

# DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

England & Wales · Charity number 520920

## Details

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Other names	DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF BOYS' CLUBS, DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF CLUBS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, DURHAM COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF BOYS' CLUBS
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1966-11-07
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO SUPPORT AND ASSIST IN THE PHYSICAL, EDUCATIONAL, MORAL, ETHICAL, PERSONAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE BY OFFERING ACCESS TO A RANGE OF SPORTS, ACTIVITIES AND TRAINING, THUS ENABLING THEM TO FULFIL THEIR POTENTIAL AND BECOME RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS WITHIN THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITY

**Activities:** Working with a range of Community Centres and Organisations to provide a range of sporting and cultural activities for young people to participate in.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** DURHAM
- Darlington
- Durham
- Gateshead
- Hartlepool
- Middlesbrough
- Redcar And Cleveland
- South Tyneside
- Stockton-on-tees
- Sunderland

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£79,737	£81,526	-	-
2024-03-31	£112,751	£91,637	-	-
2023-03-31	£66,851	£78,927	-	-
2022-03-31	£63,396	£63,177	-	-
2021-03-31	£85,415	£54,880	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Claire Errington</b>	Chair	2024-06-24
GEORGE EDWARD LEE		
JAMES HENRY COLLING		2012-02-15
Joanne Charlton		2024-03-04
Leslie John Todd		2016-03-31
RAY KNOX		
Richard Duggan		2024-03-04

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# Accounts

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# ANNUAL REPORT

2024-2025



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CELEBRATING INVESTING IN YOUNG PEOPLE FOR OVER 90 YEARS



# 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  
and World Youth Clubs**

**Honorary Life President:**

Lady Sarah Nicholson

**President:**

Frank Nicholson, D.L.,

**Vice Presidents:**

Ian Dewhirst, Sir R.S. Murray, C.B.E, Shona Harper-Wilkes BA (Hons) DL,  
Harry Banks, OBE, DL, FRICS, Mike Barton, C.B.E, QPM, LLB, DL, Pam Royle BA (Hons) LLCM (TD), DL

**Chair:** Claire Errington

**Vice Chair:** Ray Knox

**Honorary Treasurer:** TBC

**Executive Committee:**

L. Todd, G. Lee, J. Colling, J. Charlton, R. Duggan, M. McCormack

**Honorary Solicitor:**

McKenzie Bell & Sons, 19 John Street, Sunderland

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**Executive Youth Officers:**

Alan Watson, M.B.E, B.E.M and Simon Healey, MSc

**Executive Support Officer:** Angela Rennison

**Administration Support:**

Lesley Foster

Kyle Stafford



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## FOREWORD 2024/25



It gives me great pleasure to present to you the Durham Association of Boys and Girls Clubs Annual Report for 2024/25. 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 county, 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 also need to give a special mention about our Honorary Life President Sir Paul Nicholson, who passed away this year. He gave so much to the Association over several decades and will be sadly missed.

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

Special mention must go to our 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.



**Claire Errington**  
Chair

## FINANCE REPORT 2024/25

The Association's financial position is detailed in the Financial Statements for the period ended 31st March 2025.

This year the Association has reported a loss of £1789.69 compared to a surplus of £21114 for the previous financial year.

Income was £79737 compared to £112751 for 2023/24, around 87% of this comes from subscriptions & donations. All donations are received with thanks; without them the services we provide would be greatly restricted.

Expenditure has reduced to £81,526 from £91,637 the previous year, due to a reduction of a member of staff. There were some one-off expenses included in this figure.

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

We would also like to acknowledge and thank Michael Kirtley, the Independent Finance Examiner of the Association accounts, who has made no charge for his services.

The Association's financial policies have been revised and adopted by the Trustees which will continue to ensure that the Association's financial processes 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.

## 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, health and wellbeing.
4. To promote and complement the work of NABGC, World Youth Clubs and other partners throughout the Durham Association area.
5. To act as liaison between the National Association (NABGC) 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 Member 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.
13. To provide a positive environment and a safe space for young people.
14. To support the climate change agenda in all activities the Association undertakes.



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TOGETHER STRONGER.**

## COUNTY CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2024

We had an excellent turnout for our annual Cross Country championships which were hosted by Birtley Athletic Club in December 2024. 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	Juan Figueroa-Gazmuri	Phoenix Flyers Running Club
Runner - up	Max Pearson	Chester-le-Street AC

#### Under 13

Winner	William McClean	Low Fell Running Club
Runner-up	Charlie Wilson	Low Fell Running Club

#### Under 15

Winner	Daniel Davison	Low Fell Running Club
Runner-up	Ethan Dent	Chester-le-Street AC

#### Under 17

Winner	Lewis Denison	Low Fell Running Club
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### GIRLS

#### Under 11

Winner	Celia De Lucas	Phoenix Flyers Running Club
Runner - up	Violet Fisher	Houghton Harriers AC

#### Under 13

Winner	Evie Kleiser	Phoenix Flyers Running Club
Runner - up	Isla Coker	Phoenix Flyers Running Club

#### Under 15

Winner	Evelyn Proctor	Phoenix Flyers Running Club
Runner - up	Isabelle Christie	Derwentside AC

#### Under 17

Winner	Lucy Burnett	Derwentside AC
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### TEAM AWARDS

#### BOYS

**Under 11** Phoenix Flyers Running Club

**Under 13** Low Fell Running Club

#### GIRLS

**Under 11** Chester-le-Street AC

**Under 13** Chester-le-Street AC



## NABGC NATIONAL X-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2025

The NABGC National X-Country Championships were held in the beautiful setting of the Old Tower at Layer Marney near Colchester in Essex on Saturday 1st February 2025.

Durham Association of Boys and Girls Clubs exceeded all expectations by bringing home 4 National Team Trophies together with 8 Individual National Champions. We also had 5 Individual National Runners - up and 5 National third place medallists together with two National Team Runners-up at Girls U13 and Boys U15 bringing our total medal haul to 36 - comprising 18 Individual medals and 18 Team medals - a tremendous achievement.

## INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

### BOYS

<b>U11</b>	Fraser Coker	Phoenix Flyers Running Club
<b>U13</b>	Sam Dowd	Low Fell Running Club
<b>U15</b>	Daniel Davison	Low Fell Running Club
<b>U17</b>	Callum Bailey	Birtley AC

### GIRLS

<b>U11</b>	Celia De-Lucas	Phoenix Flyers Running Club
<b>U13</b>	Kiera Wilson	Houghton Harriers AC
<b>U15</b>	Evelyn Proctor	Phoenix Flyers Running Club
<b>U17</b>	Lucy Burnett	Derwentside AC

## NATIONAL TEAM AWARDS

### BOYS

**U11** Fraser Coker (Phoenix Flyers Running Club) / Juan Figueroa - Gazumri (Phoenix Flyers Running Club) / Freddie Hetherington (Phoenix Flyers Running Club)

### GIRLS

**U11** Celia De-Lucas (Phoenix Flyers Running Club) / Violet Fisher (Houghton Harriers AC) / Bethany Ritchie (Derwentside AC)

**U13** Kiera Wilson (Houghton Harriers AC) / Chloe Brown (Houghton Harriers AC) / Faith Langford (Houghton Harriers AC)

**U15** Evelyn Proctor (Phoenix Flyers Running Club) / Isabelle Christie (Derwentside AC) / Anna Pickering (Birtley AC)

**U13** Chloe Brown (Houghton Harriers) / Holly Brown (Houghton Harriers) / Kiera Wilson (Houghton Harriers) / Larkin Reed (Birtley AC) / Lilly Bailey (Birtley AC)



## COUNTY POOL CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2025

The DABGC Pool championships were held at Lambton Street Youth and Community Hub in Sunderland on Thursday 20th March 2025 and were well attended. We are sincerely grateful to Marie Mould and her 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	Baker Murphy	Lambton Street Youth and Community Hub
Runner - Up	Joey Charlton	Oxhill Youth Club

#### Under 14

Winner	Connor Ward	Lambton Street Youth and Community Hub
Runner - Up	Seth Cruickshanks	Sunderland Community Action Group

#### Under 16

Winner	Rex Arrellano	Sunderland Community Action Group
Runner - Up	Riley Boughton	Sunderland Community Action Group

#### Under 19

Winner	Kieran McKee	Oxhill Youth Club
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### GIRLS

#### Under 12

Winner	Skye Fisher	Lambton Street Youth and Community Hub
Runner - Up	Jessica Stoker	Oxhill Youth Club

#### Under 14

Winner	Lacey Tupper	Oxhill Youth Club
Runner - Up	Erin Hodgson	Oxhill Youth Club

#### Under 19

Winner	Alyssa McKee	Oxhill Youth Club
Runner - Up	Erin Carnall	Oxhill Youth Club

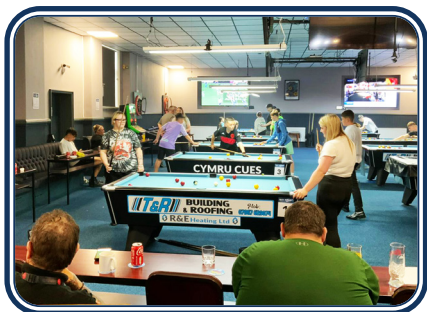


## NATIONAL POOL FINALS - 2024

We had a long trip to Bridgend in Wales in September 2024 for the National Pool Championships hosted by the Boys and Girls Clubs of Wales. Against some strong competition all our young people performed with credit and enjoyed the experience.

## NATIONAL POOL FINALS - 2025

Another long trip to Abercraf in South Wales in June 2025 for the National Pool Championships hosted by the Boys and Girls Clubs of Wales. All our young people performed well and enjoyed the day with Alyssa McKee from Oxhill YC becoming the Female Under 19 National Champion and Erin Carnall, also from Oxhill YC becoming the Female Under 19 National Runner-up - a tremendous achievement with history being made as this is the first time the Durham Association has had a Female National Pool Champion and Runner-up.



## COUNTY TABLE - TENNIS COMPETITION - 2025

The DABGC County Table Tennis Competition was held at Darlington Table Tennis Academy on Saturday 22nd March 2025 with a very good turnout. We would like to thank Giulio Pontone and Andy Murphy and the team at Darlington Table Tennis Academy for the use of their splendid facility together with an excellent day of Table Tennis.

### MALE

#### Under 12

Winner	Punav Pogal	Darlington Table Tennis Academy
Runners - Up	William Halliday	Brandon Table Tennis Club

#### Under 14

Winner	Jacob Lloyd Payne	Darlington Table Tennis Academy
Runners - Up	James Finn	Darlington Table Tennis Academy

#### Under 16

Winner	Jude Warner	Brandon Table Tennis Club
Runners - Up	Sam Dale	Brandon Table Tennis Club

#### Under 19

Winner	Lucas Hannan	Darlington Table Tennis Academy
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## FEMALE

### Under 12

Winner	Betty Miller	Darlington Table Tennis Academy
Runners - Up	Riddhi Josh	Darlington Table Tennis Academy



## NATIONAL TABLE - TENNIS FINALS - 2024

The finals were delayed from July to October and hosted by the Lincolnshire Association at Wragby. We did extremely well with 5 individual National Champions and 3 National Runners - up as well as a Champion of Champions.

### NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

#### BOYS

<b>U12</b>	Punav Pogul	Darlington Table - Tennis Academy
<b>U14</b>	Jude Warner	Brandon Table - Tennis Club
<b>U14</b>	Aiden Murphy	Darlington Table - Tennis Academy
<b>U19</b>	Dan Jones	Darlington Table - Tennis Academy

#### GIRLS

<b>U14</b>	Lucy Jones	Darlington Table - Tennis Academy
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### NATIONAL RUNNERS - UP

#### BOYS

<b>U12</b>	William Halliday	Brandon Table - Tennis Club
<b>U14</b>	Jamie Pattinson	Brandon Table - Tennis Club

#### GIRLS

<b>U12</b>	Betty Miller	Darlington Table - Tennis Academy
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### OVERALL COMPETITION WINNERS

#### GIRLS

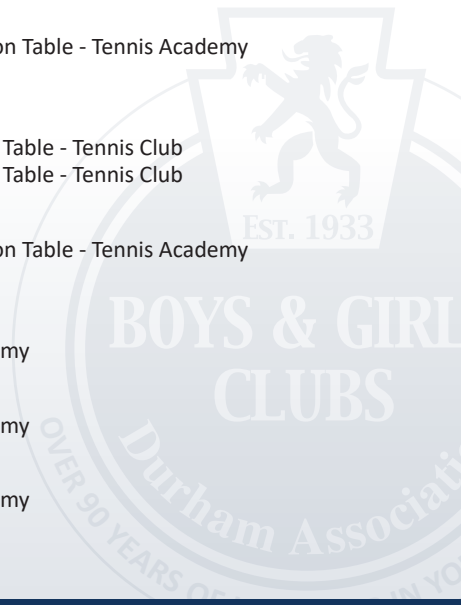
Lucy Jones	Darlington Table - Tennis Academy
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#### BOYS

Dan Jones	Darlington Table - Tennis Academy
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### CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS MEDAL

Dan Jones	Darlington Table - Tennis Academy
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## NATIONAL TABLE - TENNIS FINALS - 2025

These were again hosted by the Lincolnshire Association at Wragby in July 2025. We continued our success with 5 National Champions, 2 National Runners-up, 2 Champion of Champions and one Champion of Champions Runner-up, a tremendous achievement.

### NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

#### BOYS

U12	William Halliday	Brandon Table Tennis Club
U14	Jacob Lloyd Payne	Darlington Table Tennis Academy
U16	Jamie Pattinson	Brandon Table Tennis Academy

#### GIRLS

U12	Betty Miller	Darlington Table Tennis Academy
U14	Beth Coltman	Darlington Table Tennis Academy

### NATIONAL RUNNERS - UP

#### BOYS

U14	James Finn	Darlington Table Tennis Academy
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#### GIRLS

U12	Rishi Josh	Darlington Table Tennis Academy
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### NATIONAL 3RD PLACE

#### BOYS

U16	Kenneth Cheng	Brandon Table Tennis Club
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### CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS - 2025

#### BOYS

Gold medal winner	Jamie Pattinson	Brandon Table Tennis Club
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Silver medal winner	William Halliday	Brandon Table Tennis Club
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#### GIRLS

Gold medal winner	Beth Coltman	Darlington Table Tennis Academy
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## THE BETTY WOODWARD YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2024/2025

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 Finley Lee from Lambton Street Youth and Community Hub and Alyssa McKee from Oxhill Youth Club. This year's award winners will be announced at our Celebration of Youth event on the 20th October 2025 at the Ramside Hall Hotel, Durham.



## WORLD YOUTH CLUBS / BOYS AND GIRLS' CLUBS OF AMERICA

The Durham Association is affiliated to the National body NABGC (UK) who in turn are affiliated to World Youth Clubs. In May 2025, Alan Watson, our Executive Youth Officer participated in the Boys and Girls Clubs of America Annual Conference in San Diego, California, USA. The conference was attended by nearly 3000 delegates worldwide where 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 around the world.



## GLOBAL LINKS

The Association is in discussion with World Youth Clubs to forge links between our clubs and other clubs worldwide. To date we have established a virtual link between Oxhill Youth Club and Tampa Bay Boys and Girls Club in Florida which created good interaction and friendships. Follow up virtual links are in the process of being arranged with the prime objective to establish an exchange scheme with clubs in Washington State as well as a club in Maine USA.



## DABGC WELLBEING PROJECTS - WEARDALE ADVENTURE CENTRE - ACTIVITY DAYS

Following on from a highly successful 2024 where the Adventure Activity Days provided a launch pad for young people to socialise and mix together, 2025 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, Gorge Walking, 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 - SEPTEMBER 2024

This was held over a weekend in Cardiff during September 2024. The team from Boys and Girls Clubs of Wales made us very welcome with a series of events, workshops and Gala Dinner proving a huge success.



## NABGC - NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2025

The Durham Association is extremely proud to be hosting the National NABGC Conference in September 2025. This will coincide with NABGC celebrating its Centenary Year having been founded in 1925.

We will be welcoming delegates to Durham from across the globe, including the founders of World Youth Clubs, Susan Pacaro Goings and Rick Goings. The event will also showcase our ongoing work with young people through a series of workshops and speakers, culminating in an awards evening graced by celebrities.

## COUNTY DARTS CHAMPIONSHIPS - SEPTEMBER 2025

Due to the popularity and success of teenage darts sensation Luke Littler, there has been a resurgence of the sport over recent years within our clubs. As such it was felt that it was time for the Association to reintroduce Darts back onto the calendar of events. Sunderland Community Action Group will be hosting our first County Darts Competition for several years during September.



## OYT SAILING RESIDENTIAL - 2025

The 2025 Sailing Residential in partnership with OYT North, took place over the weekend of the 11th to the 13th of July and experienced some glorious 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 then onto Amble and back to North Shields. The James Cook sailing vessel which they were on, had featured in the world-famous Hartlepool Tall Ships Race in 2023. They had a great journey with all the young people seeing an abundance of wildlife, including seals and puffins. They also gained an Adventure Under Sail certificate and thoroughly enjoyed the experience, gaining new skills and new friendships along the way. Thanks to Point North for providing the funding for this experience. Our thanks also go to Joanne Charlton from Oxhill YC who acted as the volunteer adult leader alongside Ben the skipper from the Ocean Youth Trust.

### Participants

Samuel Callaghan  
Sophie Elliott  
Kaylem Rose  
Harrison Miller  
Riley Boughton  
Jake Taylor

The Activity Den  
The Activity Den  
The Activity Den  
Oxhill Youth Club  
Sunderland CAG  
Sunderland CAG

Katie Jones  
Lola Jane Johnstone  
Hannah Hughes  
Elizabeth Hughes  
Alfie Metcalf  
Henry Ellis

Sacriston Youth Club  
Sacriston Youth Club  
Sunderland Harriers  
Sunderland Harriers  
Brandon Carrside YPC  
Brandon Carrside YPC



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

We were again fortunate to secure some funding to offer this great experience to complement our summer programme, 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 many clubs accessing a variety of different sessions on the water with 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 exploring the rock pools".



## DABGC KARTING CHALLENGE - GRAND PRIX 2024

This exciting event was held at the prestigious Karting NE track at Ryhope in August 2024, this generated a very wide interest from our clubs. It saw teams from each club competing on the track against each other in a step towards producing the next Lando Norris. 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"

**Champion** Joshua Baillie  
**2nd Place** Leo Bewick  
**3rd Place** James Tingle

Gateshead Redheugh FC  
Sunderland Community Action Group  
Pheonix Flyers Athletic Club



## UK CLUB ATHLETICS NABGC CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2025

This was hosted by Durham in June 2025 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. Thanks also to Grindon YPC for making the Essex team so welcome in providing accommodation and hospitality. The Essex team were delighted to win a number of individual awards and also a national team title. Durham put in some fine performances with 42 individual National Champions and 5 (4 x100m) relay race champions making a grand total of 62 medals. Comments included 'An excellent event which was well organised by DABGC with our athletes competing well and enjoying the day'

### INDIVIDUAL UK CLUB CHAMPIONS

#### BOYS

##### U11

Oscar Paxton	Sunderland Harriers
Louis Leo	Oxhill YC
Max Rockcliffe	Chester-le-Street AC
James Hunter	Chester-le-Street AC

##### U13

Elliott Gorton	Houghton Harriers
Johnny Archer	Sunderland Harriers
Tom Parks	Chester-le-Street AC
Xanda Holden	Phoenix Flyers

##### U15

Ethan Dent	Chester-le-Street AC
Joss Scott	Low Fell Running Club
Owen Crompton	Birtley AC
Espen Taylor	Derwentside AC
Findley Wilson	Houghton Harriers
Rodrigo Ribero	Derwentside AC

##### U17

Ben Anderson	Sunderland Harriers
William Young	Sunderland Harriers
Zack Smith	Chester-le-Street AC
Daniel Davison	Low Fell Running Club
Miguel Ribero	Derwentside AC
Finley McPeake	Chester-le-Street AC

##### U20

Ellis Ward	Phoenix Flyers
Jacob Bull	Chester-le-Street AC



## GIRLS

### U11

Maddison Carr  
Dorothy Baker  
Erin Stewart  
Sophie Palace  
Naomi Bankhead

Derwentside AC  
Chester-le-Street AC  
Chester-le-Street AC  
Chester-le-Street AC  
Houghton Harriers

### U13

Lillian Harris  
Faye Evans  
Zara Christie  
Megan Smith  
Joy Hunter

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

### U15

Izzy Hall  
Evelyn Proctor  
Holly Brown

Birtley AC  
Chester-le-Street AC  
Houghton Harriers

### U17

Isabelle Beattie  
Charlotte Mooney  
Isobel Tyson  
Willow Kerr  
Ilesha Tharahan  
Amelia Kochanowska

Chester-le-Street AC  
Chester-le-Street AC  
Chester-le-Street AC  
Derwentside AC  
Phoenix Flyers  
Phoenix Flyers



## NATIONAL 4X100M RELAY CHAMPIONS

### BOYS

**U11** Chester-le-Street AC  
**U13** Chester-le-Street AC

### GIRLS

**U11** Chester-le-Street AC  
**U13** Chester-le-Street AC  
**U17** Chester-le-Street AC

## COUNTY TEAM AWARDS

### BOYS

**U11** ChesterleStreet AC  
**U13** Sunderland Harriers  
**U15** Derwentside AC  
**U17** Sunderland Harriers  
**U20** Chester-le-Street AC

### GIRLS

**U11** Chester-le-Street  
**U13** Chester-le-Street  
**U17** Chester-le-Street

## FIRST AID TRAINING - SAVE A LIFE PROJECT

The Association continued with its Save a Life Project and offered this valuable training to our member clubs, coaches, volunteers and young people. All sessions, in partnership with Priory Training, were fully booked and contributed to our 'Save a Life' project where a vital part of the training included 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. Over the last year we have run two adult courses and a junior course for 8–14-year-olds which have been really well received. This has meant that during the course of the project over 435 members have been trained and are now able to provide First Aid cover at their club and within their local communities.



## COUNTY BOXING TOURNAMENT

This was hosted by the Belle Vue Sports Centre in Hartlepool during October 2024 with our winners progressing to the Regional round which was kindly hosted by Adrian Worth and his team at Billingham Boxing Academy in November 2024. 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 **Wallace McLeod** from Sunderland ABC.

Gordon Jardin Memorial Trophy for **Best Bout** at the County Boxing Championships went to **Joe Bailey** from Ward Degnan's.



## NABGC NATIONAL BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

These were held at Bridlington during November 2024 where we had 16 clubs represented. Durham did extremely well, bringing home 12 National Champions (9 Male and 3 Female) and 9 National Finalists medals - a tremendous achievement.

### NATIONAL BOXING CHAMPIONS - 2024

#### MALE

##### Class A

46kgs	Alvin Jijo	Benwell Victoria
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##### Class B

40kgs	Isaac Ward	Ward Degnan's
57kgs	Blake Sherrington	Sunderland ABC

##### Class C

63.5kgs	Malackie McHale	Middlesbrough ABC
67kgs	Bradley Smith	Bishop Auckland ABC
86kgs	Devine Omojor	Tyneside Boxing
92kgs	Ethan Mager	New Welfare Boxing

##### Class D

51kgs	Reece Readshaw	Phil Thomas School of Boxing
57kgs	Haris Zaman	Middlesbrough ABC

## FEMALE

### Class B

48kgs Layla Straughan North Star Boxing

### Class C

52kgs Jasmine Lunkaj Redcar ABC  
60kgs Kiera Bowden Redcar ABC

## NATIONAL BOXING FINALIST - 2024

### MALE

#### Class A

40kgs Jim Wilson Phil Thomas School of Boxing  
60kgs Ashton Innes The Legion Boxing Club

#### Class C

51kgs Alfie Hollingsworth Billingham Boxing Academy  
54kgs John Dixon Brandon Boxing Club

#### Class D

67kgs Kai Battista Kenton ABC

### FEMALE

#### Class A

46kgs Fallon Anderson Sunderland East End ABC

#### Class B

46kgs Olivia Holden Middlesbrough ABC  
50kgs Lila Hume Washington Boxing Club  
52kgs Lilly Ella Rose Washington Boxing Club



## NEW AFFILIATIONS

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

- CPS ABC Middlesbrough
- MK Youth Sports CIC
- West Auckland ABC

## HIGH SHERIFF YOUTH AWARDS - FEBRUARY 2025

Our congratulations go to two of our affiliated clubs - Sacriston Youth Club and Pelton Fell Community Partnership who were honoured for separate projects on the awards night at Kynren in Bishop Auckland.

## 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 - 2025

- |                        |          |                                     |
|------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| • Bill Niblo           | 50 years | Auckland Youth and Community Centre |
| • Tom Goodey           | 30 years | Grindon Young People's Centre       |
| • Joanne Charlton      | 30 years | Oxhill Youth Club                   |
| • Steven Hollingsworth | 20 years | Billingham Boxing Academy           |
| • Jill Rodgers         | 10 years | Brandon Carriage Youth Project      |
| • Kyle Stafford        | 10 years | Oxhill Youth Club                   |
| • Megan Whetstone      | 10 years | Oxhill Youth Club                   |

## KINGS AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE

### OXHILL YOUTH CLUB

Were delighted to receive the Kings Award for Voluntary Service from the Lord Lieutenant, Sue Snowden at a ceremony held at the club in March 2025.

This is the highest honour (equivalent to an MBE) a community club can attain and was richly deserved. In addition, they also received an invitation to attend a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace during May 2025. Several members of the club attended and enjoyed a grand day in London in the presence of the King and Queen and other members of the Royal Family.



## CLUB NEWS FEEDBACK AND DEVELOPMENT



### **Brandon Carrside Youth Project**

Have undertaken some internal building refurbishment including some new toilets.



### **Dan Burn and Lucy Bronze**

England International footballers have recently been honoured. Dan with the Freedom of Northumberland, while Lucy received the Freedom of Alnwick.

Dan played for England U16 Boys and Girls Clubs football team under the managerial guidance of Alan Watson (DABGC) winning the 4 Nations trophy. His football career spanned several clubs including Fulham and Brighton and Hove Albion before transferring to his hometown club Newcastle United. Here, he has been a permanent figure in the team helping them attain a top sixth finish on two occasions in the Premier League as well as competing in the Champions League. His outstanding performances have paid off with a well-deserved recent call up to the England international squad.



Lucy played for the England U16 Boys and Girls Clubs football team under the managerial guidance of Paul Smith and John Weaver (Baldon CA) winning the 4 Nations Rose Bowl tournament in Northern Ireland. Her football career has been phenomenal being the most decorated player in the Women's game. Her achievements include 5 Champions League titles, 4 Women's Super League titles and numerous league FA Cup and League Cup victories. As an outstanding England international she has represented her country over 140 times winning the Euro 2022 Championship at Wembley and again winning the title in 2025. She has also represented Great Britain at the Olympic Games. She was awarded an MBE for her services to football in 2023.



