who assisted in making it a very successful day. For many it was their first competition in over 18 months and was fully appreciated by a large turn-out and crowd who cheered every race. With perfect conditions Durham put in some fine performances with 42 National Champions and a clean sweep of trophies.

INDIVIDUAL UK CLUB CHAMPIONS

BOYS

U11

Ed Moon	Birtley AC
Joseph Lee	Low Fell Running Club
Spencer Dale	Phoenix Flyers
Leo Rowntree	Phoenix Flyers
Nathan Dodds	Houghton Harriers

U13

Ben Cunningham	Derwentside AC
Owen Barron	Chester-le-Street AC
Noah Williams	Birtley AC
Callum Chambers	Birtley AC

U15

Luke Foster	Phoenix Flyers
Jack Brown	Houghton Harriers
Jacob Groak	Houghton Harriers
Huw Gaudy	Phoenix Flyers
Aaron Scott	Houghton Harriers
Patrick McCoy	Phoenix Flyers

U17

Rowan Mason	Birtley AC
Dillion Revell	Sunderland Harriers
Jak Jarvis	Sunderland Harriers
Adam Hughes	Sunderland Harriers

U20

Luke Russell	Fire Cadets (High Handenhold)
Alex Seed	Sunderland Harriers

GIRLS

U11

Poppie Phillipson	Birtley AC
Poppy Graham	Birtley AC
Izzy Hall	Birtley AC
Kitty Graham	Birtley AC
Tilly Lee	Derwentside AC
Nell Graham	Birtley AC

U13

Aneeka Bellamy-Evans	Houghton Harriers
Darcy Lines	Chester-le-Street AC
Emily Burnett	Derwentside AC
Holly Ann Sudder	Chester-le-Street AC
Niamh Phillips	Birtley AC

U15

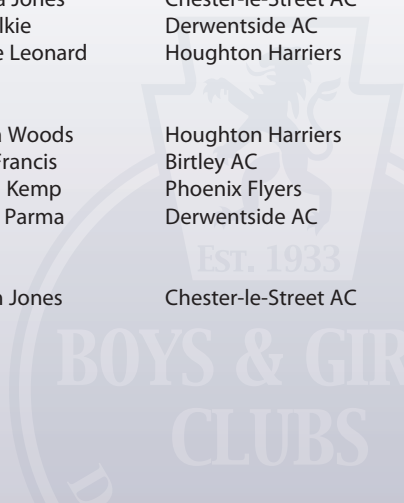
Ella Jones	Chester-le-Street AC
Isla Fishwick	Derwentside AC
Ameha Jones	Chester-le-Street AC
Isla Wilkie	Derwentside AC
Sophie Leonard	Houghton Harriers

U17

Jessica Woods	Houghton Harriers
Katie Francis	Birtley AC
Niamh Kemp	Phoenix Flyers
Aimee Parma	Derwentside AC

U20

Lauren Jones	Chester-le-Street AC
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COUNTY TEAM AWARDS

GIRLS

U11	Birtley AC
U13	Chester-le-Street AC
U15	Chester-le-Street AC
U17	Derwentside AC
U20	Chester-le-Street AC

BOYS

U11	Phoenix Flyers
U13	Birtley AC
U15	Houghton Harriers
U17	Sunderland Harriers
U20	Fire Cadets (High Handenhold)



FIRST AID TRAINING - SAVE A LIFE PROJECT

The Association wishes to thank the County Durham Community Foundation together with Newcastle Building Society for funding towards the delivery of First Aid training sessions during 2020/21. This quality training was delivered by Priory Training after lockdown in October 2020 and continued again in May 2021 following the easing of restrictions.

The Association also held its first Boxing First Aid training session, tutored by Kevin Howard from Lambton Street which proved very popular and was repeated twice during the summer of 2021.

These sessions have contributed to our 'Save a Life' project where a vital part of the training includes Defibrillator awareness. The Executive Officers are now equipped with a defibrillator in each of their vehicles so that every event the Association offers is covered for any first aid eventuality. The Association offers this essential training free of charge to all our affiliated clubs, actively encouraging and promoting this qualification. To date over 235 members have been trained.



