





DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

(Covering 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 2022 /23



It gives me great pleasure to present to you the Durham Association of Boys and Girls Clubs Annual Report for 2022/23.

This is a landmark year for the Association as we celebrate our 90th birthday. You will read in the report the many events that have continued to support young people, enabling them to enjoy the sports they love, and to try new challenges.

You will read of the many successes our young people have achieved, at both regional and national events, some truly outstanding performances.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank our loyal supporters whose valuable contributions ensure we can continue to provide activities, events, and opportunities for our young people.

I would also like to thank members of our Executive Committee, our Executive Youth Officers Alan Watson and Simon Healey, together with our Corporate Support Officers, Tina Townson, and Angela Rennison, for their continued support and commitment throughout the year.

Special mention must go to our volunteers, and all the volunteers who work tirelessly in our affiliated clubs to ensure young people can access the activities available to them. Without our volunteers none of this would be possible.

Finally, I would like to extend special thanks to our President, Frank Nicholson, for his ongoing Commitment, enthusiasm, and valuable support to the Association.

Tonya Antonis Chair



TREASURER'S REPORT 2022/23



The Association's financial position is detailed in the Financial Statements for the period ended 31st March 2023.

This year the Association has reported a loss of £12076 compared to a profit of £219 for the previous financial year.

Income was £66851 compared to £63396 for 2021/22, around 90% of this comes from subscriptions & donations. All donations are received with thanks , without them the services we provide would be greatly restricted.

Expenditure has increased to £78927 from £63179 the previous year. There were some one off expenses included in this figure , however it is noted that expenditure reduced significantly during lockdown , the overall figure is now back in line with figures reported pre covid.

Reserves remain healthy meaning the Association is still in a strong financial position.

A review of the Association's financial policies has been completed, a revised set of financial policies have been adopted by the Trustees which will ensure that the Associations financial process's follow guidance recommended by the Charity Commission. The policies will be reviewed regularly and updated as required.

The Trustees continue to work hard to ensure that the many activities and events provided by DABGC are made available to as many young people as possible across County Durham and the surrounding areas.

Martin Collins

Honorary Treasurer

DABGC VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS

VISION

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

MISSION

To encourage and provide all 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 all young people and new clubs in areas of need.
- 2. To support and develop existing clubs and their voluntary management.
- 3. To present opportunities to all young people so they may take part in a wide range of activities to increase their personal and social development.
- 4. To promote and complement the work of UK Youth, NABGC and other partners throughout the Durham Association area.
- 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.





INVEST IN YOUNG PEOPLE, IT LASTS A LIFETIME. TOGETHER STRONGER



COUNTY CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2022

We had an excellent turnout for our annual Cross - Country championships which were hosted by Birtley Athletic Club in November 2022. We are sincerely grateful to the team of volunteers from Birtley AC for making us so welcome and to James Colling for his technical support.

BOYS Under 11 Winner Runner - Up	William McClean Sam Zeze	Low Fell Running Club Chester-le-Street AC
Under 13 Winner Runner up	Ed Moon Josh Wood	Birtley AC Sunderland Harriers
Under 15 Winner Runner up	Callum Bailey Ben Anderson	Birtley AC Sunderland Harriers
Under 17 Winner Runner up	Martyn Rahmann Joe Willis	Birtley AC Sunderland Harriers
GIRLS Under 11		
Winner Runner up	Poppie Phillipson Izzy Hall	Birtley AC Birtley AC
Under 13		
Winner Runner up	Nell Graham Olivia Murphy	Birtley AC Birtley AC
Under 15		
Winner Runner up	Lucy Burnett Lucy Buckle	Derwentside AC Chester-le-Street AC
Under 17 Winner	Amber McAuley - Zeckner	Phoenix Flyers AC



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TEAM AWARDS

BOYS		GIRLS	
Under 11	Phoenix Flyers AC	Under 11	Birtley AC
Under 13	Sunderland Harriers	Under 13	Birtley AC
Under 15	Sunderland Harriers	Under 15	Birtley AC







NABGC NATIONAL X-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

On a cold crisp sunny day in Essex the NABGC National X-Country Championships were held in the beautiful setting of the Old Tower at Layer Marney near Colchester. This was the first trip away for over 3 years due to Covid and the young people thoroughly enjoyed being able to mix with others from Wales and other counties.

