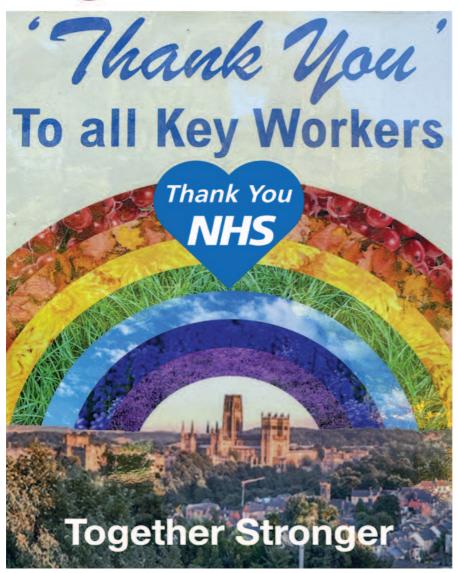




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## **DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**

(Incorporating County Durham South Tyne & Wear and Cleveland)

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

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Charity No. 520920

#### **FOREWORD 2019/20**

Welcome to the Durham Association of Boys and Girls Clubs Annual report for 2019/20 as we celebrate our 87th 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.

Normally I would be writing this report in anticipation of our presentation evening in September. However since our last event we have obviously had the challenges of dealing with Coronavirus.

We are all aware of the significant impact this 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.

Up until our programme paused, the Association had proudly received the High Sherriff's Award and this recognises the outstanding commitment to our communities. I look on this as a springboard for us to look forward to a bright future. 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. As I write this, it remains unknown as to how we will be able to celebrate our awards this year. Whatever happens, we remain committed to ensuring DABGC is there to support our young people.

#### **David Orford**

Chairman

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT 2019/20**

The Association's financial position is detailed in the Financial Statements for the period ended 31 March 2020.

This year the Association has reported an in-year deficit of (£2,507). This compares with a reported deficit of (£2,509) in the previous financial year. The Association will continue to utilise reserves, using a prudent approach, 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 decreased from £74,335 in 18/19 to £69,882 in 19/20, a decrease of £4,453 (-6%). The decrease in income is attributable to a small reduction in grant funding received, but also the Association took a decision to reduce 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, providing focus on wellness and first aid.

In addition, the Association had been grant funded to implement the Quality Mark which ensures that there are sound governance policies and procedures in place to protect the integrity of the Charity. This work was completed with the Quality Mark being awarded.

Expenditure has decreased from £76,844 in 18/19 to £72,390, a decrease of £4,454 (-6%). 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

#### DARGC 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 Cleveland.community

#### **MISSION**

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

Invest in Young People - it lasts a lifetime

#### **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

- 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 NABGC , UK Youth, World Federation of Youth Clubs (USA) 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.
- 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.
- To provide equality of access and opportunity for all young people irrespective of race, culture, sex, religion.
- 11. To identify and promote good practice throughout the Association.
- 12. To develop effective working partnerships with a wide range of organisations and agencies.



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

#### **COUNTY POOL CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2019 /20**

Our county round of the DABGC Pool championships were held at Lambton Street Youth Centre in Sunderland on the 27th February 2020 and we are sincerely grateful to Kevin Howard and his staff for making us so welcome. The winners and runners - up were:

#### **BOYS**

Under 12

Winner Jack Preece Lambton Street Runner Up Corbyn Begg Lambton Street

**Under 14** 

Winner Craig Easton Throston (Hartlepool)

Under 16

Winner Corbyn Ferguson Throston (Hartlepool) Runner Up Kieran Allen Throston (Hartlepool)

**Under 19** 

Winner Josh Vale Throston (Hartlepool)

GIRLS Under 12

Winner Skye Collins Lambton Street Runner Up Maddison Stamp Lambton Street

The winners and runners - up in each age group were due to go forward to attend the National NABGC Pool finals in June but due to the coronavirus crisis this did not take place.





#### **COUNTY TABLE - TENNIS PROJECT - 2019/20**

The Association was fortunate to receive some funding from Sport England to promote and encourage greater participation in table-tennis in local youth clubs.

Several of our clubs were invited to participate in the project which involved our association link with an established Table – Tennis England club locally. We are fortunate to have Bishop Auckland Table – Tennis club as one of our members and so we linked with their expertise to establish facilitators to undertake coaching sessions at the clubs identified. Unfortunately this was just getting underway when the coronavirus suspended the project. It is hoped once clubs return that this project will begin to gather momentum so that more young people have the chance and opportunity to represent their club in the County and National Table - Tennis competitions we hold.