NEW AFFILIATIONS

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

- Brandon Table Tennis Club
- Oxhill Youth Club
- Grangetown Youth and Community Centre
- Kensho BJJ
- Brandon Boxing Club

THE QUEENS AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE 2021

The Durham Association was extremely honoured and proud to receive this award in June 2021, being the only organisation in County Durham to receive this award. This is the highest honour a voluntary organisation can achieve and we were the first Boys and Girls Clubs Association in the UK to receive this prestigious award. This is a tremendous achievement by our past and present clubs and members. It shows the hard work and dedication of all our staff and volunteers at club and county level who support our work in the association. The Association gained some excellent publicity with both radio and TV appearances and extensive coverage in the local press. Thanks go to Ann Watson for producing a DABGC promotional video for the Queens Award for Voluntary Service publicity and to Birtley Boxing Club for hosting Tyne Tees Television.



ROYAL VISIT TO DABGC MEMBER CLUB

One of our clubs - **Cheesy Waffles** was honoured with a visit from the **Duke and Duchess of Cambridge (William and Kate)** in May. The Association was at the forefront of the nomination which resulted in the visit going ahead. The club was supported with a last minute makeover courtesy of Dean Hall and Managing Director Jim Bates and his team from **Deerness Fencing and Landscaping**. At extremely short notice they turned a derelict piece of land into a lovely grassed area, with thanks going to Frank Dods of **Royalington Turf** for supplying the grass. They were our very own **DABGC- DIY-SOS** team and did a tremendous job. In addition DABGC and the club both gained press and TV coverage.





KEYSTONE AWARDS

The Durham Association 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.

Keystone Awards - 2021

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| • James Richardson | 50 years | Sunderland ABC |
| • Dorothy Ainsworth | 40 years | Cleveland Youth Association |
| • Ed Lown | 30 years | Birtley AC |
| • Kevin Howard | 30 years | Lambton Street YC |
| • Joe Purvis | 20 years | Sunderland ABC |

HIGH SHERIFF AWARD

The Association was delighted to be invited to a service at Durham Cathedral in March 2020 (immediately before lockdown) for the installation of the new High Sheriff of County Durham, David Gray. While in office he identified DABGC as one of his nominated charities and we were delighted to receive some funding for some Activity Days which contributed to our well-being programme.



OLYMPIC GAMES - TOKYO 2021

The Durham Association can be extremely proud of our Olympian's who inspired us all so much in Tokyo in July and August this year. We were well represented in Team GB with Boxing twin brothers Luke and Pat McCormack (Birtley Boxing Club) both now looking to turn professional after Pat brought home a superb Silver medal in the welterweight division. In Women's Football former DABGC members Steph Houghton MBE, Jill Scott MBE, Lucy Bronze and Demi Stokes played some impressive football and qualified from the group stages but were defeated 4-3 in the quarter finals by Australia. The eventual winners Canada had a local born head coach in charge when they picked up Olympic gold for the first time. Bev Priestman from Consett was delighted with their performance and penalty shoot- out win against Sweden.



CLUB NEWS FEEDBACK AND DEVELOPMENT



Les Gibson BEM - Head coach of Aycliffe ABC who has dedicated many years and voluntary hours to the young people in the community, an honour richly deserved.



Savannah Marshall - Hartlepool Headland ABC - became World Female Boxing Champion in October 2020.



Stuart Errington - Chief Fire Officer of County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service, a loyal supporter of the Association was awarded the Queens Fire Service Medal in the Queens New Year's Honours list.



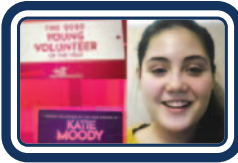
Beth Hepple - Formally with Lumley Ladies FC - has since gone on to become the leading goal scorer in the Women's Championship with the Durham Women's Football team under the guidance of manager Lee Saunders.



Bishop Auckland Table Tennis Club - Matthew Porter, head coach recently gained a national post in Wales. His legacy through his hard work saw the club move into a purpose built facility which hosted our County table-tennis competition. The Association thanks him for his support and wishes him well in his new post in Wales.



James Colling - DABGC - was named as the North East Official of the Year at the North- East Athletic Awards and becomes the North-East nomination to go forward for the National Awards. Now one of the top Athletic officials in the UK he has recently officiated at the Under 20 World Athletic Championships in Kenya.



Katie Moody - Phoenix Flyers - was voted the North-East Athletic Award Young Volunteer of the Year Runner-Up.



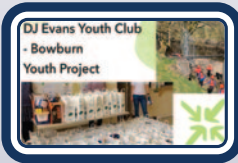
Brandon Carrside Youth and Community Project - gained the prestigious High Sheriff Award 2021 and also secured funding for a long awaited new gym floor.