The Durham Association exceeded all expectations by bringing home 5 National Team Trophies and having 8 Individual National Champions. We also had 7 Individual National Runners -Up and 5 National 3rd Place medallists bringing our total medal haul to 40, consisting of 20 Individual medals and 20 Team medals - a tremendous achievement.



INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

BO	YS
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- U11 Henry Englehart
- U13 Samuel Thompson
- U15 Callum Bailey Birtley AC
- U17 Martyn Rahmann Birtley AC

GIRLS

U11	Poppie Phillipson	Birtley AC
U13	Nell Graham	Birtley AC
U15	Lucy Burnett	Derwentside AC
U17	Amber McAuley - Zeckner	Phoenix Flyers AC

NATIONAL TEAM AWARDS

BOYS

U13 Samuel Thompson (Sunderland Harriers) / Finley McPeake (Chester-le-Street AC) / Dhruv Ramaswamy (Phoenix Flyers AC) Josh Wood (Sunderland Harriers)

Phoenix Flyers AC

Sunderland Harriers

- U15 Callum Bailey (Birtley AC) / Ben Anderson (Sunderland Harriers) / Ewan McCoy (Phoenix Flyers AC) / Jude Graham (Sunderland Harriers)
- U17 Martyn Rahmann (Birtley AC) / Joshua Brown (Houghton Harriers) / Patrick McCoy (Phoenix Flyers AC) / David Newby (Low Fell Running Club)

GIRLS

- U11 Poppie Phillipson (Birtley AC) / Izzy Hall (Birtley AC) / Isla Coker (Phoenix Flyers AC) / Isla Ford - Hutchinson (Chester -le-Street AC)
- U13 Nell Graham (Birtley AC) / Kitty Graham (Birtley AC) / Niamh Phillipson (Birtley AC) / Poppy Graham (Birtley AC)







COUNTY POOL CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2023

The DABGC Pool championships were held at Lambton Street Youth and Community Hub in Sunderland on Thursday 9th March 2023 and were well attended. We are sincerely grateful to Kevin Howard and his staff for making us so welcome on the night. There was some excellent Pool on offer, with everyone enjoying the evening.

BOYS Under 12		
Winner	Josh Moor	Oxhill Youth Club
Runner up	Harry Bristow	Lambton Street Youth & Community Hub
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Under 14		
Winner	Charlie Kelly	Oxhill Youth Club
Under 16		
Winner	Kieran McKee	Oxhill Youth Club
Runner -up	Lennon Pearce	Lambton Street Youth & Community Hub
Under 19		
Winner	Cameron Mackintosh	Lambton Street Youth & Community Hub
GIRLS		
Under 12		
Winner	Heidi Haig	Lambton Street Youth & Community Hub
Runner up	Lucy Stephenson	Lambton Street Youth & Community Hub
Under 14		
Winner	Jessica Cornthwaite	Oxhill Youth Club
Under 16		
Winner	Sydney Northey	Oxhill Youth Club
Under 19		
Winner	Dionne Garnham	Lambton Street Youth & Community Hub

Oxhill Youth Club

Niamh Stewart

Runner - Up





COUNTY TABLE - TENNIS COMPETITION - 2023

The DABGC County Table Tennis Competition was held at Darlington Table - Tennis Academy on Sunday 1st April 2023 with a very good turnout. We would like to thank Giulio Pontone and Andy Murphy and the team at Darlington TTA for the use of their splendid facility together with an excellent day of Table -Tennis.

MALE Under 12		
Winner	James Reeves	Darlington Table Tennis Academy
Runner up	Isaac Davies	Darlington Table Tennis Academy
Under 14		
Winner	Max Hancock	Brandon Table Tennis Club
Runner up	Jack Buckley	Darlington Table Tennis Academy
Under 16		
Winner	Lucas Hannan	Darlington Table Tennis Academy
Runner up	Ben Wiltshire	Darlington Table-Tennis Academy
Under 19		
Winner	Daniel Jones	Darlington Table Tennis Academy
FEMALE		
Under 12		
Winner	Faye Langley	Darlington Table Tennis Academy
Runner up	Harriet Goodwin	Darlington Table Tennis Academy
Under 14		
Winner	Lucy Jones	Darlington Table Tennis Academy
Runner up	Emily Murphy	Darlington Table-Tennis Academy
Under 16		
Winner	Isabella Murphy	Darlington Table-Tennis Academy









NABGC NATIONAL TABLE-TENNIS FINALS - 2023

The NABGC National Table -Tennis Finals were held at Wragby in Lincolnshire on Saturday 8th July 2023.