#### A.G.M./CELEBRATION OF YOUTH PRESENTATION OF AWARDS 2019

We were again delighted that over 350 young people, together with coaches, club officials, parents and supporters attended another inspiring evening at Ramside Hall Hotel, Durham on 23rd September 2019 where our President, Frank Nicholson presented a wide variety of awards to celebrate the achievements of our young people over the past year.





#### THE BETTY WOODWARD YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2019/ 2020

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.

#### The winners of the 2018/19 Betty Woodward Youth Achievement Award went to:

**Abbie Bayes** - Brandon Carrside Youth and Community Centre **Tom James** - Durham Agency Against Crime.

#### **Certificates of Recognition went to:**

Brooke Durham - Auckland Youth and Community Centre Beth Smith - Auckland Youth and Community Centre Kimberley Welsh - Cheesy Waffles Project





#### **WORLD FEDERATION OF YOUTH CLUBS (USA)**

The Durham Association are affiliated to the National body - NABGC - who in turn are affiliated to the World Federation of Youth Clubs. In February 2020 a trade delegation from a handful of county associations represented NABGC at the World Federation of Youth Clubs Conference in Orlando, Florida where Alan Watson



represented the Durham Association. Several US corporates attended and were looking to invest (via Corporate Social Responsibility) to youth charities within the UK. The Durham Association has already linked with ConvaTec who have kindly supported a girl's wellbeing project. Alan came back enthused and is looking to further cement links.









#### **CONVATEC WELLBEING PROJECT**

Some generous funding from ConvaTec enabled the Association to run a new initiative for 14 -19 year old girls looking specifically at well-being. Three of our clubs took advantage of this funding with each project developing different approaches. **Lambton Street Y.C.** in Sunderland focused on developing female boxing, **Throston Y.P.** in Hartlepool run a mental health and wellbeing programme and **Birtley AC** looked at developing female athletics. Other female groups also benefitted from this funding in a wide range of activities through the Durham Association of Boys and Girls Clubs activity programme.





#### **BOYS 5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL COMPETITION 2019/20**

Our County 5-a-side football competition was held at the Soccarena in Durham on the 29th February 2020. Some excellent football was played and the winners and runners - up were:

**Under 12** Winner Darlington Spraire Lads (Black)

Runner up Darlington Spraire Lads (Yellow)

**Under 14** Winner Gateshead Redheugh

Runner up Brandon Carrside YC

**Under 16** Winner High Handenhold Fire Cadets







#### GIRLS 5 A SIDE FOOTBALL COMPETITION 2019 /20

Our County 5-a-side football competition was held at the Soccarena in Durham on the 1st March 2020. The quality of the football played was excellent and the winners and runners - up were:

**Under 12** Winner Boldon CA (Grey)

Runner up Boldon CA (White)

Under 16 Winner Boldon CA





#### **NATIONAL NABGC 5 A SIDE FOOTBALL FINALS 2019/20**

The National NABGC 5-a-side Football Finals were to be held in June 2020 in Manchester where our county winners and runners-up were due to take part. However these were cancelled due to the coronavirus.

#### 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. Both Alan Watson and Simon Healey our Executive Youth Officers attend various National meetings across the country with Alan sitting on the main committee and attending the National Conference in the Brecon Beacons in Wales to evaluate the National programme while Simon attended a Vision Day at the KPMG premises in London looking at how the National Association could develop its services over the coming years. 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.





#### **COUNTY CROSS - COUNTRY 2019/20**

We had an excellent turnout for our annual Cross - Country Championships which were kindly hosted by Birtley AC. Our thanks go to Ed Lown and his team for all their help in setting up and providing a challenging course. Thanks also to our Executive Youth Officers for co-ordinating the event and its smooth operation together with James Colling from our Executive Board for his technical support, Salus First Aid Training Ltd for first aid coverage and also those people who volunteered and acted as Marshals on the day.

BOYS U11

County ChampionNoah Williamson - Birtley ACRunner - UpLouie Robson - Houghton Harriers3rd PlaceBradley Thwaites - Birtley AC

Team Winners Birtley AC

**U13** 

County ChampionTom Pickford - Houghton HarriersRunner - UpJoe McGinley - Houghton Harriers3rd PlaceDominic Kemp - Phoenix Flyers

**Team Winners** Houghton Harriers

**U15** 

**County Champion** Chris Perkins - Birtley AC

Runner - Up Brandon Pye - Houghton Harriers 3rd Place Dillon Revell - Sunderland Harriers