### **Alun Armstrong - Redheugh Boys Club**

Represented the Durham Association in the winning Under 16 Gillette Cup Final Football Squad that won at Wembley in 1991 scoring 4 goals in a 6-1 thrashing of Middlesex. A prolific goal scorer, he spent time at Stockport County FC, Middlesbrough FC, Ipswich Town FC, Darlington FC and several others before moving into management. He has managed at Blyth Spartans and Darlington and has recently taken over as manager of his hometown club Gateshead FC.



### **Billingham Boxing Academy**

Had two exciting trips abroad during the last year. First to Budapest in September 2024, where their boxers performed extremely well winning 16 out of 18 bouts against some tough opposition. Then it was off to Gothenburg in Sweden in early 2025, where they had a great welcome and were able to do some sightseeing and practice in a local gym before winning 3 Gold medals, one Silver and a Best Prospect Boxer during their stay. In addition, they are currently in the process of moving to new premises.



### **Auckland Youth and Community Centre**

Are in the process of some major refurbishment including more positive utilisation of space for storage, new toilets and adjustments to several of their rooms, giving them a fresher feel.



### **Chester - le - Street Athletic Club**

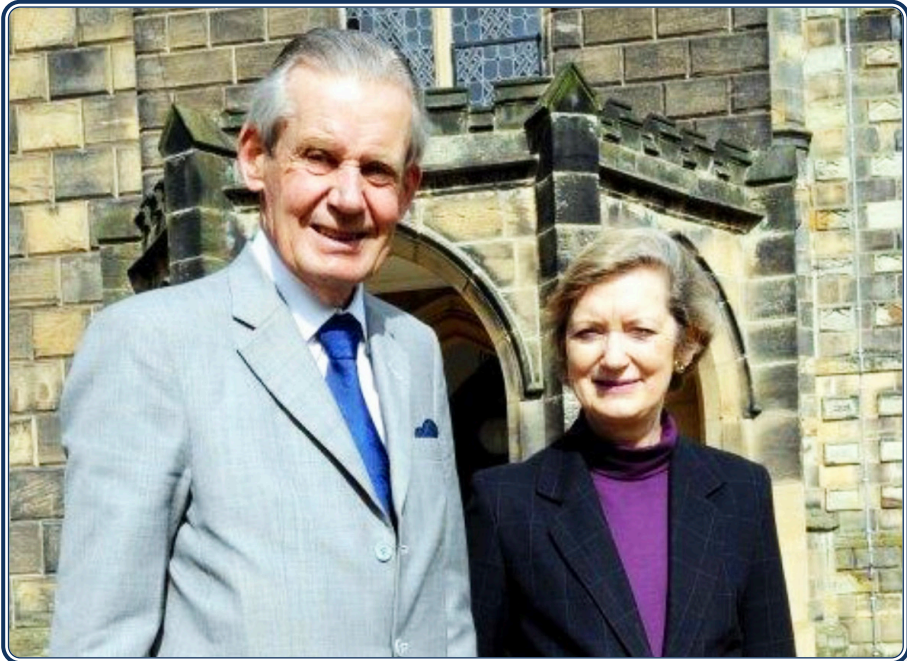
Ella Jones from the club is also a keen Air Cadet with the Royal Air Force No.1507(Chester-le-Street) Squadron and in March 2025 she was invited to attend the Lord Lieutenant Awards evening in Bishop Auckland.

She was chosen as one of His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant Cadets for 2025. This is a tremendous honour, and Ella will now support the Lord Lieutenant with her royal and other duties over the coming year.

## BEREAVEMENTS

Sir PAUL NICHOLSON KCVO, KStJ  
7th March 1938 - 18th January 2025

Honorary Life President - Durham Association of Boys and Girls Clubs



### A Life of Service

Sir Paul dedicated 45 years to the Association, serving as President and latterly as Honorary Life President. Sir Paul's unwavering commitment to the wellbeing and success of young people left an indelible mark on the organisation. Under his visionary leadership, the membership flourished, and the Association became the most successful sporting county nationally. His philanthropic spirit and generosity provided hope and opportunity to countless young people, especially those from disadvantaged areas. He was the co-founder of the County Durham Community Foundation (Point North) which has provided millions of pounds for many voluntary organisations within County Durham.

### A Lasting Legacy

Sir Paul's support and guidance enabled the Association to inspire generations of young people to reach their full potential, empowering them to become responsible adults who made positive contributions to their local communities. His legacy will continue to inspire future generations.

Sadly, we must also report the passing of the following people who gave so much to the Durham Association in so many different ways. They will be greatly missed

- **Marilyn Carrick**  
Auckland Youth and Community Centre - Dedicated committee member and committed worker for the centre and local community.
- **Ronnie Sears**  
Grierson's Coaches - Valued coach driver for the Association, who over several decades safely transported our young people to a range of regional and national events.
- **Georgia Ann O'Connor**  
Brandon Boxing Club - A talented young boxer who passed away at the young age of 25 years. She gained the Junior ABA title in 2015 and also represented Team GB.
- **Lena Colpitts**  
Chester - le -Street AC - A dedicated volunteer who supported many young athletes over the decades alongside her husband Jim.
- **Paul Eddy**  
Seconds Out Boxing Academy - Ferryhill - A dedicated boxing coach who saved the local community centre from closure and inspired young people to success.

## SIR BOB MURRAY AWARD

This award is 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 winner of the 2024 award was Beth Ross from Brandon Carrside Youth Project and this year's winner will be announced at our Celebration of Youth Awards on the 20th October 2025 at the Ramside Hall Hotel, Durham.



## 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 2024 award went to Terry Ritson from Gateshead Redheugh FC. This year's winner will be announced at the Celebration of Youth event at Ramside Hall Hotel, Durham on 20th October 2025.



## PRESIDENTS MEDAL

### Andy Lowe - Durham City Harriers

Started as an athlete with Durham City Harriers and played football with Spennymoor Juniors FC before gaining international honours in 1997 with the England Boys Clubs Under 16 team under the management of Alan Watson. His career has been spent in teaching and coaching holding the highest-level FA coaching awards. Following spells at Darlington FC, Middlesbrough FC, Spennymoor FC and Hartlepool United as Academy Manager, he moved to Wrexham FC where his skill in developing players from academy level to first team football has earned him many accolades. A first-class coach he has been a big influence in helping Wrexham FC secure three successive promotions.

### James Richardson - Sunderland ABC

Jim has been coaching young boxers for over 50 years. A tireless and dedicated individual who has been instrumental in nurturing many boxers to National and International success.

### Andy Abbott - Sunderland Harriers

A highly dedicated committee member and outstanding coach. He has supported the club throughout the decades and guided many athletes to national and international success.

## ARMY EXPERIENCE DAY - OPERATION SILVER EAGLE - AUGUST 2025

Operation Silver Eagle in partnership with the Army is an exciting adventure experience held at Catterick Garrison in North Yorkshire. This proved an excellent day in August 2025 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. Following on from our Army Day in 2024, Dominic Thirlwell from Billingham Boxing Academy officially joined the army and is enjoying his career in the armed forces.



### DAME SUSAN SNOWDON DCVO

In June 2025, the King appointed Sue Snowdon as a Dame Commander of the Royal Victorian Order in recognition of her role as His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for County Durham. Sue has been a valuable supporter of the Association for many years, and we extend our warmest congratulations to her on receiving this honour.



### J.J. GRIFFITHS AWARD

This year, the trophy for taking part in most DABGC events during the year was won by **Sunderland CAG**.

## 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.



## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS NIGHT - 2024

An excellent night was held at the Ramside Hall Hotel, Durham in September 2024 with over 350 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 our Celebration of Youth evening on 20th October 2025.



## SUPPORTERS

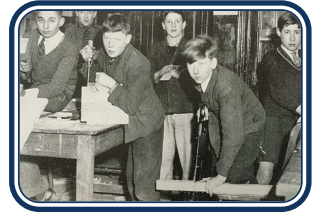
The Durham Association of Boys and Girls Clubs would like to express their thanks to the following for their support over the past year:

- Amazon
- Apple Metrocentre, Gateshead
- Army (Catterick Garrison)
- The Banks Group
- Belle Vue Community (Bob Farrow), Sports and YC
- Birtley A.C.
- Boys and Girls Clubs of America
- Boys & Girls UK Northeast Group (NBC/NGC) Community Foundation North East
- Darlington TableTennis Academy
- Durham Agency Against Crime
- Durham Constabulary
- Durham County Council
- Durham Football Association
- Edward Robertson Digital Design and Development
- Karting NorthEast
- 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
- Point North
- Priory Training
- Ramside Hall Hotel and Golf Club Durham
- Richard Bonnington Essex Boys and Girls Clubs
- Shildon Sunnydale Leisure Centre
- Solar Trophies
- South Shields Surfing School
- Stanley Travel
- Tyne Tees and Wear Amateur Boxing Association
- Weardale Adventure Centre



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



### "DOWN THE BOYZIE" CELEBRATING OVER 90 YEARS - 1933 TO 2025



- 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 to 1934) indicates that 7 clubs made up the association St. Mary's Boys Club Gateshead, St. Joseph's Boys Club Sunderland, ChesterleStreet 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 to 90 years.
- The main objectives were to 'focus on the value of organising useful occupation during the leisure time of boys aged 14 to 18 years' They did this by encouraging the formation and working with our existing clubs, to promote an interest in the Boys Club movement by building up contacts with statutory and other voluntary organisations. This also enables us to recruit and arrange for training of leaders and helpers to collect funds to administer activities.

- Over 90 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. To work in partnership with others, support and deliver training and provide a wide range of programme of events and activities.
- Interestingly the first Treasurer of the Durham Association back in 1933 was Frank Nicholson (Senior) whose family have given so much to the Association over the years and where Lady Sarah Nicholson is the current Honorary Life President 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 activities.. 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 - 85 clubs embracing new activities along the way. Our geographical area still remains the old County Durham covering South Tyne and Wear, County Durham and the Tees Valley which includes General Youth Clubs, Boxing Clubs, Football Clubs, Durham Agency Against Crime, Athletic Clubs and many other clubs providing a wide range of activities with our Association.
- All our Clubs 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.
- The Association was honoured with the Queens Award for Voluntary Service in 2021 the highest honour a voluntary organisation can achieve, equivalent to an MBE.
- Our Lifelong President Sir Paul Nicholson who over decades gave so much to the organisation passed away in 2025.

*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:** 07917 156953

**Simon Healey:** 07917 156954

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

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### CAF

(Charities Aid Foundation) Giving at its simplest.

### JUSTGIVING

Is a trusted platform for online giving and was established in the year 2000 with the goal of enabling charities to receive donations online from anywhere in the world.

Please refer to the [dabgc.co.uk](http://dabgc.co.uk) website for details to donate by CAF or JustGiving. Any queries contact DABGC office on **0191 3831894**

### 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 pretax 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:

### **Durham Association of Boys & Girls Clubs**

Old Court House, Newcastle Road, ChesterleStreet

County Durham, DH3 3AU

Telephone: (0191) 3831894

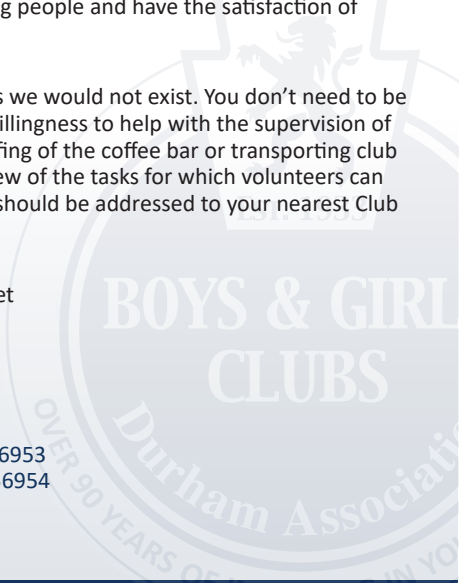
Email: [dabgc@btconnect.com](mailto:dabgc@btconnect.com)

Website: <http://www.dabgc.co.uk>

Registered Charity No. 520920

Executive Youth Officer: Alan Watson: 07917 156953

Executive Youth Officer: Simon Healey: 07917 156954





## AFFILIATED CLUBS

- Auckland Youth and Community Centre (Bishop Auckland)
- Barnard Castle ABC
- Belle Vue (Bob Farrow) Sports and Community Centre (Hartlepool)
- Billingham Boxing Academy
- Bilton Hall ABC (Jarrow)
- Birtley Athletic Club
- Birtley Young People's Club
- Bishop Auckland ABC
- Boldon Community Association ABC
- Boldon Community Association Colts and Girls FA
- Brandon Boxing Club
- Brandon Carrside Youth and Community Centre
- Brandon Table Tennis Club
- Bright Futures Community Hub (South Shields)
- Bullion Community Resource Centre (ChesterleStreet)
- Cheesy Waffles Project (Durham)
- Chester le Street Athletic Club
- Chester Moor ABC
- Clavering Boys and Girls Clubs and Maasai Club (Annfield Plain)
- Consett Rugby Club
- Consett Steel FC
- CPS ABC Middlesbrough
- Durham Agency Against Crime (DAAC)
- Darlington ABC
- Darlington TableTennis Academy
- Derwentside Athletic Club
- District Youth ABC (Washington)
- D.J. Evans YC (Bowburn)
- Durham City Youth Project
- East Durham Boxing Club (Peterlee)
- East Middlesbrough ABC
- Gateshead Cleveland Hall CA
- Gateshead Redheugh FC
- Grindon Young People's Centre (Sunderland)

- Hartlepool Catholic Boxing Club
- High Fell ABC
- Houghton Harriers and Athletic Club
- Hylton Castle and Town End Farm Boys and Girls Clubs
- Kenton ABC
- Lambton Street Youth and Community Hub (Sunderland)
- Low Fell Running Club
- Middlesbrough ABC
- MK Youth Sports CIC
- Natural Progression Boxing Academy (Stockton)
- New Welfare ABC (Hartlepool)
- North Road Gym ABC (Stanley)
- Oxhill Youth Club (Stanley)
- Pelton Fell Community Partnership
- Phil Thomas ABC (Middlesbrough)
- Phoenix Flyers Athletic Club (Great Lumley)
- Redcar ABC
- Sacriston Youth and Community Project
- Shildon ABC
- Spennymoor Boxing Academy
- Sunderland ABC
- Sunderland Community Action Group
- Sunderland East End ABC
- Sunderland Harriers and Athletic Club
- The Activity Den (Annfield Plain)
- The Legion Boxing Club
- The North Star ABC
- Ward Degnans ABC (Darlington)
- Washington ABC
- Wearmouth ABC (Sunderland)
- West Auckland ABC





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## THANK YOU

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

We appreciate your kind and generous support.  
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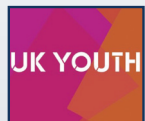
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## 1933 - 2025

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# DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

## CELEBRATING OVER 90 YEARS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED  
31 MARCH 2025

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DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

## PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

**Bank** Lloyds Bank  
54 Fawcett Street  
Sunderland  
Tyne & Wear  
SR1 1ST

**Solicitors** McKenzie Bell Solicitors  
47 John Street  
Sunderland  
Tyne & Wear  
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DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

The Durham Association of Boys and Girls Club is a registered charity, No. 520920. Its address is at The Old Court House, Newcastle Road, Chester-Le-Street, DH3 3UA. The charity trustees during the year to 31 March 2025 were:

Ms Claire Errington, Chair	Mr James Colling
Mr Ray Knox, Vice Chair	Mr Les Todd
Mr George Lee	Mr Richard Duggan
Mr Michael McCormack	Ms Joanne Charlton

**OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY AND PRINCIPLE ACTIVITIES**

The charity's objectives are to provide opportunities for boys, girls, young men and young women to develop their own abilities and potential in a safe and non-threatening environment. To develop spiritually, morally, culturally, mentally and physically, in preparation for life and adult responsibility.