All competitors received a Certificate of Participation and Durham dominated with 5 National Champions together with 3 National Runners - up. This was a great day, being well supported and enjoyed by all young people, parents and coaches.

BOYS Under 12 Panav Pogul Isaac Davies	Darlington Table-Tennis Academy Darlington Table-Tennis Academy	National Champion National Runner-up
Under 14		
Jack Buckley	Darlington Table-Tennis Academy	National Champion
Under 19 Daniel Jones	Darlington Table-Tennis Academy	National Champion
GIRLS Under 12		
Faye Langley	Darlington Table-Tennis Academy	National Champion
Harriet Goodwin	Darlington Table-Tennis Academy	National Runner-up
Under 14		
Emily Murphy	Darlington Table-Tennis Academy	National Champion

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National Champion National Runner -up



Lucy Jones



THE BETTY WOODWARD YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2022/2023

We had many strong nominations for the Betty Woodward Award, which is presented 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 14 years and 19 years. Last year's winners were Brandon Pye (Houghton Harriers AC) and Naimh-Orla Stewart (Oxhill Youth Club). This year's award winners will be announced at our Celebration of Youth event on the 25th September 2023 at the Ramside Hall Hotel, Durham.

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The Durham Association is affiliated to the National body NABGC (UK) who in turn are affiliated to the World Federation of Youth Clubs. We have been well represented at a range of virtual meetings including, in June 2023, the three-day World Federation of Youth Clubs Virtual Conference.

In May 2023, Alan Watson, our Executive Youth Officer attended the World Federation of Youth Clubs Leadership Institute held in Orlando Florida. He also participated in the Boys and Girls Clubs of America Annual Conference which followed immediately after the training event. The conference was attended by 2800 delegates from 10 different countries worldwide (USA / Mexico / Greece / Irag / Liberia / Sierra Leone / Guatemala / El Salvador / South Africa) together with representation from England by Durham, Nottinghamshire, Essex, Bristol and Berkshire, Wales Boys and Girls Clubs and included the NABGC (UK) National Director, Andy Hamill.

Throughout this Global Conference it was pleasing to note that Durham was held up as good practice with our name known and respected globally. We continue to exchange and share best practice with other youth organisations across the world.









Following on from a highly successful 2022 where the Adventure Activity Days provided a launch pad for young people to socialise and mix together again following the pandemic, 2023 saw DABGC secure some further funding to continue these fun packed days. Each day again proved very popular with all at full capacity with a mixture of clubs attending. They all gained a wonderful experience in Rock Climbing, Canoeing, Archery, and Raft Building or on the High Ropes course. The Activity Days provided the physical and mental support many young people needed in a fun and secure outdoor environment. Comments from one group stated: "Excellent day for our young people to do something different to their normal activity in a fun, relaxed and controlled way and gain self-confidence and team building skills. Thank you DABGC for providing that opportunity"



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS (UK)

The Durham Association is an integral part of the National Association (NABGC UK) by being involved in the National activities and events programme and also influencing and supporting programme development. A series of virtual and face to face 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.





NABGC - NATIONAL CONFERENCE - OCTOBER 2022

Was held over a weekend in Bristol during October 2022. The team from Young Bristol made us very welcome and the weekend series of events, workshops and Gala Dinner with inspirational young speakers proved a huge success. One of the key speakers was the CEO of the World Federation of Youth Clubs, Kirk Dominick, who in his speech highlighted Durham as one of the key players within the National network.







OYT SAILING RESIDENTIAL - 2023

Following the success of a weekend rather than a full week on board ship in 2022, the 2023 Sailing Residential in partnership with OYT North, took place over the weekend of the 16th to the 18th of June and experienced some fine sunny weather. This enabled the crew, drawn from a variety of our affiliated clubs, to have a wonderful experience learning how to sail a tall sailing ship from North Shields to Blyth and back. The James Cook sailing vessel which they were on, was to feature in the world famous Hartlepool Tall Ships Race a few weeks later. All the young people gained a Competent Crew certificate and enjoyed the experience, gaining new skills and new friendships along the way. Thanks to the County Durham Community Foundation who provided the funding for this experience.