Team Winners Birtley AC

**U17** 

**County Champion** Cameron Lawton - Sunderland Harriers Runner - Up Rhys Clark - Sunderland Harriers

3rd Place Robbie Mumford - Birtley AC

GIRLS U11

County ChampionTaylor Jet Miller - Chester -le-Street ACRunner - UpHolly Robinson - Houghton Harriers3rd PlaceIsabel Maher - Sunderland Harriers

**Team Winners** Houghton Harriers

**U13** 

County ChampionElla Jones - Chester-le-Street ACRunner - UpIsla Wilkie - Derwentside AC3rd PlaceJessica Greggs - Houghton Harriers



U15

**County Champion** Katie Francis - Birtley AC

Runner - Up Hannah Bowyer - Blackhill Bounders
3rd Place Alix Walton - Blackhill Bounders

**Team Winners** Blackhill Bounders

**U17** 

**County Champion** Erin Bowyer - Blackhill Bounders Runner - Up Amy Drummond - Birtley AC





#### NATIONAL NABGC CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019/20

A strong Durham team was assembled for the National NABGC Cross-Country Championships which were due to be held at the excellent Stubbers Adventure Centre in Essex on Saturday 8th February 2020. Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond our control the Durham team had to cancel due to a postponed schools fixture which had been hastily re-arranged for the same day as our National championships leaving us desperately short of runners in all age groups. It should be noted that it has always been the association belief that any schools events take precedence over our events and in that regard we continue very positive relationships with clubs, parents and young people.



# CHEESY WAFFLES RE-UNION WEEKEND WITH THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Following the 2018 Stubbers Adventure weekend, the Cheesy Waffles Project (an additional needs group) forged a close friendship with an additional needs group from Nottinghamshire who extended a warm welcome to visit them later that same year in Nottingham. It went so well that the Cheesy Waffles Project was invited back to Nottingham the following year. The visit took place during August 2019 where they undertook a range of activities and came away with happy memories and renewed friendships. They are now looking to further strengthen this relationship by visiting each other on an annual basis.





#### **CORONAVIRUS 2020**

From March 2020 the world was on lockdown due to the coronavirus pandemic. This had a tremendous impact on the youth sector with all 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

with appropriate guidance advice and support and remained in contact throughout the lockdown period to reassure clubs and also support their recovery post lockdown.

It 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 Table Tennis
- Charity Golf Day
- NABGC National Conference
- Stubbers Adventure Weekend
- Young Shots
- National Table-Tennis
- County Athletics
- · County 11-a-side Football
- National Athletics
- County Activity Day
- Powerboating
- · Ocean Youth Trust Sailing Residential
- Junior Golf Dav











It is hoped that a full programme of events both at County and National level will recommence from Autumn 2020.

Our efforts during the pandemic were recognised by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of County Durham Mrs Sue Snowdon in the following letter the Association received.

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

connection with the Association, including our Chair David Orford who coordinated the County Durham Emergency Services response.





The ancient office of Lord-Lieutenant, whose roots can be traced to Tudor times is bestowed by The Queen.

As Her Majesty's representative, The Lord-Lieutenant's, first and foremost duty is to uphold the dignity of the Crown in the County Durham Lieutenancy area which includes, County Durham, Darlington, Stockton and Hartlepool.



#### **OYT SAILING RESIDENTIAL - 2019 /20**

This excellent sailing residential in conjunction with the Ocean Youth Trust was due to take place in April 2020 but due to the coronavirus was rescheduled for August 2020. However due to social distancing measures and the close proximity of young people on the boat it was decided to postpone again until such measures are more relaxed. The Association has a duty of care to all its staff, volunteers and young people and we would not place any of them in any situation which would be seen to compromise safeguarding. The young people nominated for the course will be given first option to undertake this fabulous opportunity when it is safe to do so again. The sailing has now been rescheduled to take place in May 2021.









#### **NATIONAL NABGC ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2019**

The Association was well represented at these championships held on Saturday 31st August 2019 at the Manchester Indoor Arena. The Durham team did exceptionally well with 24 individual National Champions and came home with 49 individual Gold medals and 9 Team Awards - (note this event took place after the 2018 / 19 annual report had gone to press so it is important we recognise this success).