The charity's principle activities have been in the area of providing administrative, organisational and financial support to the 68 clubs who form the Durham Association. Also, in providing a range of sporting activities

The charity is managed by the Board of Trustees who delegates the day to day running of the activities to the Chair and Vice Chair supported by a part time Executive Support Officer and two part time Executive Youth Officers.

The organisation depreciated its IT equipment that was purchased in the accounting period 2022/2023 (over a 2-year period) and as such, are now fully written down. In December 2024 the organisation added 3 mobile phones to this accounting period 2024/2025 and, again will be depreciated over a 2-year period.

**DEVELOPMENTS, ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS THIS YEAR** - See Annual Report

**FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

To continue supporting clubs within our Association ensuring that club facilities are maintained to a good standard. To increase the sporting activities and event opportunities for young people.

**RESERVES POLICY**

The charity aims to retain sufficient free reserves on hand to facilitate the ongoing administration of the organisation for at least a period of 12 months. At 31 March 2025 this would approximate to £85,000.

**FINANCIAL POSITION**

The Association's unspent reserves at 31 March 2025 were equivalent to approximately 12 months of normal operating expenditure, which the trustees consider to be adequate at this time. In addition, the charity holds ringfenced funds to the value of £15,435 at 31 March 2025. The charity holds no property or finance on behalf of other charities or bodies.

The charity plans to host the National Association of Boys & Girls Clubs conference for 2025 here in Durham. As a result, the Charity plans to utilise an element of its reserved funds and increase expenditure during the financial year (2025/26) to the region of £25,000 to support the event.

**Ms Claire Errington - Chair**



21st July 2025

On behalf of the board of trustees



DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 set out on pages 5 to 7.

### **RESPECT RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES AND THE EXAMINER**

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DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	General Fund 2025 £	General Fund 2024 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		
Subscriptions & Donations:		
Subscribers	50650	100951
Donations	19332	5939
Affiliation Fees	1820	840
Sundry	485	75
Deposit account interest	3524	398
Events ( <i>Income</i> ):		
Fundraising/Competitions	3926	4548
Other	0	0
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>79737</b>	<b>112751</b>
<b>EXPENDED RESOURCES</b>		
<b>Management &amp; Administration of the Charity</b>		
Salaries and Wages	40160	50725
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**BALANCE SHEET 31 MARCH 2025**

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	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
IT Equipment NBV	<b>2610</b>	<b>2790</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	<b><u>106,513</u></b>	<b><u>108475</u></b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u><u>109123</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>111265</u></u></b>
 Represented by:		
<b>FUNDS</b>		
Unrestricted General fund	<b>42188</b>	44330
Ringfenced General Fund	<b>15435</b>	15435
Designated - Development fund	<b>11000</b>	11000
Designated - Contingency reserve	<b><u>40500</u></b>	<u>40500</u>
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED  
31 MARCH 2025

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## PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

**Bank** Lloyds Bank  
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Sunderland  
Tyne & Wear  
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**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

The Durham Association of Boys and Girls Club is a registered charity, No. 520920. Its address is at The Old Court House, Newcastle Road, Chester-Le-Street, DH3 3UA. The charity trustees during the year to 31 March 2025 were:

Ms Claire Errington, Chair	Mr James Colling
Mr Ray Knox, Vice Chair	Mr Les Todd
Mr George Lee	Mr Richard Duggan
Mr Michael McCormack	Ms Joanne Charlton

**OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY AND PRINCIPLE ACTIVITIES**

The charity's objectives are to provide opportunities for boys, girls, young men and young women to develop their own abilities and potential in a safe and non-threatening environment. To develop spiritually, morally, culturally, mentally and physically, in preparation for life and adult responsibility.

The charity's principle activities have been in the area of providing administrative, organisational and financial support to the 68 clubs who form the Durham Association. Also, in providing a range of sporting activities

The charity is managed by the Board of Trustees who delegates the day to day running of the activities to the Chair and Vice Chair supported by a part time Executive Support Officer and two part time Executive Youth Officers.

The organisation depreciated its IT equipment that was purchased in the accounting period 2022/2023 (over a 2-year period) and as such, are now fully written down. In December 2024 the organisation added 3 mobile phones to this accounting period 2024/2025 and, again will be depreciated over a 2-year period.

**DEVELOPMENTS, ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS THIS YEAR** - See Annual Report

**FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

To continue supporting clubs within our Association ensuring that club facilities are maintained to a good standard. To increase the sporting activities and event opportunities for young people.

**RESERVES POLICY**

The charity aims to retain sufficient free reserves on hand to facilitate the ongoing administration of the organisation for at least a period of 12 months. At 31 March 2025 this would approximate to £85,000.

**FINANCIAL POSITION**

The Association's unspent reserves at 31 March 2025 were equivalent to approximately 12 months of normal operating expenditure, which the trustees consider to be adequate at this time. In addition, the charity holds ringfenced funds to the value of £15,435 at 31 March 2025. The charity holds no property or finance on behalf of other charities or bodies.

The charity plans to host the National Association of Boys & Girls Clubs conference for 2025 here in Durham. As a result, the Charity plans to utilise an element of its reserved funds and increase expenditure during the financial year (2025/26) to the region of £25,000 to support the event.

**Ms Claire Errington - Chair**



21st July 2025

On behalf of the board of trustees



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**President:**

Frank Nicholson, D.L.,

**Vice Presidents:**

I Dewhirst, Sir R.S. Murray, C.B.E, Harry Banks, OBE, DL, FRICS,  
M Barton, C.B.E, QPM, LLB, DL, Pam Royle BA (Hons) LLCM (TD), DL

**Chair:** Tonya Antonis

**Vice Chair:** Ivan Wood

**Honorary Treasurer:** Martin Collins

**Executive Committee:**

R. Knox, L. Todd, G. Lee, J. Colling, J. Charlton, R. Duggan,  
S. McCluskey, M. McCormack, B. Russell

**Honorary Solicitor:**

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**Independent Examiner:** Michael Kirkley

**County Office:**

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**Executive Youth Officers:**

Alan Watson, M.B.E, B.E.M and Simon Healey, MSc

**Executive Support Officer:** Angela Rennison

**Administrative Support (Affiliations):** Julie Warren

**Administrative Support (Activities):** Lesley Foster



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## FOREWORD 2023 /24



It gives me great pleasure to present to you the Durham Association of Boys and Girls Clubs Annual Report for 2023/24. 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 Executive Support Officer Angela Rennison, and other staff 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

## FINANCE REPORT 2023/24

The Association's financial position is detailed in the Financial Statements for the period ended 31st March 2024.

This year the Association has reported a surplus of £21114 compared to a loss of £12076 in the previous financial year.

Income for 2023/24 was £112751 compared to £66851 for 2022/23 with over 90% of this coming from subscriptions and donations.

Expenditure was £91637 up from £78927 the previous year.

All donations are received with thanks, without them the services we provide would be greatly restricted. We would also like to acknowledge and thank Michael Kirkley, the Independent Finance Examiner of the Association accounts, who has made no charge for his services.

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

A review of the Association's financial policies and procedures has been completed 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.

## 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, that they may increase their personal and social development skills, thus enabling them to fulfil their potential and become responsible citizens within their local communities.

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## AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To foster and support the development of all young people and new clubs in area 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, health and wellbeing.
4. To promote and complement the work of NABGC, World Youth Club and other partners throughout the Durham Association area.
5. To act as liaison between our national organisation and other partners with our affiliated clubs and between government, local authorities, public bodies, trust funds and other external agencies concerned with youth provision.
6. To provide guidance, advice and support were 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.
13. To provide a positive environment and a safe place for young people.
14. To support the climate change agenda in all activities the Association undertakes.



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## COUNTY CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2023

We had an excellent turnout for our annual Cross Country championships which were hosted by Birtley Athletic Club in December 2023. 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	Charlie Wilson	Low Fell Running Club
Runner up	Jonathan Clark	Low Fell Running Club

#### Under 13

Winner	Henry Englehart	Phoenix Flyers
Runner up	James McClean	Low Fell Running Club

#### Under 15

Winner	Callum Bailey	Birtley AC
Runner up	Dylan Turpin	Low Fell Running Club

#### Under 17

Winner	Sam Hardy	Chester-le-Street AC
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### GIRLS

#### Under 11

Winner	Celia De Lucas	Phoenix Flyers
Runner up	Maya Mataric	Houghton Harriers

#### Under 13

Winner	Poppie Phillipson	Birtley AC
Runner up	Izzy Hall	Birtley AC

#### Under 15

Winner	Lucy Burnett	Derwentside AC
Runner up	Grace Clewes	Chester-le-Street AC

### TEAM AWARDS

#### BOYS

Under 11	Low Fell Running Club
Under 13	Phoenix Flyers

#### GIRLS

Under 11	Houghton Harriers
Under 13	Birtley AC
Under 15	Low Fell Running Club



## NABGC NATIONAL X-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2024

On a mild day in Essex in February 2024, the NABGC National X-Country Championships were held in the beautiful setting of the Old Tower at Layer Marney near Colchester. The young people thoroughly enjoyed being able to mix with others from Wales and other countries. The Durham Association did extremely well bringing home 3 National Team Trophies and having 4 Individual National Champions. We also had 4 Individual National Runners Up and 5 National 3rd Place medallists bringing our total medal haul to 25, consisting of 13 Individual medals and 12 Team medals - a tremendous achievement .

## NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

### BOYS

U11 William McClean Low Fell Running Club

### GIRLS

U11 Celia De Lucas Phoenix Flyers

U13 Chloe Brown Houghton Harriers

U15 Lucy Burnett Derwentside AC

## NATIONAL TEAM AWARDS

### BOYS

U11 Charlie Wilson (Low Fell Running Club) / Jonathan Clark (Low Fell Running Club) / William McClean (Low Fell Running Club) / Fraser Coker (Phoenix Flyers)

### GIRLS

U11 Celia De Lucas (Phoenix Flyers) / Faith Langford (Houghton Harriers) / Megan Smith (Houghton Harriers)

U13 Chloe Brown (Houghton Harriers) / Holly Brown (Houghton Harriers) / Kiera Wilson (Houghton Harriers) / Larkin Reed (Birtley AC) / Lilly Bailey (Birtley AC)



## COUNTY POOL CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2024

The DABGC Pool championships were held at Lambton Street Youth and Community Hub in Sunderland on Thursday 18th April 2024 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	Alfie James	Lambton Street Youth and Community Hub
Runner up	Robert Bunting	Lambton Street Youth and Community Hub

#### Under 14

Winner	Kaiden Owens	Lambton Street Youth and Community Hub
Runner up	Lewis Mould	Lambton Street Youth and Community Hub

#### Under 16

Winner	Kieran McKee	Oxhill Youth Club
Runner up	Logan Broderick	Oxhill Youth Club

#### Under 19

Winner	Ryan Liddle	Oxhill Youth Club
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### GIRLS

#### Under 14

Winner	Bethany Hunter	Lambton Street Youth and Community Hub
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#### Under 16

Winner	Sydney Northey	Oxhill Youth Club
Runner up	Erin Carnell	Oxhill Youth Club

#### Under 19

Winner	Amy Hughes	Oxhill Youth Club
Runner up	Alyssa McKee	Oxhill Youth Club



## COUNTY TABLE - TENNIS COMPETITION - 2024

The DABGC County Table Tennis Competition was held at Darlington Table Tennis Academy on Saturday 20th April 2024 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. Following this, a county team has been selected for the National Finals in Lincoln in October 2024.