Participants

Alyssa McKee Huw Gowdy Ellis Ward Neve Brunskill Jessica Hughes Layton Warrener Michael McDade Logan Turnbull Kieron McKee Emme Riddell Kaylem Rose Ivan Gallagher Oxhill Youth Club Phoenix Flyers AC Phoenix Flyers AC The Activity Den The Activity Den Sunderland Community Action Group Sunderland Community Action Group Oxhill Youth Club Oxhill Youth Club Oxhill Youth Club The Activity Den The Activity Den











DABGC SUMMER WATERSPORTS PROGRAMME - SURFING/ PADDLEBOARDING / SNORKELLING AND ROCKPOOLING AT SOUTH SHIELDS

We were again fortunate to secure some funding from the County Durham Community Foundation to offer this great experience to complement our summer programme, at no cost to our affiliated clubs at the award winning Sandhaven Beach at South Shields. These activities provided clubs with an enjoyable day either in the water or exploring the shores, getting to know and learning about life in the rock pools and beyond. They proved extremely popular with 10 clubs accessing 17 different sessions on the water and over 250 young people participating this year. Our thanks go to Nick and his team at the South Shields Surfing School for their great instruction. Comments included "Fabulous day and thanks to DABGC for providing the opportunity" and "A great day enjoyed by all our young people" and " Enjoyed looking for crabs and other sea-life".



DABGC KARTING CHALLENGE - GRAND PRIX 2023

This exciting event, held at the prestigious Karting NE track at Ryhope in August 2023 generated a very wide interest from our clubs. It saw teams from each club competing on the track against each other and the clock in a step towards producing the next Lewis Hamilton. Comments included "Wicked " and "A very well organised DABGC event which was a hit with our young people" and "Great time was had by all - thank you"

Our podium - one, two, three winners will be presented with their awards at our Presentation Night at the Ramside Hall Hotel, Durham on 25th September 2023.







COUNTY 5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL COMPETITION

This was held at the Soccarena in Durham on Saturday 18th March 2023 and our thanks go to all the volunteers and officials who supported us on the day.

Under 12

WinnersGateshead Redheugh (Hutchison)Runners upGateshead Redheugh (Gazza)

Under 14

Winners Gateshead Redheugh

Under 16 Winners

Phoenix Flyers AC





NABGC - NATIONAL 5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL FINALS - HUDDERSFIELD

Back on the National programme following Covid, the National 5-a-side football finals took place in Huddersfield on Saturday 3rd June 2023. Our County winners and runners up from

Gateshead Redheugh proved too strong for other counties and after some hard fought games came back to Durham as National U12 Champions and National U12 Runners up a tremendous achievement.







UK CLUB ATHLETICS NABGC CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2023

This was hosted by Durham in July 2023 at the Shildon Sunnydale Leisure Centre. Thanks must go to James Colling OIC for organising his team of officials and other volunteers who assisted in making it a very successful day. A large turnout fully appreciated and cheered every race.

Durham put in some fine performances with 45 individual National Champions and a clean sweep of trophies which included winning 6 x100m relay races. Comments included 'An excellent event which was well organised by DABGC with our athletes competing well and winning a few medals'. Congratulations must go to Carter McQue from Sunderland Harriers who in the Boys U15 High Jump achieved a height of 1.80m - a new National record which was previously held by Quincie Michael from London in 2007 - a tremendous achievement.