Jill Scott MBE – Captained England Women's Football team and received her 150th cap for her country this year - a tremendous achievement.



Cheesy Waffles Project - continued their link with the Nottinghamshire Association and secured, with the help from DABGC, a new post through the government's Kickstart programme.



D.J.Evans and Brandon Carrside Youth and Community Project - went the extra mile during lockdown providing food banks, food parcels and supporting home schooling with virtual support sessions.



Lucy Bronze - First capped at International level by Paul Smith (Baldon CA) while with the U16 England CYP team who were the National 4 Nations champions at the Rosebowl Tournament held in Northern Ireland. Lucy has since excelled with Manchester City, Lyon and England at the highest level. Currently playing for Manchester City and England she was recently voted the UEFA Footballer of the Year.



Low Fell Running Club - were voted North East Club of the Year Runners-Up at the recent North-East Athletic Awards.

New additions to the DABGC 2021 County programme included:

- First Aid for Boxing clubs
- Activity Days at Weardale Adventure Centre
- Surfing
- Karting
- Drive for Life in association with DAAC - A future young driver awareness programme.

BEREAVEMENTS

Sadly we have to report the deaths of the following people who gave so much to the Durham Association in so many different ways. They will all be greatly missed.

Jim Potts - Wickham Fellside FC - A dedicated club man who supported the Association at many County and National events. His team were very successful at the International Football Tournament in Blackpool winning the Bobby Moore Trophy on several occasions as the Fairplay team of the tournament. Also, over the years he provided many players for the Under 16 England Boys Club football team.

Bill Harvey - Has been associated with DABGC for several decades having been inspirational in keeping the **Cumbria Association** in existence and being a keen supporter and member of DABGC and NABGC together with the North East Group and National Group of the National Boys Club / National Girls Club. A true gentleman who will be sadly missed.

John Pollock - Lambton Street Youth Centre - Guided many boxers to County and National titles as an inspirational Boxing Coach.

Gordon Ibinson MBE - Hylton Castle and Town End Farm BC - Ran the club for decades and was instrumental in guiding many boxers to International fame including Billy Hardy. Later he became a recognised figure on the Boxing circuit as a highly regarded referee. He sat on the DABGC Sports Committee for many years and was also a member of the DABGC Executive Board.

Margaret Joan Storey - Brandon Carrside Youth and Community Project - A dedicated volunteer and Management Committee member.

Robbie Towers - Ward Degnans ABC - Tragically at an early age of 19, this talented boxer had so much to give.

Peter Willis - Former DABGC Sports Officer - A famous global Football referee at the highest level. He had a long established career with Durham Constabulary before joining DABGC as its Sports Officer. A keen supporter of DABGC, he was well respected during his short spell with the association.

SIR BOB MURRAY CBE AWARD

This new award to be presented on an annual basis is courtesy of Sir Bob Murray CBE. It is awarded to a young person who has shown a great attitude, commitment and motivation in supporting others and taken responsibility showing potential leadership qualities. The first recipient of this award is **Sophie Miller** from **Lumley Ladies FC** for her outstanding contribution over many years at Club, County, Regional, National and International level.

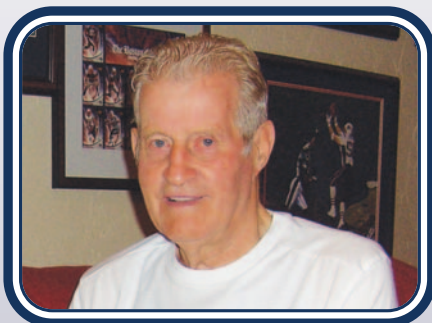


DAVE LUMLEY LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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 **Ed Lown from Birtley AC** for his tremendous dedication to the club and his reliable support at County and National events.

The award for this year (2021) will be announced and presented at the awards evening at the Ramside Hall Hotel in Durham on Monday, 1st November.



PRESIDENTS MEDAL

- **George Edward Lee**

A dedicated volunteer at County, Regional, National and International events over the years. He also chairs the North-East Group of the National Boys Club / National Girls Club and continues to sit on the DABGC Executive Board.

- **Robert Hope**

A well respected football coach who continues to coach at the highest level and a dedicated DABGC volunteer. He was a member of the DABGC Sports Committee and played an influential part in both the DABGC and England U16 Boys Club football team victories at National and International level.

- **Tom Goody - Grindon YPC**

A dedicated volunteer for the club and also DABGC at County, Regional, National and International level. A member of the management team that guided the DABGC and England U16 Boys Club Football team to many County, National and International honours. He was also a member of the DAGBC Sports Committee for many years making a valuable contribution.