#### **Individual National Champions**

#### **BOYS**

U11

Owen Barron Chester-le-Street 60m / High Jump

Theo Robinson Chester-le-Street 200m

Ben Cunningham Derwentside 800m / Long Jump

Callum Chambers Birtley Shot Putt

U13

Joe Willis Sunderland 60m / 200m / 800m Jack Brown Houghton High Jump / Long Jump

**U15** 

Liam Townson Derwentside 60m / 200m / High Jump

Rowan Mason Birtley Long Jump
Dillion Revell Sunderland 800m
Fynn Errington Birtley Shot Putt

U17

Luke Russell Chester-le-Street 60m / 200m / Triple Jump

Max Local Derwentside Shot Putt

**U20** 

Jordan Beavers Sunderland 60m / 200m / Long Jump / Triple Jump / Shot Putt

GIRLS U11

Aneeka Bellemy Houghton 60m

Isabel MaherSunderland200m / 800mDaecy LinesChester-le-StreetHigh JumpEva CuthbertDerwentsideLong JumpLaila PipeDerwentsideShot Putt

**U13** 

Leoni Howie Derwentside 60m / High Jump / Shot Putt Isla Fishwick Derwentside 200m / 800m / Long Jump U15

Abigail Thwaites Birtley 200m / 800m / Long Jump Ava Local Derwentside 60m / High Jump / Shot Putt

U17

Emma Brown Chester-le-Street 60m / 200m / Long Jump Evie Compson Sunderland 800m / Shot Putt

#### **National Team Awards**

#### **Boys**

U11 / U13 / U15 / U17 / U20

#### Girls

U11 / U13 / U15 / U17





#### **COUNTY BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2019/20**

Our Boxing County Championships were kindly hosted by Belle Vue (Bob Farrow) Sports and Community Centre in Hartlepool on 26th October 2019. Our thanks to Paul Allen from Hartlepool Catholic ABC for co-ordinating and assisting in the success of our county championships together with the North-East (Tyne-Tees and Wear) Amateur Boxing Association.

Our County winners progressed to the Regional rounds and once again we had several winners who moved forward to the Quarter Final and the Semi-Final stage. Many of our Boxers then progressed onto the National Finals where 7 became NABGC National Champions and 2 National Runners-up.





#### **NATIONAL NABGC BOXING - 2019 CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**National Champions (7)** 

MALE

Class A Callum Drinkald Wearmouth ABC (42kg)

Jim Smith Phil Thomas School of Boxing (60kg)

Henry Rowbotham Hartlepool Elite BC (70kg)

Class B Reece Readshaw Phil Thomas School of Boxing (40kg)

Shaun Huddart Birtley ABC (50kg)

Class D Connor Sams Northumberland Fire and Rescue (64kg)

**FEMALE** 

Class B Macy Gallone Spennymoor Boxing Academy (52kg)

National Finalists (2)

MALE

Class B Wallace McCleod Sunderland ABC (52kg)

Class C Cameron Vuong Empire Boxing Club (64kg)





#### **GORDON JARDIN MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR BEST BOXER 2019/20**

This was awarded to Joe Miller from Olympian ABC





#### PATRICK LAWFORD BOXING TROPHY 2019/2020

This was awarded to Phil Thomas School of Boxing.



#### FIRST AID TRAINING - 'SAVE A LIFE' PROJECT

The Association wishes to thank the County Durham Community Foundation for some continuation funding for the delivery of First Aid training during 2019 / 20 by Priory Training. Sessions took place in September 2019 and February 2020 and contributed to our **'Save a Life'** project where we offer free first aid training to any of our member clubs with the aim of training up as many as possible, with members gaining qualifications in these essential skills.

In addition thanks must also go to Newcastle Building Society for funding and supporting the Association with the purchase of a quality defibrillator. We were delighted to receive it from Newcastle Building Society as part of our 'Save a Life' project and it is now available at our sporting events (hopefully we will not need to use it).





#### **NEW AFFILIATIONS**

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

- Consett Delta ABC
- Crook Town ABC
- Hall Close BC
- Walkerfield BC

#### **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 year's service) Presidents (50 year's service) Platinum (40 year's service) Gold (30 year's service) Silver (20 year's service) and Bronze (10 year's service) with these awards presented on an annual basis at the AGM Presentation Night.