### MALE

#### Under 12

Winner	Punav Pogul	Darlington Table Tennis Academy
Runner up	Jack Sparke	Darlington Table Tennis Academy

#### Under 14

Winner	Jude Warner	Brandon Table Tennis Club
Runner up	Aiden Murphy	Darlington Table Tennis Academy

#### Under 19

Winner	Daniel Jones	Darlington Table Tennis Academy
Runner up	Joe Sparke	Darlington Table Tennis Academy



### FEMALE

#### Under 12

Winner	Beth Coltman	Darlington Table Tennis Academy
Runner up	Betty Miller	Darlington Table Tennis Academy

#### Under 14

Winner	Lucy Jones	Darlington Table Tennis Academy
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## THE BETTY WOODWARD YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2023/2024

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 kaylam Rose of the club and aged between 14 years and 19 years. Last year's winners were Kaylam Rose (The Activity Den) and Katie Jones (Sacriston Youth and Community Project). This year's award winners will be announced at our Celebration of Youth event on the 23rd September 2024 at the Ramside Hall Hotel, Durham.



## WORLD YOUTH CLUBS / BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA

The Durham Association are affiliated to the National body NABGC (UK) who in turn are affiliated to the World Federation of Youth Clubs who in 2024 renamed to become World Youth Clubs. We have been well represented at a range of virtual meetings and in May 2024, Alan Watson, our Executive Youth Officer attended the World Youth Clubs Leadership Institute held in Atlanta USA. 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 nearly 3000 delegates worldwide, together with representation from England by Durham, Bristol, Wales Boys and Girls Clubs and included the NABGC (UK) National Director, Andy Hamill.



Throughout this Global Conference it was pleasing to note that NABGC including Durham were 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. In this regard World Youth Clubs are now funding a virtual International Exchange programme with NABGC. This will provide the opportunity for affiliated clubs to take part through their county organisation.

This was followed up with an International Exchange visit to Durham by Ron McHenry from World Youth Clubs together with a delegation from the Boys and Girls Clubs of Skagit County, USA.



## DABGC WELLBEING PROJECTS - WEARDALE ADVENTURE CENTRE - ACTIVITY DAYS

Following on from a highly successful 2023 where the Adventure Activity Days provided a launch pad for young people to socialise and mix, 2024 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: "Fabulous day for our young people", "Gained self-confidence and team building skills", "Thank you DABGC for providing such a fantastic experience".



## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BOYS AND GIRLS' CLUB (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 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 2023

Was held over a weekend in Lincoln with delegates from around the country coming together during October 2023. The team from Lincolnshire made us very welcome and the weekend series of events, workshops and Gala Dinner proved a huge success with our Executive Youth Officer Alan Watson receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award for services to Young People. One of the key speakers was the CEO of the World Youth Clubs, Kirk Dominick, who in his speech highlighted NABGC as one of the key players within the international network. The 2024 National Conference will be hosted by the Boys and Girls Clubs of Wales in Cardiff in September.



## SAILING RESIDENTIAL - 2024

Thanks go to the County Durham Community Foundation who provided the funding for the 2024 Sailing Residential in partnership with the Ocean Youth Trust North. This took place over the weekend of the 28th to the 30th of June and experienced a mixed bag of 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 then onto Amble and back to North Shields. The James Cook sailing vessel which they were on, had featured in the world-famous Hartlepool Tall Ships Race in 2023.

All the young people gained an Adventure Under Sail certificate and enjoyed the experience, gaining new skills and new friendships along the way.

On board there is a sign which states that “You enter as strangers and leave as friends” and no truer word could be said. Several years ago, two young people, Joe Lund and Megan Spearman from Brandon Carrside YPC happened to meet on board and are now planning to get married in early 2025. Some comments from the young people included “I met so many new and different people”, “While sailing we saw dolphins and seals” and “We learnt so many new skills”

### Participants

Neve Brunskill	The Activity Den
Samuel Callaghan	The Activity Den
James Cassop	Lambton Street Youth and Community Hub
Syke Collins	Lambton Street Youth and Community Hub
Sophie Elliott	The Activity Den
Sophie Garnham	Lambton Street Youth and Community Hub
Amy Hughes	Oxhill Youth Club
Ella Jones	Chester-le-Street AC
Eva Leckenby	Brandon Carrside YPC
Alyssa McKee	Oxhill Youth Club
Keaton Swales	Sunderland CAG
Layton Warrener	Sunderland CAG



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

We were again fortunate to secure some funding to offer this great experience to complement our summer programme, 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 many clubs accessing a variety of different sessions on the water with over 200 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 "Great day", " Really enjoyed the surfing" and "Can't wait to go back"



## DABGC KARTING CHALLENGE - GRAND PRIX 2024

This exciting event, held at the prestigious Karting NE track at Ryhope in August 2024 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 "Fantastic night", "Never done it before but it was great - thank you" and "Really enjoyed the experience". Our podium one, two, three winners will be presented with their awards at our Presentation Night at the Ramside Hall Hotel, Durham on 23rd September 2024.



## UK CLUB ATHLETICS NABGC CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2024

This was hosted by Durham in June 2024 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 47 individual National Champions and 7 (4 x100m) relay race champions making a grand total of 75 medals. Comments included "An excellent event", "All had a great time", "Well organised"

### INDIVIDUAL UK CLUB CHAMPIONS

#### BOYS

##### U11

Juan Figuera	Phoenix Flyers AC
Ryan Isaac Rippon	Phoenix Flyers AC
Olly Burnside	Houghton Harriers
Blake Edmondson	Chester-le-Street AC
Findley Wilson	Low Fell Running Club

##### U13

Charlie Wilson	Low Fell Running Club
William McClean	Low Fell Running Club
Luca Lawrence	Chester-le-Street AC
Espen Taylor	Derwentside AC

##### U15

Findley McPeake	Chester-le-Street AC
James McClean	Low Fell Running Club
Harry Willows	Low Fell Running Club
Josh Ebblewhite	Sunderland Harriers
Rodrigo Ribero	Derwentside AC

##### U17

Ben Anderson	Sunderland Harriers
Toby Richardson	Sunderland Harriers
William Young	Sunderland Harriers
Jacob Bull	Chester-le-Street AC
Miguel Ribero	Derwentside AC
Jacob Waterston	Sunderland Harriers

#### GIRLS

##### U11

Lillian Hams	Phoenix Flyers
Dorothy Baker	Chester-le-Street AC
Megan Burns	Chester-le-Street AC
Emily Topham	Chester-le-Street AC
Bana Mitwali	Chester-le-Street AC



### U13

Izzy Hall	Birtley AC
Faye Evans	Chester-le-Street AC
Jessica Topham	Chester-le-Street AC
Chloe Brown	Houghton Harriers
Joy Hunter	Chester-le-Street AC

### U15

Nell Graham	Birtley AC
Grace Clewes	Chester-le-Street AC
Tigan Bishop	Birtley AC
Isabella Beatty	Chester-le-Street AC
Charlotte Mooney	Chester-le-Street AC
Florence Baker	Chester-le-Street AC
Megan Pattison	Chester-le-Street AC

### U17

Amelia Jones	Chester-le-Street AC
Linner Eriksson	Phoenix Flyers
Lucy Buckle	Chester-le-Street AC
Daisy Graham	Birtley AC
Tia Hutchinson	Chester-le-Street AC
Eva Cuthbert	Derwentside AC
Lucy Burnett	Derwentside AC
Emily Burnett	Derwentside AC
Darcy Lines	Chester-le-Street AC

### U20

Niamh Orla Stewart	Oxhill Youth Club
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## NATIONAL 4X100M RELAY CHAMPIONS

### BOYS

**U11** Houghton Harriers  
**U13** Low Fell Running Club  
**U17** Sunderland Harriers

### GIRLS

**U11** Chester-le-Street AC  
**U13** Chester-le-Street AC  
**U15** Chester-le-Street AC  
**U17** Chester-le-Street AC

## COUNTY TEAM AWARDS

### BOYS

**U11** Chester-le-Street AC  
**U13** Low Fell Running Club  
**U15** Low Fell Running Club  
**U17** Sunderland Harriers

### GIRLS

**U11** Chester-le-Street AC  
**U13** Chester-le-Street AC  
**U15** Chester-le-Street AC  
**U17** Chester-le-Street AC  
**U20** Oxhill Youth Club

## FIRST AID TRAINING - SAVE A LIFE PROJECT

The Association continued with its Save a Life Project offering this valuable training to our member clubs, coaches, volunteers and young people. All sessions, in partnership with Priory Training, were 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 this project over 400 members have been trained and are now able to provide First Aid cover at their club and within their local communities.



## COUNTY BOXING TOURNAMENT

This was hosted by the Belle Vue Sports Centre in Hartlepool during October 2023 with our winners progressing to the regional round which was kindly hosted by Adrian Worth and his team at Billingham Boxing Academy during November 2023. 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 **Jamie Bytheway** from Redcar ABC.

Gordon Jardin Memorial Trophy for **Best Bout** at the County Boxing Championships went to **Leon Nam** from Spennymoor Boxing Academy.

The 2024 County Boxing Competition will again take place at the Belle Vue Sports Centre in Hartlepool on Saturday 6th October.



## NABGC NATIONAL BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

These were held at Bridlington during November 2023 where we had 14 clubs represented. Durham did extremely well, bringing home 12 National Champions (5 Male and 7 Female) and 6 National Finalists medals - a tremendous achievement.

### NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

#### MALE

##### Class A

Joseph Dowson      Bishop Auckland ABC  
Tommi Lee Horner      Darlington ABC

##### Class B

Bradley Smith      Bishop Auckland ABC

##### Class C

George Peacock      Barnard Castle ABC

##### Class D

Reece Readshaw      Phil Thomas School of Boxing

## FEMALE

### Class A

Layla Straughen North Star ABC  
Lilla Hume Washington ABC

### Class B

Faith Barras Washington ABC  
Jamina Ludlow Redcar ABC

### Class C

Dionne Mannion Marden ABC  
Laylie Heath Sunderland ABC  
Shannon Rochester Billingham Boxing Academy

## NATIONAL FINALIST

## MALE

### Class A

Joe Williams District Youth ABC

### Class B

Jorge Thompson Middlesbrough ABC  
Jake Brown Sunderland ABC  
Hashim Hussain Middlesbrough ABC

### Class C

Aaron Bird East Durham ABC

## FEMALE

### Class C

Darcie-Rae Munday Wearmouth ABC



## NEW AFFILIATIONS

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

- Consett Steel FC
- The Legion Boxing Club

## NABGC - PARLIAMENT DAY - WESTMINSTER - APRIL 2024

Both our Executive Youth Officers attended a day in Parliament during April 2024 to represent Durham as part of the National Association of Boys and Girls Clubs Parliament Day. This proved to be a very positive day promoting our services to local and national MP's including Tim Farron (Liberal Democrat MP for Westmorland and Lonsdale) who gave an inspirational speech promoting the benefits of outdoor activity for young people.



## HIGH SHERIFF YOUTH AWARDS - MARCH 2024

We were honoured to receive an invitation from Mrs Ann Elliott, High Sheriff of County Durham and Michelle Cooper MBE, Chief Executive, County Durham Community Foundation, to the High Sheriff Youth Awards evening at the majestic Wynyard Hall on Tuesday 26th March 2024. Several young people from Oxhill Youth Club together with their leaders represented the Association and together with our Executive Youth Officers, were delighted to receive an award for our positive Wellbeing Programme. In addition, Alan Watson together with his wife Ann received recognition for their long service to the Durham Association which was very well deserved. Our congratulations also go to two of our affiliated clubs - The Activity Den and Pelton Fell Community Partnership who were also honoured for separate projects on the night.



## 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 - 2024

• Ray Knox	60 years	Grindon YPC
• Norman Close	60 years	Tyne, Tees and Wear ABA
• George Lee	60 years	NBC / NGC
• Colin Burnikill	50 years	Grindon YPC / Lambton Street YCH
• Gordon French	50 years	Boldon CA Boxing Club
• Paul Allen	40 years	Hartlepool Catholic Boxing Club
• Elsie Race	20 years	Auckland YCC
• Julie O'Connor	20 years	Brandon Carrside YCC
• John Archer	20 years	Sunderland Harriers AC
• Graham Tomaszko	10 years	Auckland YCC
• Richy Duggan Junior	10 years	Sunderland CAG

## CLUB NEWS FEEDBACK AND DEVELOPMENT



### Lambton Street Youth and Community Hub

Completed major premises refurbishment with official launch in April 2024 with a wide range of dignitaries including Kim McGuinness the newly elected North East Mayor in attendance. Kevin Howard, longstanding leader, guided the club through the development before officially retiring.



### Oxhill Youth Club

This year has seen them upgrade their premises with a new kitchen having pride of place. In addition, in July 2024 they held a launch of their Anti-Social Behaviour video with several local dignitaries in attendance.



### Shildon Boxing Club

Have been celebrating their 130-year anniversary - a tremendous feat. Interestingly they are the third oldest Boxing club in the country.



### District Youth

Had double success at the Tyne Tees and Wear ABA Awards with Mick Wilson named as Coach of the Year and Tim Codling as the Official of the Year.



### Brandon Boxing Club

Were featured on Tyne Tees Television News in February 2024 after organising a Boxing trip to Canada and coming home victorious with 11 title wins.



### Billingham Boxing Academy

Celebrated as the Tyne Tees and Wear ABA Boxing Club of the Year. Our thanks to Club Leader Adrian Worth, on the club's achievements and for his continued support to the Durham Association of Boys and Girls Clubs and the National Association of Boys and Girls Clubs.



### Michael Sweet

Formally with **Newton Aycliffe YC**, the Durham Association and England Clubs for Young People U16 football team. Always a prolific goalscorer, he helped Stockton Town this season achieve promotion to the Northern Premiership League for the first time in their history.