- **Jane Nolan - NACYP, Ambition and UK Youth**

As a Regional and National Officer for Clubs for Young People and now UK Youth she has been a loyal supporter to the Durham Association over several decades. She recently announced her retirement and we wish her well for the future.

J.J. GRIFFITHS AWARD

This year the trophy for taking part in most sporting events during the year was won by Sunderland Community Action Group.



APPLE PROJECT

Following our continued partnership which has been running for several years with Apple at the Metro Centre, we are extremely grateful to their team for providing to DABGC staff and our range of member clubs, field trips, group training, guidance, advice and support. These projects and Field Trips continue to be available to all our affiliated clubs.



COUNTY ARTS AND CRAFTS DAY

The Association secured an excellent contact at Crafters Companion at Newton Aycliffe to facilitate an interactive art and crafts day for our clubs. Due to Covid restrictions no sessions were available during the last year. However once restrictions ease then it is hoped that

further sessions will be made available to our clubs in the future.



WEARDALE ADVENTURE CENTRE - ACTIVITY DAYS

DABGC secured some funding to develop a relaunch programme following lockdown. Our own roadmap out of lockdown was developed with extensive planning, engagement with club leaders and volunteers and marketing of events ready to roll-out from April 2021. Our Activity Days at Weardale Adventure Centre have proved very popular with a mixture of clubs attending - **General Youth Clubs, Boxing Clubs, Fire Cadets, Football Clubs, Athletic Clubs, Table-Tennis Clubs, General Community Groups and Centres** who all gained a wonderful experience in Rock Climbing, Canoeing, Archery, Raft Building and the High Ropes course. The Activity Days provided the springboard and enjoyment for young people that had been missing for the past 15 months and they have provided our young people with opportunities to once again mix and socialise with their peers in a fun and secure outdoor environment, putting smiles on faces, as well as providing the physical and mental health support they required at the re-opening of restrictions.



SUPPORTERS

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

- Apple Metrocentre, Gateshead.
- Apple, Brandon, Florida United States of America
- Belle Vue Community (Bob Farrow), Sports and Youth Centre
- Birtley A.C.
- Boys & Girls UK North East Group (NBC/NGC)
- Bishop Auckland Table Tennis Club
- B.A.S.C. (British Association of Shooting and Conservation)
- Cleveland Youth Association
- Compass Royston Travel Ltd
- County Durham Community Foundation
- Crafters Companions
- Durham Agency Against Crime
- Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service
- Durham Constabulary
- Durham Football Association
- Edward Robertson Digital Design and Development
- Gateshead Redheugh (1957)
- Karting North-East
- Lambton Street Youth Centre
- Lloyds Bank - Sunderland/Durham
- McKenzie Bell & Sons Solicitors
- Middlesbrough Sports Village
- National Association of Boys and Girls Clubs
- Newcastle Building Society
- Ocean Youth Trust
- Priory Training
- Ramside Hall Hotel and Golf Club - Durham
- Richard Bonington - Essex Boys and Girls Clubs
- Soccarena Durham
- Solar Trophies
- South Shields Surfing Academy
- Tyne Tees and Wear Amateur Boxing Association
- Weardale Adventure Centre
- World Federation of Youth Clubs
- UK Youth



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HISTORY OF THE DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS



"DOWN THE BOYZIE" CELEBRATING 88 YEARS - 1933 TO 2021



- 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.

- Over 80 years, these original aims and objectives still hold true. Yes, the age range may have slightly changed and girls are now fully 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 Senior whose family have given so much loyal support to the Association over many 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 75-85 clubs embracing new activities along the way. Our geographical area still remains the old County Durham area incorporating South Tyne and Wear and the Tees Valley (basically from the Tyne to the Tees) and includes General Youth Clubs / Boxing Clubs / Football Clubs / Fire Cadets / Durham Agency Against Crime/ Police Cadets/ 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.
- Having moved our county office in 2018, we are now well established in 2021 at our premises in Chester-le-Street.
- Honoured by the Queen in 2021 with the Queens Award for Voluntary Service - the highest honour a voluntary organisation can achieve, equivalent to an MBE.

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



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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 voluntary 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 voluntary service 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

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"Did Boys and Girls Clubs have an impact on your life?"

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.