#### **KEYSTONE AWARDS - 2020**

<ul> <li>Terry Schofield</li> </ul>	40 years	Shildon ABC
<ul> <li>Tommy Taylor</li> </ul>	40 years	Shildon ABC
<ul> <li>Brian Buckley</li> </ul>	30 years	Derwentside AC
<ul> <li>Trevor Forster</li> </ul>	10 years	Cleveland Youth Association
<ul> <li>Brian Downie</li> </ul>	30 years	Cleveland Youth Association
<ul> <li>Peter Blackwell</li> </ul>	30 years	Derwentside AC
<ul> <li>Linda Welsh</li> </ul>	10 years	Houghton Harriers
<ul> <li>Peter Dodsworth</li> </ul>	40 years	Houghton Harriers
<ul> <li>Maureen Dodsworth</li> </ul>	40 years	Houghton Harriers
<ul> <li>Andy Abbott</li> </ul>	40 years	Sunderland Harriers
<ul> <li>Alan Elder</li> </ul>	30 years	Low Fell Running Club
<ul> <li>Michael Hill</li> </ul>	40 years	Sunderland Harriers
<ul> <li>Margaret Smith</li> </ul>	10 years	Chester-le-Street Harriers
<ul> <li>Bob Hope</li> </ul>	20 years	DABGC
<ul> <li>John Heighington</li> </ul>	40 years	Shildon ABC
<ul> <li>Peter Baird</li> </ul>	40 years	DABGC
<ul> <li>Dave Brown</li> </ul>	30 years	Belle Vue (Bob Farrow) Sports CC Hartlepool
<ul> <li>Lynnette Brown</li> </ul>	20 years	Belle Vue (Bob Farrow) Sports CC Hartlepool
<ul> <li>Michael Kirkley</li> </ul>	10 years	DABGC

#### NABGC HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT DAY

The annual NABGC Parliament Day in London which is normally attended by Simon Healey our Executive Youth Officer should have taken place on 31st October 2019. However as this clashed with the proposed day for Britain to leave the European Union the day was postponed. It is hoped that the 2020 event pending post coronavirus social distancing will take place and that the profile of the Durham Association will continue to receive government recognition.



#### **HIGH SHERIFF AWARD**

The Association was delighted to be invited to a service at Durham Cathedral on Sunday 15th March 2020 for the installation of the new High Sheriff of County Durham. The Durham Association was well represented and Sophie Miller from Lumley Ladies was invited to read a passage during the service which she did with great distinction. We continue to have strong links with the High Sheriff office who have always taken a great deal of interest in our activities. We are extremely thankful to the 2019/20 High Sheriff Peter Candler who selected the Association for his prestigious High Sheriff Award. The new 2020/21 High Sheriff David Gray also identified the Durham Association of Boys and Girls Clubs as one of his nominated charities while in office and the Association is truly thankful for this recognition.







#### **CLUB NEWS FEEDBACK AND DEVELOPMENT**

**Jill Scott** ex **Boldon CA** and current Manchester City and England Woman's footballer was awarded an **M.B.E.** and congratulations are extended to her by this association on gaining this prestigious honour.

Pat Johnson from Bishop Auckland Table Tennis Club was awarded the Table - Tennis National Volunteer of the Year award for her dedicated service to Table - Tennis.

**Tommy Ward** from **Birtley ABC** won his World title boxing eliminator and is now in line to contest for the World Title.

**Pat McCormack** from **Birtley ABC** had a superb year which saw him win welterweight Gold at the European Games and a Silver medal at the World Championships in Russia. He also won the prestigious Ken Jones Award for Best Amateur Boxer of the Year for 2019 presented by the Boxing Writers Club of Great Britain at the Savoy Hotel in London.

**Auckland YCC** were recognised with an award from Durham Constabulary for their excellent Street Games project which saw anti-social behaviour on the local estate cut by 95% within a year.

**Steph Houghton MBE** - ex **Boldon CA** and current Manchester City and England Woman's Captain was presented with the North East Football Writers Personality of the Year Award at the North - East Football Writers Dinner at Ramside Hall Hotel in Durham

James Colling - DABGC Board Member - Is a highly qualified Athletics official and continues to gain experience at local, national and international level. He was the Technical Manager for the World Athletic Indoor Tour held in Glasgow. In his position he signed off the new World Male pole vault record by Armand Duplantis, a 20 year old Swedish competitor at a new record height of 6.18m. He was also Officer in Charge (Technical Manager) at the World Transplant Games held at Gateshead. In addition he was a senior official at the IAAF World Athletic Championships in Doha. He was also looked upon for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics but due to the coronavirus crisis this did not take place.















**Tony Jefferies** - ex **Sunderland ABC** - 2008 Olympic Bronze medallist and undefeated professional boxer, now runs a highly successful gym and personal trainer business in Los Angeles USA. He has recently linked with the undefeated World Champion Floyd Mayweather.

**Lucy Bronze** - First capped at international level by Paul Smith (**Boldon CA**) while with the U16 England CYP team, has continued to excel in Women's Football being the first English woman to win the European Footballer of the Year award whilst a member of the Lyon team which also won the French league title as well as the European Cup.





#### **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.

**George Taylor - DABGC** - Served on the DABGC Executive Committee for many years and was at the forefront of introducing our annual Charity Golf Day and Charity Clay Pigeon Shooting event.