INDIVIDUAL UK CLUB CHAMPIONS BOYS

U11

Elliott Kleiser Zack Fenn Charlie Ames Ted Burnside Callam Pugh

Phoenix Flyers AC Houghton Harriers Chester-le-Street AC Houghton Harriers Chester-le-Street AC

U13

Jack Walton Dhruv Ramaswamy Ed Moon Henry Englehart Finn Parks Adam Smith

U15

Carter McQue Sam Thompson Ben Anderson William Young Josh Ebblewhite

U17

Toby Richardson Ellis Ward Dominic Kemp Joe Willis Jack Cuthbertson

U20 Fraser Young Chester-le-Street AC Phoenix Flyers AC Birtley AC Phoenix Flyers AC Chester-le-Street AC Chester-le-Street AC

Sunderland Harriers Sunderland Harriers Sunderland Harriers Sunderland Harriers Sunderland Harriers

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Sunderland Harriers







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GIRLS

U11 Freya Hughill Jessica Conroy Freya Burnett Darcy Rose - Harding

U13

Izzy Hall Lexie Brown Isla Coker Sophia Cheetham Anne Pickering

U15

Aneeka Bellamy-Evans Evie Simon Coelho Celia Zeze Holly Robinson Willow Kerr Darcy Lines Chloe McCarthy Emily Burnett

U17

Lara Lawrence Ella Jones Freya Stockley Amelia Jones Lucy Buckle Chester-le-Street AC Chester-le-Street AC Houghton Harriers Chester-le-Street AC Chester-le-Street AC

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Sunderland Harriers

Phoenix Flvers AC

Houghton Harriers

Houghton Harriers

Houghton Harriers

Derwentside AC

Derwentside AC

Chester-le-Street AC

Chester-le-Street AC Chester-le-Street AC

Derwentside AC

Derwentside AC

Derwentside AC

Derwentside AC

Birtley AC

Birtley AC

U20

Niamh -Orla Stewart

Oxhill Youth Club

NATIONAL 4X100M RELAY CHAMPIONS

BOYS

- U11 Chester-le-Street AC
- U15 Sunderland Harriers AC
- U17 Sunderland Harriers AC

GIRLS

- U11 Chester-le-Street AC
- U15 Houghton Harriers
- U17 Chester-le-Street AC



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COUNTY TEAM AWARDS

BOYS

- U11 Chester -le-Street AC
- U13 Chester-le-Street AC
- U15 Sunderland Harriers
- U17 Phoenix Flyers AC
- U20 Sunderland Harriers

GIRLS

U20

- U11 Derwentside AC
- U13 Birtley AC
- U15 Derwentside AC
- U17 Chester-le-Street AC
 - Oxhill Youth Club





FIRST AID TRAINING - SAVE A LIFE PROJECT

The Association continued with its Save a Life Project and wishes to thank the County Durham Community Foundation for funding towards our First Aid training sessions during 2022/23. This quality training was delivered by Priory Training who undertook three General training courses for us, together with two Junior First Aid courses delivered during the Easter and Summer school holidays. During 2023 over 70 volunteers and young people achieved certificates.

All these sessions have been fully booked and contributed to our 'Save a Life' project where a vital part of the training includes Defibrillator awareness. The Executive Youth Officers are 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. During the course of this project over 380 members have been trained and are now able to provide First Aid cover at their club and within their communities.







COUNTY BOXING TOURNAMENT

This was hosted by the Belle Vue Sports Centre in Hartlepool during October 2022 with our winners progressing to the Regional round which was kindly hosted by Adrian Worth and his team at Billingham Boxing Academy during November 2022. Winners then went forward to the Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and National Finals.

Nigel Voules Memorial Trophy for Best Boxer at the County Boxing Championships went to Brandon Morrison from Birtley ABC.

Gordon Jardin Memorial Trophy for Best Bout at the County Boxing Championships went to William Tyres from Billingham Boxing Academy.







NABGC NATIONAL BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

These were held at Bridlington during December 2022 and Durham did extremely well, bringing home 10 National Champions and 3 National Finalists medals.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

MALE Class A Dylan Scott Jonas Railton Mitchell Watson Kevin Richardson

Class B Bronton Creighton Alfie Goodhall

Class C Joe Hodgkinson

Class D Rhys Readshaw Lee Rogers District Youth ABC Seconds Out BC Birtley ABC Houghton ABC

Phil Thomas School of Boxing Hartlepool Catholic ABC

East Durham ABC

Phil Thomas School of Boxing Birtley ABC BOYS & GIR



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FEMALE Class D Megan Bainbridge

Hartlepool Headland ABC

NATIONAL FINALIST

MALE Class A Jorge Thompson Sydney Welsh

Middlesbrough ABC Darlington ABC

FEMALE

Class C Shannon Rochester

The New Welfare ABC



NEW AFFILIATIONS

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

- The Activity Den
- Consett Bedlam
- Washington Boxing Club



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BIG LUNCH - CORONATION STREET PARTY AT 10, DOWNING STREET - MAY 2023