### Jill Scott MBE

Continued to make headlines during 2024 with many TV appearances and acted as a football pundit during Euro 24. Jill, who started her career at **Sunderland Harriers** as a runner and then took up football at **Boldon CA** gained 161 caps for England including the Lionesses Euro 2022 success. She continues to promote Grassroots football, has opened a Coffee shop in Manchester, become an Ambassador for Sunderland FC Foundation and was once again on the winning side during Soccer Aid 2024 - a true inspiration to us all.



### Steph Houghton MBE

An outstanding leader and promoter of Women's football retired from the game this year. Her early football career was carved out locally at Boldon CA under the management of Paul Smith. She went on to have a glittering career with Sunderland, Leeds, Arsenal, Manchester City and England and as captain won eight major trophies with Manchester City including four Continental cups, three Women's FA Cups, and the FA Super league as well as two FA Super League titles and five FA Cup victories with Arsenal. She also had a hugely successful international career, playing at two World Cups, two European Championships as well as two Olympic Games for Team GB.



### James Colling

One of our Executive Board Members continued his excellent work in Athletics becoming a World Athletic Referee. This allows him to continue officiating to the highest-level including World Championships and Olympic Games.



### Kate Waugh

Inspirational runner from **Birtley AC** who was selected to compete in the Women's Triathlon at the 2024 Paris Olympics.



### **Savannah Marshall - Hartlepool Headland ABC**

Continues to be the pride of the North-East. This highly talented boxer who is a two times Olympian and Commonwealth Gold Medallist turned professional in 2017 and has continued to excel, becoming the undisputed Super-Middleweight Champion of the World in 2023. She now stands tall in the boxing world with superstar status and is a true inspiration for any young boxer. In June 2024 she decided to compete in a second sport - Mixed Martial Arts and won her first fight, a new career that she intends to balance alongside her boxing.



### **Durham Agency Against Crime (DAAC)**

One of our affiliates, Durham Agency Against Crime (DAAC), is a charity linked to Durham Constabulary and many of its projects have been taken up nationally. Over this past year it has worked in partnership with public, voluntary and private sectors to deliver projects and initiatives within local communities for over 10,000 young people aged between 7 and 18 years. DAAC projects include Mini Police, Outdoor Based Projects, Volunteer Police Cadets, as well as a Youth Development Worker apprenticeship programme.

## **BEREAVEMENTS**

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

- **Ray Tapkin** - Berkshire Youth - Outstanding County Secretary and dedicated National committee member and NBC / NGC member.
- **Ann Lilley** - Sunderland Harriers - Loyal and dedicated club volunteer for several decades and strong supporter of the Durham Association particularly on National Cross - Country and Athletics trips encouraging hundreds of young people to succeed.
- **Isobel Roberts** - Horden CW - Committed worker for Durham County Council, her local community in Horden and supporter of the Durham Association of Boys and Girls Clubs.
- **Stephen Graham** - Shildon ABC - Dedicated Boxing coach.
- **Jim Kelly** - Greater Manchester Federation of Boys Clubs - Long serving County Secretary and National committee member
- **Gary Bunting** - Lambton Street YCH - Dedicated Boxing coach
- **Keith Walters**

Our grateful thanks go to Liz Grogan for her fundraising efforts on behalf of the Durham Association of Boys and Girls Clubs. She took part in the Great North Run in memory of her later father Keith Walters, who was a long-term volunteer and loyal supporter of the Association.

## SIR BOB MURRAY AWARD

This award is 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 on the 23rd of September 2024 at the Ramside Hall Hotel, Durham. The winner of the 2023 Award was Kyle Stafford from Oxhill Youth Club.



## 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. His daughter Sharon and his granddaughter Melissa presented the 2023 award to Alan Watson, our Executive Youth Officer, for over 60 years' service to the Durham Association and his tremendous dedication and service to County, Regional, National and International events. This year's winner will be announced at the Celebration of Youth event at Ramside Hall Hotel, Durham on 23rd September 2024.





## DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL - CHAIRMAN'S MEDAL

In April 2024, Simon Healey, our Executive Youth Officer, was honoured to receive the prestigious Durham County Council Chairman's Medal from Joan Nicholson, Chair of Durham County Council, for his long-standing service to the young people of County Durham.

## 60TH ANNIVERSARY - CLUBS OF THE SIXTIES

During the 1960's (1963 and 1964 specifically) several clubs were purpose built following the Albemarle Report into the development of Youth Services. Those affiliated to the Durham Association were - **Auckland YCC**, **Glenholme BC** (at Crook - now demolished), **Brandon Carrside YCC**, **Fairfield** (at Stockton), **D.J. Evans** (at Bowburn) and **Clavering BC** (at Annfield Plain). Many were officially opened by HRH Duke of Gloucester and have since had a follow-up Royal visit. They have served the young people within their local communities extremely well and continue to provide opportunities and experiences in a safe and fun environment. At the 60th anniversary event for Auckland YCC, Joy Allen, the Durham Police and Crime Commissioner, was in attendance alongside many past and present members.



## PRESIDENTS MEDAL

### Joan Nicholson - Durham County Council

Has devoted a lifetime to serving others and has been a very loyal and strong supporter of the Durham Association of Boys and Girls Clubs for many years. She nominated the Association as one of her chosen charities during 2023/24 for which the Association is extremely grateful.

### Richy Duggan Senior - Sunderland CAG

Has dedicated a lifetime to serving young people within Sunderland. His energy and enthusiasm have made sure that young people within some of the most deprived areas have been given opportunities to access youth provision.

### Gail Wilson - Oxhill Youth Club

A dedicated volunteer and committee member and Chair of the club, who has devoted nearly 60 years to supporting young people from within her local community.

## ARMY EXPERIENCE DAY - OPERATION SILVER EAGLE - AUGUST 2024

Operation Silver Eagle in partnership with the Army is an exciting adventure experience held at Catterick Garrison in North Yorkshire. This proved an excellent day in August 2024 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.



## J.J. GRIFFITHS AWARD

This year, the trophy for taking part in most DABGC events during the year was won by Oxhill Youth Club.



## APPLE PROJECT

Following our continued partnership which has been running for several years with Apple at the Gateshead Metro Centre, we are extremely grateful to their team for providing the Durham Association of Boys and Girls Clubs 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.



## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS NIGHT - 2023

An excellent night was held at the Ramside Hall Hotel, Durham in September 2023 with over 350 young people and invited guests enjoying a thoroughly entertaining evening. It showcased our 90th Anniversary celebrations together with our Young People's successes during the year and highlighted the tremendous contribution made by our volunteers. We are now looking forward to our Celebration of Youth evening on 23rd September 2024, again at the Ramside Hall Hotel, Durham.



## SUPPORTERS

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

- Amazon
- Apple Metro centre, 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 TableTennis Academy
- Durham Agency Against Crime
- Durham Constabulary
- Durham County Council
- Durham Football Association
- Edward Robertson Digital Design and Development
- House of Commons
- Karting NorthEast
- 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
- Priory Training
- Ramside Hall Hotel and Golf Club Durham
- Richard Bonnington Essex Boys and Girls Clubs
- Shildon Sunnydale Leisure Centre
- Solar Trophies
- South Shields Surfing School
- Stanley Travel
- Tyne Tees and Wear Amateur Boxing Association
- Tyne and Wear Community Foundation
- Weardale Adventure Centre
- World Youth Clubs



**The Queen's Award  
for Voluntary Service**

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



### “DOWN THE BOYZIE” CELEBRATING OVER 90 YEARS - 1933 TO 2024



- 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 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 / ChesterleStreet 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 90 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 85-95 clubs embracing new activities along the way. Our geographical area 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 and 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 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.*



**The Queen's Award  
for Voluntary Service**



## **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



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

### CAF

(Charities Aid Foundation) Giving at its simplest.

### JUSTGIVING

Is a trusted platform for online giving and was established in the year 2000 with the goal of enabling charities to receive donations online from anywhere in the world

Please refer to the [dabgc.co.uk](http://dabgc.co.uk) website for details to donate by CAF or JustGiving. Any queries contact DABGC office on **0191 3831894**

### 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 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 cases, 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 fundraising 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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County Durham, DH3 3AU

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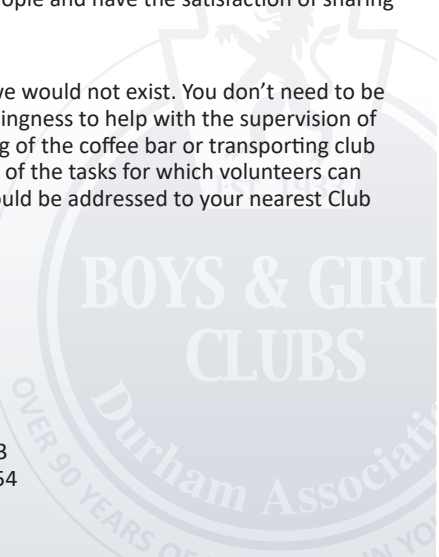
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## AFFILIATED CLUBS

- 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 Young People's Club
- Bishop Auckland ABC
- Blackfyne Juniors FC (Consett)
- Boldon Community Association
- Boldon Youth
- Brandon Boxing Club
- Brandon Carrside Youth and Community Centre
- Brandon Table Tennis Club
- Bright Futures Community Hub (South Shields)
- Bullion Hall Community Resource Centre (ChesterleStreet)
- Cheesy Waffles Project (Durham)
- Chester le Street Athletic Club
- Clavinger Boys and Girls Clubs and Maasai Club (Annfield Plain)
- Consett Bedlam
- Consett Carnage
- Consett Chaos FC
- Consett Mayhem
- Consett Rugby Football Club
- Consett Steel FC
- 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
- Derwentside Athletic Club
- D.J. Evans YC (Bowburn)
- District Youth ABC (Washington)
- Durham Agency Against Crime
- Durham City Centre Youth Project
- East Durham Boxing Club (Peterlee)
- Fight Fitness Guru (Consett)
- Gateshead Cleveland Hall CA
- Gateshead Leam Lane ABC
- Gateshead Redheugh FC
- Grangetown Youth and Community Centre (Middlesbrough)

- Greens ABC (Middlesbrough)
- Grindon Young People's Project. (Sunderland)
- Gus Robinson ABC (Hartlepool)
- Hartlepool Catholic Boxing Club
- Hartlepool Elite Boxing Academy
- Hartlepool Headland ABC
- Horsley Hill ABC (South Shields)
- Houghton Harriers and Athletic Club
- Hylton Castle and Town End Farm Boys and Girls Club (Sunderland)
- Lambton Street Youth and Community Hub (Sunderland)
- Low Fell Running Club
- Middlesbrough ABC
- Natural Progression Boxing Academy (Stockton)
- North Road Gym ABC (Stanley)
- North Star ABC
- Oxhill Youth Club (Stanley)
- Pelton Fell Community Partnership
- Phil Thomas ABC (Middlesbrough)
- Phoenix Flyers Athletic Club (Great Lumley)
- Plains Farm ABC (Sunderland)
- Redcar ABC
- Sacriston Youth and Community Project
- Shildon ABC
- Spennymoor Boxing Academy
- Sunderland ABC
- Sunderland Community Action Group
- Sunderland Harriers and Athletic Club
- The Activity Den (Tanfield Lea)
- The Legion Boxing Club
- The New Welfare ABC (Hartlepool)
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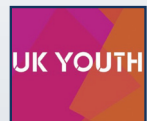
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**Mrs Tonya Antonis Chair**

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### **BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

As the Charity's Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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	General Fund 2024 £	General Fund 2023 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		
<i>Subscriptions &amp; Donations:</i>		
Subscribers	100951	60974
Donations	5939	2653
Affiliation Fees	840	0
Sundry	75	425
Deposit account interest	398	110
Events ( <i>Income</i> ):		
Fundraising/Competitions	4548	2689
Other	0	0
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>112751</b>	<b>66851</b>
<b>EXPENDED RESOURCES</b>		
<b>Management &amp; Administration of the Charity</b>		
Salaries and Wages	50725	33722
Staff Expenses	5057	5165
Advertising/IT Expenses	0	144
Rent & Office Equipment	3336	2894
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Training	1180	1290
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Insurance	545	545
Travel Expense & Admin	6573	5088
Subscription	0	0
Depreciation C/F	3048	254
Legal & Professional	750	4226
Sundry Expenses	0	0
Misc. Equipment	0	0
Events ( <i>Expenditure</i> ):		
Fundraising/Competitions	16471	23239
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>91637</b>	<b>78927</b>
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**BALANCE SHEET 31 MARCH 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
IT Equipment NBV	<b>2790</b>	<b>5835</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	<b><u>108475</u></b>	<b><u>83985</u></b>
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Represented by:		
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**Executive Support Officer:** Angela Rennison

**Corporate Support Officer:** Tina Townson

**Administrative Support (Affiliations):** Julie Warren

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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 Association's 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.
5. To act as liaison between our National organisations and other partners with our affiliated clubs and also between government, local authorities, public bodies, trust funds and other external agencies concerned with youth provision.
6. To provide guidance, advice and support where requested to our individual clubs on areas of concern, such as financial or internal organisation matters.
7. To encourage and provide Inter-Club, County, Regional and National Sports and Creative Activities, Adventure Courses, Training, Development and International opportunities.
8. To provide for Leader, Management and Members Training.
9. To raise funds for the furtherance of the above objectives.
10. To provide equality of access, inclusion and opportunity for all young people irrespective of race, culture, sex, religion or disability.
11. To identify and promote good practice throughout the Association.
12. To develop effective working partnerships with a wide range of organisations and agencies.