**Ronnie Rowe - Birtley ABC** - Developed the club producing several NABGC National Boxing Champions with many gaining international recognition.

**Linda Scott - Darlington Spraire Lads and Lasses FC** - Served the club in a range of capacities since its inception and was greatly admired by all.

**Ron Hogg** - 'A Man of the People' - Always took a special interest and was a keen supporter of the Durham Association. As the Police and Crime Commissioner for Durham he developed some great initiatives with young people which were held up as good practice nationally.

**Sarah Elizabeth (Betty) Knox - Grindon YPC** - An extremely dedicated volunteer who provided a very valuable contribution to the Association at both club and county level by supporting a range of county events in addition to an outstanding contribution to club life.

**David 'Brandon' Ogilvie - Brandon Carrside YC** - An established professional boxer who was never floored in 40 bouts, he was the regional chief inspector of the British Boxing Board of Control for 18 years and served on the committee at Carrside for many years offering wise quidance and support.

#### 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 **Paul Smith from Boldon CA** for his tremendous contribution over the years at Club, County, Regional, National and International level.



#### PRESIDENTS MEDAL

**Bill McFeggon - D.J.Evans YC** - A one club man who almost single-handedly ran the club as a voluntary leader. Holding almost every committee position at the club for decades his dedication extended to hosting the very popular County 'It's a Knockout' competition and providing constructive advice at the DABGC Activities Committee.

**Sarah Elizabeth (Betty) Knox - Grindon YPC** - Dedicated volunteer to her club as a general all-rounder being able to put her hand to anything that needed doing, from fundraising to organising youth club activities. She gave her heart and soul to supporting young people from deprived communities either at club or county level and will be truly missed.

**John Heighington - Shildon ABC** - Has dedicated his life to Boxing and is very well known and admired in boxing circles. As an inspirational coach he has developed the club over the last 40 years resulting in many of his members achieving National and International recognition.

**Alyson Dixon - Chester-Le-Street AC and Sunderland Harriers** - Having competed at both Cross-Country and Athletics for the Durham Association this splendid athlete has gone on to represent Great Britain worldwide in National and International events including European Cups and World Championships, Commonwealth and Olympic Games. With her focus now on half and full marathons she states that "Marathon running: it's not a hobby, it's a lifestyle"

**Ron Cave - Phil Thomas School of Boxing** - For over 40 years he has been the heartbeat of the club volunteering in all capacities, fundraising for new premises and excelling as a boxing coach where he has produced several NABGC National Champions with many gaining international honours.

**Malcolm Owen - Durham Constabulary** - For many years he has provided superb guidance, advice and support in a highly professional manner on the layout, design and printing of our annual report.

#### J.J. GRIFFITHS AWARD

This year the trophy for taking part in most sporting events during the year was won by **Brandon Carrside Y.C.** 





#### **APPLE PROJECT**

Following an initiative that has been running for 6 years with Apple at the Metro Centre, we are extremely grateful to them for providing to DABGC staff

and our range of member clubs, field trips, group training, quidance, advice and support.

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





#### COUNTY ARTS AND CRAFTS DAY WITH CRAFTER'S COMPANION

Alan Watson our Executive Youth Officer secured an excellent contact at Crafter's Companion at Newton Aycliffe to facilitate a new addition to our programme - an art and crafts day for our clubs. Our thanks go to Sara Davies MBE, (TV personality as a dragon on Dragon's Den) who is a great supporter of young people and the founder member of Crafter's Companion, for the use of the facilities, materials and staff time. **Brandon Carrside YCC** took advantage of this wonderful opportunity with the young people learning a wide range of new skills and producing some excellent work in a very interactive session. Further sessions will be available to our clubs in our 2020/21 activities programme.







#### **GIRLS WELL BEING PROJECT - SUNDERLAND**

The Association received a grant to support a Girls Wellbeing project within the Sunderland area. This funding has enabled Sunderland Harriers and Grindon YPC to develop specific wellbeing projects for girls in this geographical area. Both projects were getting started just before the coronavirus halted them. Once safe to do so these projects will resume.

#### **BOYS WELLBEING PROJECT**

The Association secured some funding to develop a Wellbeing project for Young Men and 3 clubs are due to take advantage of this opportunity. The clubs Involved Gateshead Redheugh FC, Spennymoor Boxing Academy and Brandon Carrside YCC are finalising their proposals before resuming the project following the coronavirus crisis.