The Association was honoured to receive an invitation from the Prime Minister's office to join the Prime Minister to celebrate the King's Coronation at Downing Street in London on Sunday 6th May 2023. Four young people - Luke Foster, Patrick McCoy, Alice Flanagan and Sadie Keen from the Phoenix Flyers Athletic Club together with DABGC Activities Support Officer Lesley Foster and Simon Healey our Executive Youth Officer represented the association. They had a great day talking about the work we do to both the Prime Minister and also a special guest -Jill Biden - America's First Lady. Simon then gave the young people a tour of London landmarks before the long journey back home.





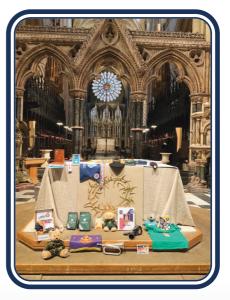


CELEBRATION OF YOUTH EVENT - DURHAM CATHEDRAL - MARCH 2023

We were delighted to receive an invitation from Mrs Sue Snowdon, Her Majesty's Lord - Lieutenant and the Chapter of Durham Cathedral to a Celebration of Youth event held at

Durham Cathedral on Sunday 5th March 2023. This special service of celebration and thanksgiving provided a means of celebrating the many organisations involved with providing young people with opportunities and experiences within County Durham. The Association was well represented by several clubs and DABGC staff.





KEYSTONE AWARDS

The Durham Association presents Keystone Awards each year to give recognition to voluntary workers and others 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 - 2023

 Alan Watson BEM MBE 	60 years
 David Binns 	40 years
 Tony Whitby 	40 years
 James Colling 	30 years
 Tom Goody 	30 years
 Jane Ashcroft 	20 years
 John Turnbull 	10 years
 Jill Rodgers 	10 years
 Gary Curtis 	10 years

DABGC East Durham ABC Middlesbrough ABC DABGC Grindon YPC Auckland YCC Brandon Carrside YCC Brandon Carrside YCC Birtley AC



CLUB NEWS FEEDBACK AND DEVELOPMENT



Jill Scott

What a year for the girl who started her career at Sunderland Harriers and Boldon CA. She was awarded an MBE for her services to Women's Football and having been a starter at the London Marathon in September 2022, Jill was then crowned Queen of the Jungle in ITV " I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here" in November 2022 and was a football pundit for ITV during the FIFA Men's World Cup in Qatar in December 2022. She also gained the BBC Sports Personality Team of the Year Award for her Euros success with the Lionesses. She featured on Good Morning Britain and with Robson Green on his Weekend Escapes programme. In March 2023 she was voted the Northeast Football Writers Footballer of the Year. Also in March, together with Steph Houghton she received the Freedom of the City of Sunderland. She continues to be an inspirational ambassador for the promotion of Grassroots football and had a statue of herself unveiled in her honour in June 2023 next to the iconic Angel of the North. She also made history as the first female captain of the England team at Soccer Aid in June 2023. In July 2023 she was back in Australia commentating on the Women's World Cup Finals.

Savannah Marshall - Hartlepool Headland ABC

Another local hero who has excelled and inspired during 2023. She has come a very long way from her early days at the club and with hard work, dedication and effort is now boxing on the world stage. In July 2023 at Manchester Arena, she became the undisputed Super-Middleweight Champion of the World giving her the IBF, WBA, WBC and WBO titles which makes her one of only eight undisputed world champions male or female ever. She now stands tall in the boxing world with superstar status and is a true inspiration for any budding young boxer. Following in her footsteps also from **Hartlepool Headland ABC** is **Megan Bainbridge** - our first female NABGC National boxing champion.







Malcolm Hassan - Sunderland Harriers

Was featured on the Piers Morgan "Life Stories" programme as part of his close links with Sir Mo Farah.



Richard Kilty - Middlesbrough Harriers Has become a regular TV athletic pundit and was featured in Istanbul during the World Indoor Athletic World Championships in March 2023.

