



Chairman's Update - January 2021

Hi everyone

Welcome to 2021! This month's update will be a bit briefer than usual, as for reasons you can all appreciate not a huge amount has been going on in Rugby related matters, and so it was decided to hold the next committee meeting in February. However, your committee has still been busy behind the scenes getting things done!

We have received a generous donation from Richard Grady's sister, who has asked that we consider putting the money towards measures that will improve safeguarding or concussion prevention. The committee is considering options, including 1/2 height tackle bags to encourage better tackle technique and so reduce likelihood of inadvertent head contact.

Mick O'Stash O'Shea has put in a sterWe continue to engage with local stakeholders to try and build support for the Surrey Community Funding programme. We expect the formal application process to open in February. Until then, please keep spreading the message and encourage people to support us on the map – the extent of community support is a key factor of any funding decision, so this is really important to the overall success of our bid. A lot of the groups and individuals the club has engaged so far, have responded positively to our proposals, but there is still a long way to go, and much to do!

ling shift setting up our new kit offering through new partner VX3. There is a wide range of items now available in club colours for players and supporters, and some great introductory bundles that offer some decent discounts on buying the items separately. Mick has also put in our order for club facemasks – wear them across the borough with pride! If anyone missed out this time, please let us know, and we can always order more if there is sufficient demand.



One bit of good news is the 2021 Six Nations competition will soon be on our screens! We're looking at the best way of hosting a virtual get together to watch the rugby and have a chat with each other, and hopefully we can bring together as many people as possible across the club to enjoy the internationals.

It remains the case that anything to do with physical social events/ training with others/ playing of any sort awaits a relaxation of Covid restrictions – as I write, there are two more likely looking candidates for effective vaccines, so we can hope that the end is finally in sight and we can get back to some sort of normality.

Regards,

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