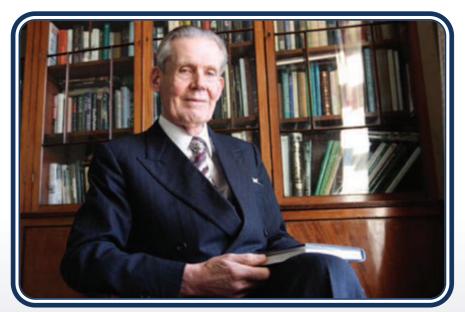
#### **SUPPORTERS**

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 (25th anniversary)
- Crafter's Companion
- 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)
- · Lambton Street Youth Centre
- · Lloyds Bank Sunderland/Durham
- McKenzie Bell & Sons Solicitors
- Middlesbrough Sports Village
- National Association of Boys and Girls Clubs
- Ocean Youth Trust
- Priory Training
- · Ramside Hall Hotel and Golf Club Durham
- Richard Bonington Essex Boys and Girls Clubs
- · Salus First Aid Training Ltd
- Soccarena Durham
- Solar Trophies
- · St. Johns Ambulance, Meadowfield
- Throston Youth Project
- Tyne Tees and Wear Amateur Boxing Association
- World Federation of Youth Clubs, United States of America
- UK Youth

# CONGRATULATIONS - COUNTY DURHAM COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Durham Association would like to wish CEO Michelle Cooper and all her team at the County Durham Community Foundation our very best wishes for their 25th anniversary. The Foundation was co-founded by our Honorary Life President Sir Paul Nicholson and David James Grant, Lord Lieutenant of County Durham in 1995. Their vision has enriched so many lives over many years. The Foundation has been a very loyal supporter of the Durham Association and we are extremely grateful for its continued support.



#### **AMBITION QUALITY MARK**

Durham Association of Boys and Girls Clubs completed the Quality Mark in June 2019. Special thanks go to Simon Healey our Executive Youth Officer and Tina Townson, Corporate Support Officer, for all their hard work in collating the vast amount of evidence required to achieve this award. The Ambition Quality Mark is the only specifically recognised quality mark for youth organisations within the U.K.



#### HISTORY OF THE DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS







#### **CELEBRATING 87 YEARS - 1933 TO 2020**







- 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 involved (and have been with Durham since the
  1950's) but we still look to support the existing club network and encourage others to
  affiliate to us / work in partnership with others / support and deliver training and provide
  a wide ranging programme of events and activities.

- Interestingly the first Treasurer of the Durham Association back in 1933 was Frank Nicholson whose family have given so much to the Association over the years and where Sir Paul and Lady Sarah Nicholson are current Honorary Life Presidents with Frank Nicholson our current President.
- From these early beginnings the Durham Association grew to become a powerful force in competing and (more often) winning National Championships in a wide range of sporting activity. This tradition continues today with many young people competing for their club in county competition before being selected to represent the Association at regional / national or international events and coming home as National Champions.
- Today our Club base has expanded to between 65-70 clubs embracing new activities along the way. Our geographical area still remains the old County Durham area incorporating South Tyne and Wear and North Cleveland (basically from the Tyne to the Tees) and includes General Youth Clubs / Boxing Clubs / Football Clubs / Fire Cadets / Durham Agency Against Crime / Cleveland Youth Association / Athletic Clubs and others providing a wide mix of clubs from rural to inner-city.
- All have one thing in common that is to give 100% support to helping our young people become first class citizens as they progress into adulthood.
- Having moved our county office in 2018, we are now well established in 2020 in our new office premises at Chester-le-Street.

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

#### **BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS UK**

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

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

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

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

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

**Alan Watson** 07917156953 **Simon Healey** 07917156954

Or: -

George Lee - North East Group Chairman (01429) 232306



# WAYS OF GIVING TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS - REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 520920

#### **COVENANTS**

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

#### **DIRECT DONATIONS - "Gift Aid"**

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

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

#### **SPONSORSHIP**

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

#### **GIFTS IN KIND**

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

#### **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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#### **AFFILIATED CLUBS**

Auckland Youth and Community Centre Ltd Bishop Auckland Co Durham

Aycliffe ABC Newton Aycliffe Co Durham

Barmoor Hub Ryton Tyne & Wear

Barnard Castle ABC Barnard Castle Co Durham

Belle Vue Sports and Community Centre Hartlepool Cleveland

Birtley Athletic Club Birtley Tyne & Wear

Birtley YPC Birtley Tyne & Wear

Bilton Hall ABC Jarrow Tyne & Wear

Bishop Auckland ABC Bishop Auckland Co. Durham

Bishop Auckland Table Tennis Club Bishop Auckland Co. Durham

Blackfyne Juniors FC Consett Co. Durham

Blackhill Bounders AC Consett

Co. Durham

Blaydon Youth and Community Centre Blaydon

Tyne & Wear

Boldon CA Colts & Girls FC

Washington
Tyne & Wear

Boldon Young Peoples Project Boldon

Bo's Boxing Sunderland Tyne & Wear

Tyne & Wear

Brandon Carrside Youth & Community Project Brandon
Co. Durham

Bullion Community Resource Centre Chester le Street Co Durham

Cheesy Waffles Project Durham Co. Durham

Chester-le-Street District 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 Delta ABC Consett