**The Queen's Award  
for Voluntary Service**

**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	William McClean	Low Fell Running Club
Runner - Up	Sam Zeze	Chester-le-Street AC

#### Under 13

Winner	Ed Moon	Birtley AC
Runner up	Josh Wood	Sunderland Harriers

#### Under 15

Winner	Callum Bailey	Birtley AC
Runner up	Ben Anderson	Sunderland Harriers

#### Under 17

Winner	Martyn Rahmann	Birtley AC
Runner up	Joe Willis	Sunderland Harriers

### GIRLS

#### Under 11

Winner	Poppie Phillipson	Birtley AC
Runner up	Izzy Hall	Birtley AC

#### Under 13

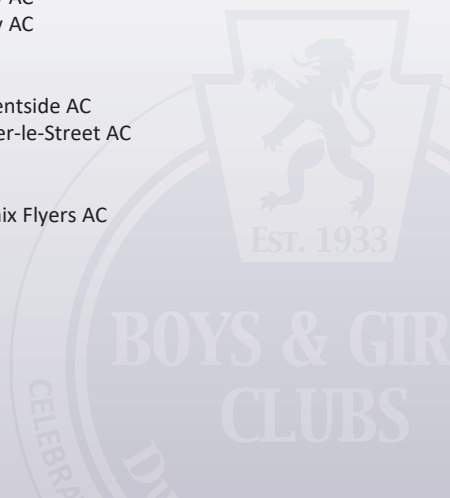
Winner	Nell Graham	Birtley AC
Runner up	Olivia Murphy	Birtley AC

#### Under 15

Winner	Lucy Burnett	Derwentside AC
Runner up	Lucy Buckle	Chester-le-Street AC

#### Under 17

Winner	Amber McAuley - Zeckner	Phoenix Flyers AC
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## TEAM AWARDS

### BOYS

Under 11	Phoenix Flyers AC
Under 13	Sunderland Harriers
Under 15	Sunderland Harriers

### GIRLS

Under 11	Birtley AC
Under 13	Birtley AC
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

### BOYS

<b>U11</b>	Henry Englehart	Phoenix Flyers AC
<b>U13</b>	Samuel Thompson	Sunderland Harriers
<b>U15</b>	Callum Bailey	Birtley AC
<b>U17</b>	Martyn Rahmann	Birtley AC

### GIRLS

<b>U11</b>	Poppie Phillipson	Birtley AC
<b>U13</b>	Nell Graham	Birtley AC
<b>U15</b>	Lucy Burnett	Derwentside AC
<b>U17</b>	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)
- 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

#### Under 14

Winner	Charlie Kelly	Oxhill Youth Club
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#### 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
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### 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
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#### Under 16

Winner	Sydney Northey	Oxhill Youth Club
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#### Under 19

Winner	Dionne Garnham	Lambton Street Youth & Community Hub
Runner - Up	Niamh Stewart	Oxhill Youth Club



## 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
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### 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
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## 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	Darlington Table-Tennis Academy	National Champion
Isaac Davies	Darlington Table-Tennis Academy	National Runner-up

#### Under 14

Jack Buckley	Darlington Table-Tennis Academy	National Champion
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#### Under 19

Daniel Jones	Darlington Table-Tennis Academy	National Champion
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### 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
Lucy Jones	Darlington Table-Tennis Academy	National Runner -up



## 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.



## WORLD FEDERATION OF YOUTH CLUBS / BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA



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 / Iraq / 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.



## DABGC WELLBEING PROJECTS - WEARDALE ADVENTURE CENTRE - ACTIVITY DAYS

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

Winners Gateshead Redheugh (Hutchison)  
Runners up Gateshead 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

Chester-le-Street AC  
Phoenix Flyers AC  
Birtley AC  
Phoenix Flyers AC  
Chester-le-Street AC  
Chester-le-Street AC

#### U15

Carter McQue  
Sam Thompson  
Ben Anderson  
William Young  
Josh Ebblewhite

Sunderland Harriers  
Sunderland Harriers  
Sunderland Harriers  
Sunderland Harriers  
Sunderland Harriers

#### U17

Toby Richardson  
Ellis Ward  
Dominic Kemp  
Joe Willis  
Jack Cuthbertson

Sunderland Harriers  
Phoenix Flyers AC  
Phoenix Flyers AC  
Sunderland Harriers  
Sunderland Harriers

#### U20

Fraser Young

Sunderland Harriers





## GIRLS

### U11

Freya Hughill	Chester-le-Street AC
Jessica Conroy	Derwentside AC
Freya Burnett	Derwentside AC
Darcy Rose - Harding	Derwentside AC

### U13

Izzy Hall	Birtley AC
Lexie Brown	Sunderland Harriers
Isla Coker	Phoenix Flyers AC
Sophia Cheetham	Derwentside AC
Anne Pickering	Birtley AC

### U15

Aneeka Bellamy-Evans	Houghton Harriers
Evie Simon Coelho	Houghton Harriers
Celia Zeze	Chester-le-Street AC
Holly Robinson	Houghton Harriers
Willow Kerr	Derwentside AC
Darcy Lines	Chester-le-Street AC
Chloe McCarthy	Chester-le-Street AC
Emily Burnett	Derwentside AC

### U17

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

### U20

Niamh -Orla Stewart	Oxhill Youth Club
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## 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



## 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

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

District Youth ABC  
Seconds Out BC  
Birtley ABC  
Houghton ABC

##### Class B

Brnton Creighton  
Alfie Goodhall

Phil Thomas School of Boxing  
Hartlepool Catholic ABC

##### Class C

Joe Hodgkinson

East Durham ABC

##### Class D

Rhys Readshaw  
Lee Rogers

Phil Thomas School of Boxing  
Birtley ABC



## FEMALE

### Class D

Megan Bainbridge

Hartlepool Headland ABC

## NATIONAL FINALIST

## MALE

### Class A

Jorge Thompson

Middlesbrough ABC

Sydney Welsh

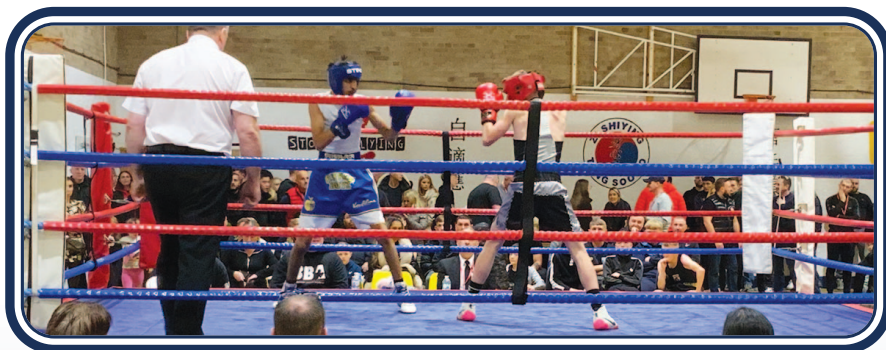
Darlington ABC

## 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

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



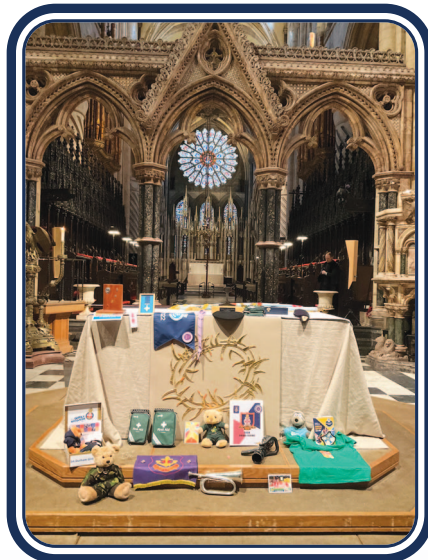
The Association was honoured to receive an invitation from the Prime Minister's office to join the Prime Minister to celebrate the King's Coronation at Downing Street in London on Sunday 6th May 2023. Four young people - Luke Foster, Patrick McCoy, Alice Flanagan and Sadie Keen from the Phoenix Flyers 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	DABGC
• David Binns	40 years	East Durham ABC
• Tony Whitby	40 years	Middlesbrough ABC
• James Colling	30 years	DABGC
• Tom Goody	30 years	Grindon YPC
• Jane Ashcroft	20 years	Auckland YCC
• John Turnbull	10 years	Brandon Carrside YCC
• Jill Rodgers	10 years	Brandon Carrside YCC
• Gary Curtis	10 years	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.





### 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.

- 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 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.

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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



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

### CAF

(Charities Aid Foundation) - Giving at its simplest.

### JUSTGIVING

Is a trusted platform for online giving and was established in the year 2000 with the goal of enabling charities to receive donations online from anywhere in the world

Please refer to the [dabgc.co.uk](http://dabgc.co.uk) website for details to donate by CAF or JustGiving.

Any queries contact DABGC office on **0191 3831894**

### 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:

#### **Durham Association of Boys & Girls Clubs**

Old Court House, Newcastle Road, Chester-le-Street  
County Durham, DH3 3AU

Telephone & Fax: (0191) 3831894

E-mail: [dabgc@btconnect.com](mailto:dabgc@btconnect.com)

Website: <http://www.dabgc.co.uk>

Registered Charity No. 520920

Executive Youth Officer: Alan Watson: 07917156953

Executive Youth Officer: Simon Healey: 07917156954



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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)



Gateshead Cleveland Hall CA  
Gateshead Leam Lane ABC  
Gateshead Redheugh FC  
Grangetown Youth and Community Centre (Middlesbrough)  
Greens ABC (Middlesbrough)  
Grindon Young People's Project. (Sunderland)  
Gus Robinson ABC (Hartlepool)  
Hartlepool Catholic Boxing Club  
Hartlepool Elite Boxing Academy  
Hartlepool Headland ABC  
Hendon ABC (Sunderland)  
Horden ABC  
Horsley Hill ABC (South Shields)  
Houghton and District ABC  
Houghton Harriers and Athletic Club  
Hylton Castle and Town End Farm Boys and Girls Club (Sunderland)  
Lambton Street Youth and Community Hub (Sunderland)  
Low Fell Running Club  
Middlesbrough ABC  
Natural Progression Boxing Academy (Stockton)  
North Road Gym ABC (Stanley)  
Olympian ABC (Sunderland)  
Oxhill Youth Club (Stanley)  
Pelton Fell Community Project  
Perth Green ABC (Jarrow)  
Phil Thomas ABC (Middlesbrough)  
Phoenix Flyers Athletic Club (Great Lumley)  
Plains Farm ABC (Sunderland)  
Redcar Boxing Club  
Ryton ABC  
Sacriston Youth Club  
Shildon ABC  
Spennymoor Boxing Academy  
Sunderland ABC  
Sunderland Community Action Group  
Sunderland Harriers and Athletic Club  
The Activity Den (Annfield Plain)  
The New Welfare ABC (Hartlepool)  
Throston Youth Project (Hartlepool)  
Ward Degnans ABC (Darlington)  
Washington ABC  
Wearmouth ABC (Sunderland)



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## THANK YOU

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

We appreciate your kind and generous support.  
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Insurance for the National Association of Boys & Girls Clubs

We are delighted to announce our official partnership with Berns Brett Insurance (BBi) to offer our Club 1st Insurance Scheme.



As our valued member, you have exclusive access to our new & improved Club 1st Insurance offering.

## Why BBi are our Perfect Partner

### Market Experience

BBi are experienced in the Youth & Sport Club industry, so they understand the potential, often high, risks your club can face every day.

### Preferential Terms

BBi have an unrivalled access to insurers so you get a competitive premium with flexible options that match your unique needs.

### Tailored Service

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**Exclusive to all DABGC affiliated clubs**

Contact the office on:  
Telephone: 0191 3831894  
E-mail: [dabgc@btconnect.com](mailto:dabgc@btconnect.com)



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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED  
31 MARCH 2023

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## **PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

### **Bank**

Lloyds Bank  
54 Fawcett Street  
Sunderland  
Tyne & Wear  
SR1 1ST

### **Solicitors**

McKenzie Bell Solicitors  
47 John Street  
Sunderland  
Tyne & Wear  
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## DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

# ANNUAL REPORT

## YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Durham Association of Boys and Girls Club is constituted by Deed of Trust and is a registered charity, No. 520920. Its address is at The Old Court House, Newcastle Road, Chester-le-Street, DH3 3UA. The charity trustees during the year to 31 March 2023 were:

Mrs Tonya Antonis, Chair  
Mr I Wood, Vice Chair  
Mr A Sedgwick  
Mr G Lee  
Mr M McCormack  
Mr J Colling

Mr B Russell  
Mr R Knox  
Mr G Hall  
Mr L Todd  
Mrs S McCluskey

### OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY AND PRINCIPLE ACTIVITIES

The charity's objectives are to provide opportunities for boys, girls, young men and young women to develop their own abilities and potential in a safe and non-threatening environment. To develop spiritually, morally, culturally, mentally and physically, in preparation for life and adult responsibility.

The charity's principle activities have been in the area of providing administrative, organisational and financial support to the 94 clubs who form the Durham Association. Also in providing a range of sporting activities

The charity is managed by the Board of Trustees who delegates the day to day running of the activities to the Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer, supported by a part time Corporate Support Officer and two part time Executive Youth Officers. As the organisation is growing it became apparent that a new member of staff was required. The position of a part time Executive Support Officer was created and the position has now been filled.

This then gave the opportunity for the organisation to update its IT requirements with new computer equipment purchased in year. The Trustees agreed that this would be depreciated at 50% (over a 2 year period) this will show in the year end accounts at March 2023.

**DEVELOPMENTS, ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS THIS YEAR** - See Annual Report

### FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

To continue supporting clubs within our Association ensuring that club facilities are maintained to a good standard. To increase the sporting activities and event opportunities for young people.

### RESERVES POLICY

The charity aims to retain sufficient free reserves on hand to facilitate the ongoing administration of the organisation for at least a period of 12 months. At 31 March 2023 this would approximate to £85,000.