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Lucy Bronze

Gained her first England CYP (now NABGC) cap at U16 level at the Rose Bowl tournament in Northern Ireland under the guidance of Paul Smith and John Weaver from **Boldon CA**. She is another who has gone onto international success becoming a well established England international. Following on from the Euros 2022 success with the Lionesses, 2023 saw her receive her MBE for services to Women's Football in the New Year's Honours list and also win a Champions League winners medal with Barcelona.

Steve Stone - Cleveland Hall

After an exciting Football League career with the likes of Nottingham Forest and Aston Villa he has now moved into Football Management and is currently Assistant Manager at Premier League Everton FC.





Josh "Pretty Boy" Kelly - Sunderland ABC

Became the new British Light - Middleweight Champion in December 2022 and successfully retained this in July 2023.



Sonny Hollingworth - Billingham Boxing Academy

This 14-year-old is one to watch for the future as he is hoping to add European Championship selection to his fast growing boxing CV. In July 2023 he celebrated a gold medal at the Tri-Nations tournament in Cardiff with victories over Welsh and Scottish representatives bringing him an incredible 12 wins out of 12 during the season in the U57 kilos division which included him becoming National Schools Champion.

Lambton Street YC Hub

Are currently in an exciting stage of development of their premises with new upgrades to various rooms and the redecoration of others.



Brandon Carrside YC

Were given an opportunity to parade a banner at the 2023 Durham Miners Gala and thoroughly enjoyed the day. This year has seen them complete upgrades to their premises with a new kitchen having pride of place. They were also honoured at the exclusive High Sheriff Awards evening and were part of the DABGC delegation at Durham Cathedral Celebration of Youth event in March 2023. They are one of several clubs built during the Crash plan of 1963/64 so will be celebrating their 60th Anniversary in the coming year alongside DJ.Evans at Bowburn, Auckland YCC, Glenholme at Crook, Clavering at Annfield Plain and Fairfield BC at Stockton.



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.

- Keith Walters DABGC volunteer and strong supporter of DABGC and NBC/NGC for many years. Also provided specialist advice on building issues to many of our clubs.
- Nigel Grant Voules Northumberland Association of Boys and Girls Clubs Outstanding County Secretary for 37 years, dedicated National committee member and Chair of NBC/NGC.
- Henry Myers Gibson Grindon YPC long serving volunteer and committee member.
- Miriam Gibson Grindon YPC long serving volunteer and committee member.
- Stephen (Dougie) Douglas Horsley Hill ABC Dedicated Boxing coach.
- Jackie Haggan Driving force behind Delves Lane Phoenix Football Club and a talented photographer.

SIR BOB MURRAY AWARD

This award to be presented on an annual basis by 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 award winner will be announced at our Celebration of Youth awards event on the 25th of September 2023 at the Ramside Hall Hotel, Durham. The winner of the 2022 Award was Lennie Steele from Sunderland Community Action Group.







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 2022 award went to Bob Boustead from Cleveland Hall for his tremendous dedication and service to the club and his reliable support at County and National events. This year's winner will be announced at the Celebration of Youth event at Ramside Hall Hotel, Durham on 25th September 2023.

PRESIDENTS MEDAL

Nadine Kipling - Auckland YCC - Has dedicated a lifetime to serving young people in and around the Bishop Auckland, West Auckland and Crook areas. Her tireless energy and enthusiasm has made sure young people continue to be able to access youth provision in some of the smaller villages and towns with her devotion to committee work and securing funding essential in making this happen.

Kevin Howard - Lambton Street Youth and Community Hub - A dedicated lifetime worker with over 30 years active youth service. Runs an excellent club in one of the most deprived areas of Sunderland and has been a lifetime supporter of the Association.

George Oliver - DABGC - For excellent advice and guidance in the formulation of our Association press releases.

Richard Bonnington - Essex Association of Boys and Girls Clubs - for his outstanding work in supporting funding applications for the Durham Association which have helped generate income for the Association.



ARMY EXPERIENCE DAY - OPERATION SILVER EAGLE

Operation Silver Eagle is a new addition to the County Programme and in partnership with the Army this exciting adventure experience was held at Catterick Garrison in North Yorkshire during August 2023. This proved an excellent day where young people aged 14-18 were able to undertake a range of army - based activities and learn about the various careers within the army.

It is our intention to further this opportunity with it being made available to our affiliated members through our 2024 programme of events.