Co Durham

Consett Rugby Club Consett Co. Durham

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

Co Durham & Darlington Fire & Rescue Service
Consett

Co Durham & Darlington Fire & Rescue Service
Crook

Co. Durham

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

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

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

Co Durham & Darlington Fire & Rescue Service Headquarters, Dragonville Co. Durham

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

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

Co Durham & Darlington Fire & Rescue Service Stanhope Co Durham

Crook Town ABC Crook Co Durham

Darlington ABC Darlington Co. Durham

Darlington Spraire Lads & Lasses FC Darlington Co. Durham

Delves Lane Phoenix JFC Consett Co. Durham

Derwentside AC Stanley Co. Durham

District Youth ABC Washington Tyne & Wear



#### Durham Association Est. 1933

DJ Evans Youth Club Bowburn

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

Co. Durham

Durham City Centre Youth Project Framwellgate Moor

Co. Durham

East Durham Boxing Club

Peterlee Co. Durham

East Middlesbrough ABC Middlesbrough,

Cleveland

Fight Fitness Guru ABC Blackhill,

Consett, Co Durham

Gateshead Cleveland Hall CA Gateshead

Gateshead Tyne & Wear

Gateshead Leam Lane ABC

Wardley, Gateshead Tyne & Wear

Gateshead Redheugh Gateshead

Tyne & Wear

Glenholme Centre

Crook Co. Durham

**Grindon Young Peoples Centre** 

Sunderland Tyne & Wear

Gus Robinson ABC Hartlepool Cleveland

Hall Close & Southbank ABC Ormesby, Middlesbrough

Cleveland

Hartlepool Catholic BC Hartlepool

Cleveland

Hartlepool Elite Boxing Academy

Hartlepool Cleveland Hartlepool Headland ABC

Hartlepool Cleveland

Hendon ABC Sunderland Tyne & Wear

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 BC Sunderland

Tyne & Wear

Lambton Street Youth Centre Sunderland

Tyne & Wear

Low Fell Running Club

Gateshead Tyne & Wear

Lumley Ladies FC Chester-le-Street

Middlesbrough ABC Middlesbrough Cleveland

Natural Progression BA

Billingham Cleveland

North Road Gym ABC Stanley

Co. Durham

Northumbria Fire & Rescue ABC

Cramlington Northumberland

Olympian ABC Sunderland

Tyne & Wear

Perth Green ABC

Jarrow Tyne & Wear Phil Thomas ABC Middlesbrough Cleveland

Plains Farm ABC Sunderland Tyne & Wear

Phoenix Flyers Framwellgate Moor Durham

Redcar Boxing Club

Redcar Cleveland

Co Durham

Ryton ABC Ryton Tyne & Wear

Shildon ABC Bishop Auckland Co. Durham

Shincliffe Juniors FC Shincliffe

Spennymoor Boxing Academy Spennymoor

Co. Durham

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

Walkerfield BC North Shields Tyne & Wear

Ward Degnans ABC Darlington Co. Durham

Wearmouth ABC Sunderland Tyne & Wear



# **THANK YOU**

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We appreciate your kind and generous support. Investing in young people lasts a lifetime.





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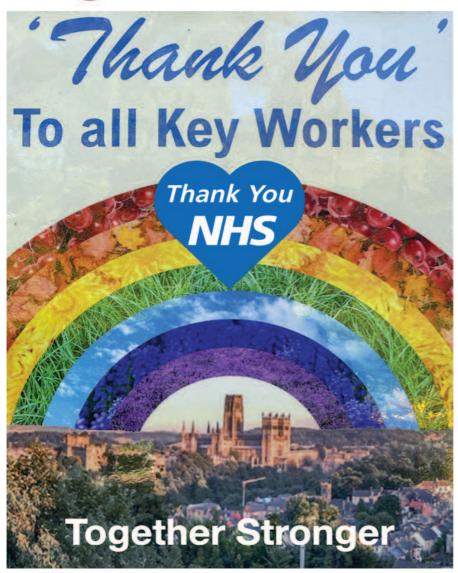
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