BEQUESTS

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. Registered Charity No. 520920

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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Old Court House, Newcastle Road, Chester-le-Street
County Durham, DH3 3AU
Telephone & Fax: (0191) 3831894
E-mail: dabgc@btconnect.com
Website: <http://www.dabgc.co.uk>
Registered Charity No. 520920
Executive Youth Officer: Alan Watson: 07917156953
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AFFILIATED CLUBS

Auckland Youth and Community
Centre Ltd
Bishop Auckland
County Durham

Aycliffe ABC
Newton Aycliffe
County Durham

Barmoor Hub
Ryton
Tyne & Wear

Belle Vue Sports and Community Centre
Hartlepool
Cleveland

Blackfyne Juniors FC
Consett
Co. Durham

Blaydon Youth and Community Centre
Blaydon
Tyne & Wear

Bilton Hall ABC
Jarrow
Tyne & Wear

Birtley Athletics Clubs
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

Bowburn Youth Club
Bowburn
Co. Durham

Brandon Boxing Club
Meadowfield
Co. Durham

Bo's Boxing
Sunderland
Tyne & Wear

Boldon CA Girls
Washington
Tyne & Wear

Brandon Carrside Youth &
Community Centre
Brandon
Co. Durham

Brandon Table Tennis Club
Brandon
Co. Durham

Cheesy Waffles Project
Durham
Co. Durham

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

Chester Moor ABC
Chester Moor
Co. Durham

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

Consett AFC Juniors
Consett
Co. Durham

Consett Rugby Club
Consett
Co. Durham

Co Durham & Darlington Fire &
Rescue Service
Seaham
Co. Durham

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Rescue Service
Spennymoor
Co. Durham

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Stanhope
Co. Durham

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Consett
Co. Durham

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Bishop Auckland
Co. Durham

Co Durham & Darlington Fire &
Rescue Service
Crook
Co. Durham

Co Durham & Darlington Fire &
Rescue Service
High Handenhold
Co. Durham

Co Durham & Darlington Fire &
Rescue Service
Durham
Co. Durham

Crook Town ABA
Crook
Co. Durham

Darlington ABC
Darlington
Co. Durham

Darlington Spraire Lads & Lasses FC
Darlington
Co. Durham

Derwentside AC
Stanley
Co. Durham

Delves Lane Phoenix JFC
Consett
Co. Durham

District Youth ABC
Washington
Tyne & Wear

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

Fight Fitness Guru ABC
Consett
County Durham

Gateshead Leam Lane ABC
Gateshead
Tyne & Wear

Gateshead Cleveland Hall CA
Gateshead
Tyne & Wear

Gateshead Redheugh
Gateshead
Tyne & Wear

Glenholme Centre
Crook
Co. Durham

Grangetown Youth & Community Centre
Grangetown
Cleveland

Grindon Young Peoples Project
Sunderland
Tyne & Wear

Gus Robinson ABC
Hartlepool
Cleveland

Hartlepool Catholic BC
Hartlepool
Cleveland

Hartlepool Elite Boxing Academy
Hartlepool
Cleveland

Hartlepool Cleveland ABC
Hartlepool
Cleveland

Hartlepool Headland ABC
Hartlepool
Cleveland

Hendon ABC
Sunderland
Tyne & Wear

Hordon ABC
Hordon
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

Kensho BJJ
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Co. Durham

Kenton ABC
Kenton
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

Natural Progression BA
Billingham
Cleveland

North Road Gym ABC
Stanley
Co. Durham

North Star ABC
Sunderland
Tyne & Wear

Olympian ABC
Sunderland
Tyne & Wear

Oxhill Youth Club
Stanley
Co. Durham

Perth Green ABC
Jarrow
Tyne & wear

Phil Thomas ABC
Middlebrough
Cleveland

Northumberland Fire & Rescue BA
Cramlington
Tyne & Wear

Phoenix Flyers AC
Great Lumley
Co. Durham

Plains Farm ABC
Sunderland
Tyne & Wear

Ryton ABC
Ryton
Tyne & Wear

Shildon ABC
Bishop Auckland
Co. Durham

Shincliffe JFC
Shincliffe
Co. Durham

Redcar Boxing Club
Redcar
Cleveland

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

Ward Degans ABC
Darlington
Co. Durham

Wearmouth ABC
Sunderland
Tyne & Wear



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The Durham Association would like to thank our loyal supporters, subscribers and others who have contributed financially or in kind to make sure the association continues to provide activities and events of the highest standard for our young people.

We appreciate your kind and generous support.
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