J.J. GRIFFITHS AWARD

This year, the trophy for taking part in most DABGC events during the year was won by **Phoenix Flyers AC.**





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 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. Oxhill YC took advantage of this facility during 2023 and attended a range of creative sessions which were thoroughly enjoyed by all.



PRESENTATION OF AWARDS NIGHT -2022

An excellent night was held at the Ramside Hall Hotel, Durham in October 2022 with over 300 young people and invited guests enjoying a thoroughly entertaining evening. It showcased our Young People's successes during the year and highlighted the tremendous contribution made by our volunteers. We are now looking forward to launching our 90th anniversary at our Celebration of Youth evening on 25th September 2023.





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.
- Army (Catterick Garrison)
- Belle Vue Community (Bob Farrow), Sports and Youth Centre
- Birtley A.C.
- · Boys and Girls Clubs of America
- Boys & Girls UK Northeast Group (NBC/NGC)
- County Durham Community Foundation
- Darlington Table-Tennis Academy
- Durham Agency Against Crime
- Durham Cathedral
- Durham Constabulary
- Durham Football Association
- Edward Robertson Digital Design and Development
- Karting North-East
- Lambton Street Youth and Community Hub
- Lloyds Bank Sunderland/Durham
- Lord Lieutenants County Durham Office
- McKenzie Bell & Sons Solicitors
- National Association of Boys and Girls Clubs
- Newcastle Building Society
- Ocean Youth Trust North
- Prime Minister's Office
- Priory Training
- Ramside Hall Hotel and Golf Club Durham
- Richard Bonnington Essex Boys and Girls Clubs
- Shildon Sunnydale Leisure Centre
- Soccarena Durham
- Solar Trophies
- South Shields Surfing School
- 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







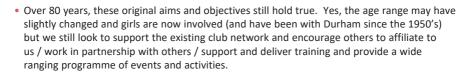
"DOWN THE BOYZIE" CELEBRATING 90 YEARS - 1933 TO 2023







- 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.



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- 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 85-95 clubs embracing new activities along the way. Our geographical area still remains the old County Durham area covering South Tyne and Wear, County Durham and the Tees Valley and includes General Youth Clubs / Boxing Clubs / Football Clubs / Fire Cadets / Durham Agency Against Crime /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 2023 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.
- 2023/2024 sees the Association celebrate its 90th Anniversary.

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 Northeast 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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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.

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.

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 silk screen 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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AFFILIATED CLUBS

Auckland Youth and Community Centre (Bishop Auckland) Barmoor Hub (Ryton) **Barnard Castle ABC** Belle Vue (Bob Farrow) Sports and Community Centre (Hartlepool) Billingham Boxing Academy Bilton Hall ABC (Jarrow) **Birtley Athletic Club Birtley Clubs for Young People Bishop Auckland ABC** Blackfyne Juniors FC (Consett) **Blackhill Bounders AC** Blaydon Youth and Community Centre Bo's Boxing (Sunderland) **Boldon Community Association Brandon Boxing Club** Brandon Carrside Youth and Community Centre Brandon Table-Tennis Club Bright Futures Community Hub (South Shields) Bullion Community Resource Centre (Chester-le-Street) Cheesy Waffles Project (Durham) Chester -le -Street Athletic Club Chester Moor ABC Clavering Boys and Girls Clubs and Maasai Club (Annfield Plain) **Consett AFC Juniors** Consett Bedlam Consett Chaos FC **Consett Rugby Club** County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service - Bishop Auckland / Consett / Crook / Durham / High Handenhold / Seaham / Spennymoor / Stanhope **Darlington ABC** Darlington Spraire Lads FC **Darlington Table-Tennis Academy Delves Lane Phoenix FC** Derwentside Athletic Club District Youth ABC (Washington) D.J.Evans YC (Bowburn) **Durham Agency Against Crime Durham City Centre Youth Project Durham County Football Club** East Durham Boxing Club (Peterlee) Fight Fitness Guru (Consett)



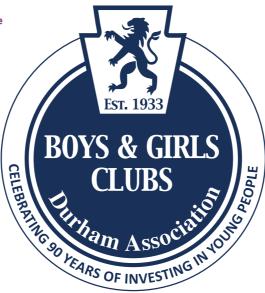
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