### FINANCIAL POSITION

The Association's unspent reserves at 31 March 2023 were equivalent to approximately 14 months of normal operating expenditure, which the trustees consider to be adequate at this time. In addition, the charity holds ringfenced funds to the value of £20709 at 31 March 2023.

The charity holds no property or finance on behalf of other charities or bodies.



**Mrs Tonya Antonis Chair**

On behalf of the board of trustees

DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 set out on pages 5 to 7.

### **RESPECT RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES AND THE EXAMINER**

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of accounts; you consider that the audit requirements of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 2011 does not apply. It is our responsibility to state on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to our attention.

### **BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

As the Charity's Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts prepared with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act

I have completed my examination. I have identified no matters of concern to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

### **Michael Kirtley BA (Hons) ACMA**

Leeds Teaching Hospitals  
St James Hospital  
Beckett Street  
Leeds  
LS9 7TF

DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	Genera Fund 2023 £	General Fund 2022 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		
<i>Subscriptions &amp; Donations:</i>		
Subscribers	60974	60060
Donation & Affiliation Fees	2653	3265
Sundry	425	0
Deposit account interest	110	71
Events ( <i>Income</i> ):		
Fundraising/Competitions	2689	0
Other	0	0
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>66851</b>	<b>63396</b>
<b>EXPENDED RESOURCES</b>		
<b>Management &amp; Administration of the Charity</b>		
Salaries and Wages	33722	30270
Staff Expenses	5165	1439
Advertising/IT Expenses	144	0
Rent & Office Equipment	2894	0
Printing and Stationery	976	1673
Training	1290	1815
Postage	63	418
Telephone / Broadband	1321	2022
Insurance	545	1090
Travel Expense & Admin	5088	6157
Subscription	0	1,274
Depreciation C/F	254	0
Legal & Professional	4226	340
Sundry Expenses	0	172
Misc. Equipment	0	0
Events ( <i>Expenditure</i> ):		
Fundraising/Competitions	23239	16509
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>78927</b>	<b>63179</b>
<b>NET RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(12076)</b>	<b>219</b>
Balances transferred from charity at 01-Apr	53445	53226
Adjustments from prior years	0	0
Balances carried forward at 31-Mar	41369	53445

All of the charity's funds are considered to be unrestricted by the Trustees.



DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
**BALANCE SHEET 31 MARCH 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
IT Equipment NBV	<b>5835</b>	
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	<u><b>83985</b></u>	<u>101896</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<u><u><b>89820</b></u></u>	<u><u>101896</u></u>
Represented by:		
<b>FUNDS</b>		
Unrestricted General fund	<b>17611</b>	34211
Ringfenced General Fund	<b>20709</b>	16185
Designated - Development fund	<b>11000</b>	11000
Designated - Contingency reserve	<u><b>40500</b></u>	<u>40500</u>
	<u><u><b>89820</b></u></u>	<u><u>101896</u></u>

DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities. In preparing the financial statements the charity follows best practice as laid down in the Statement of Recommended Practice (Accounting and Reporting by Charities).

## 2. EMPLOYEES REMUNERATION

Total remuneration for the year amounted to £33722.00

## 3. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the charity was paid or payable for the year to any trustee or to any connected persons.

## 4. FUNDS AND FUND TRANSFERS

All the Charity's funds are considered by the Trustees to be unrestricted. The Trustees have set aside funds as designated funds as follows:

### Ring-Fenced General Fund

The Charity has ringfenced funds which relate to specific activities/events.

### Contingent Fund (previously reported as Building Fund)

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED  
31 MARCH 2023

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## **PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

### **Bank**

Lloyds Bank  
54 Fawcett Street  
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Tyne & Wear  
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### **Solicitors**

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## DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

# ANNUAL REPORT

## YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Durham Association of Boys and Girls Club is constituted by Deed of Trust and is a registered charity, No. 520920. Its address is at The Old Court House, Newcastle Road, Chester-le-Street, DH3 3UA. The charity trustees during the year to 31 March 2023 were:

Mrs Tonya Antonis, Chair  
Mr I Wood, Vice Chair  
Mr A Sedgwick  
Mr G Lee  
Mr M McCormack  
Mr J Colling

Mr B Russell  
Mr R Knox  
Mr G Hall  
Mr L Todd  
Mrs S McCluskey

### OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY AND PRINCIPLE ACTIVITIES

The charity's objectives are to provide opportunities for boys, girls, young men and young women to develop their own abilities and potential in a safe and non-threatening environment. To develop spiritually, morally, culturally, mentally and physically, in preparation for life and adult responsibility.

The charity's principle activities have been in the area of providing administrative, organisational and financial support to the 94 clubs who form the Durham Association. Also in providing a range of sporting activities

The charity is managed by the Board of Trustees who delegates the day to day running of the activities to the Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer, supported by a part time Corporate Support Officer and two part time Executive Youth Officers. As the organisation is growing it became apparent that a new member of staff was required. The position of a part time Executive Support Officer was created and the position has now been filled.

This then gave the opportunity for the organisation to update its IT requirements with new computer equipment purchased in year. The Trustees agreed that this would be depreciated at 50% (over a 2 year period) this will show in the year end accounts at March 2023.

**DEVELOPMENTS, ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS THIS YEAR** - See Annual Report

### FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

To continue supporting clubs within our Association ensuring that club facilities are maintained to a good standard. To increase the sporting activities and event opportunities for young people.

### RESERVES POLICY

The charity aims to retain sufficient free reserves on hand to facilitate the ongoing administration of the organisation for at least a period of 12 months. At 31 March 2023 this would approximate to £85,000.

### FINANCIAL POSITION

The Association's unspent reserves at 31 March 2023 were equivalent to approximately 14 months of normal operating expenditure, which the trustees consider to be adequate at this time. In addition, the charity holds ringfenced funds to the value of £20709 at 31 March 2023.

The charity holds no property or finance on behalf of other charities or bodies.



**Mrs Tonya Antonis Chair**

On behalf of the board of trustees

DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 set out on pages 5 to 7.

### **RESPECT RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES AND THE EXAMINER**

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of accounts; you consider that the audit requirements of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 2011 does not apply. It is our responsibility to state on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to our attention.

### **BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

As the Charity's Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts prepared with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act

I have completed my examination. I have identified no matters of concern to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

### **Michael Kirtley BA (Hons) ACMA**

Leeds Teaching Hospitals  
St James Hospital  
Beckett Street  
Leeds  
LS9 7TF

DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	Genera Fund 2023 £	General Fund 2022 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		
<i>Subscriptions &amp; Donations:</i>		
Subscribers	60974	60060
Donation & Affiliation Fees	2653	3265
Sundry	425	0
Deposit account interest	110	71
Events ( <i>Income</i> ):		
Fundraising/Competitions	2689	0
Other	0	0
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>66851</b>	<b>63396</b>
<b>EXPENDED RESOURCES</b>		
<b>Management &amp; Administration of the Charity</b>		
Salaries and Wages	33722	30270
Staff Expenses	5165	1439
Advertising/IT Expenses	144	0
Rent & Office Equipment	2894	0
Printing and Stationery	976	1673
Training	1290	1815
Postage	63	418
Telephone / Broadband	1321	2022
Insurance	545	1090
Travel Expense & Admin	5088	6157
Subscription	0	1,274
Depreciation C/F	254	0
Legal & Professional	4226	340
Sundry Expenses	0	172
Misc. Equipment	0	0
Events ( <i>Expenditure</i> ):		
Fundraising/Competitions	23239	16509
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>78927</b>	<b>63179</b>
<b>NET RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(12076)</b>	<b>219</b>
Balances transferred from charity at 01-Apr	53445	53226
Adjustments from prior years	0	0
Balances carried forward at 31-Mar	41369	53445

All of the charity's funds are considered to be unrestricted by the Trustees.



DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
**BALANCE SHEET 31 MARCH 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
IT Equipment NBV	<b>5835</b>	
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	<u><b>83985</b></u>	<u>101896</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<u><u><b>89820</b></u></u>	<u><u>101896</u></u>
Represented by:		
<b>FUNDS</b>		
Unrestricted General fund	<b>17611</b>	34211
Ringfenced General Fund	<b>20709</b>	16185
Designated - Development fund	<b>11000</b>	11000
Designated - Contingency reserve	<u><b>40500</b></u>	<u>40500</u>
	<u><u><b>89820</b></u></u>	<u><u>101896</u></u>

DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities. In preparing the financial statements the charity follows best practice as laid down in the Statement of Recommended Practice (Accounting and Reporting by Charities).

### 2. EMPLOYEES REMUNERATION

Total remuneration for the year amounted to £33722.00

### 3. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the charity was paid or payable for the year to any trustee or to any connected persons.

### 4. FUNDS AND FUND TRANSFERS

All the Charity's funds are considered by the Trustees to be unrestricted. The Trustees have set aside funds as designated funds as follows:

#### Ring-Fenced General Fund

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# Accounts

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# DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

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

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**Honorary Life Presidents:** Sir Paul Nicholson KCVO and Lady Sarah Nicholson

**President:** Frank Nicholson, D.L.,

**Vice Presidents:**

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G.E. Hedges, QPM, B.E.M, DL

M.Barton, C.B.E, QPM, LLB, DL.

Pam Royle BA (Hons) LLCM (TD), DL

**Chairman:** David Orford

**Vice Chairman:** Ivan Wood

**Honorary Treasurer:** Lyn Younger

**Executive Committee:**

R. Knox, G. Hall, L.Todd

G. Lee, J. Colling, A.Sedgwick,

S. McCluskey, B. Russell, M.McCormack

**Honorary Solicitor:**

McKenzie Bell & Sons, 19 John Street, Sunderland

**Independent Examiner:**

Michael Kirtley

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**Corporate Support Officer:** Tina Townson

**Executive Youth Officers:**

Mr. Alan Watson, M.B.E. B.E.M.

Mr. Simon Healey CFCIPD, MSc



Registered Charity No. 520920



## FOREWORD 2021/22

It gives me great pleasure to present to you the Durham Association of Boys and Girls Clubs Annual Report for 2021/22. In this 89th year the Association continues to go from strength to strength and I'm sure you will find the report adequately reflects our success.

I am writing this forward in the role of interim Chairperson as our permanent Chairman, David Orford is unable to continue in the post due to new work commitments. I know David was proud to lead the organisation and did so during one of the most difficult times in its history. We wish him well in his new role.

Our new Chairperson will be Assistant Chief Constable Tonya Antonis. Tonya has a keen interest in sport and is passionate about providing opportunities for young people. She is looking forward to becoming involved in the work of the organisation.

As we came through the pandemic our Executive Youth Officers, Alan Watson and Simon Healey along with our Corporate Support Officer Tina Townson, worked hard to ensure we were fully prepared to start delivering activities at the earliest opportunity, following the raising of COVID restrictions Their work has ensured we

I am delighted to be invited to be the new Chairperson of the Durham Association of Boys and Girls Clubs. Durham Constabulary are proud to support the Association, which has a long and proud tradition of enabling thousands of our young people to enjoy the sports they love.

I have a keen interest in sport and have seen the amazing way it (sport) brings young people together and enables them to be the best they can be.

maintained our commitment to young people and affiliated clubs. I would like to say a big thank you to them for everything they have done.

Of course without volunteers none of this would be possible. I therefore would like to thank members of the Executive Committee for their support and commitment throughout the year.

In addition I would like to recognise and pay tribute to all volunteers who work tirelessly in our affiliated clubs to ensure young people can access the activities available to them. Thank you for your support.

Finally I would like to extend my thanks to our President Frank Nicholson for his ongoing commitment and valuable support to the Association.

**Ivan Wood**  
Vice Chairman



I am looking forward to becoming more involved in the work of the organisation, to be Chairperson is a great honour.

**Tonya Antonis**  
Chair



## TREASURER'S REPORT 2021/22

The Association's financial position is detailed in the Financial Statements for the period ended 31 March 2022.

This year the Association has reported an in-year profit of £219. This compares with a reported profit of £30,536 in the previous financial year (high due to the restrictions around Covid-19). 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 £85,415 in 20/21 to £63,396, a decrease of £22,019 (26%). The decrease in income is relative against the prior year's successful Covid-19 bids and one significant benefactor providing multiple grants. [Pre pandemic grant income £69,882 19/20.] The Association took the decision for the third year running to waive the affiliation fees to show support to all our clubs at source and aid recovery after the pandemic.

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 opportunities for young people, this year following the pandemic, we have continued with some of the new activities brought onboard whilst also returning to our usual offering.



Expenditure has increased from £54,880 in 20/21 to £63,177, an increase of £8,297 (15%). This is attributable to the removal of restriction on activities following the pandemic. The Association has delivered a significant part of the activities associated with the ring-fenced funds, £16,185 remains ring-fenced for the delivery of activities in the future.

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

**Lyn Younger**  
Honorary Treasurer

## DABGC VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS

### VISION

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

### MISSION

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

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CLUBS

## AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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



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## COUNTY CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2021

We had an excellent turnout for our annual Cross - Country championships which were hosted by Birtley Athletic Club on a fine Sunday morning in October 2021. We are sincerely grateful to Ed Lown and Val Baxter from Birtley AC and their team of volunteers for making us so welcome and to James Colling for his technical support.

### BOYS

#### Under 11

Winner	Ed Moon	Birtley AC
Runner up	J McClean	Low Fell Running Club

#### Under 13

Winner	Noah Williamson	Birtley AC
Runner up	Ewan McCoy	Phoenix Flyers AC

#### Under 15

Winner	Martin Rahman	Birtley Athletics Club
Runner up	Tom Pickford	Houghton Harriers & AC

#### Under 17

Winner	Chris Perkins	Birtley AC
Runner up	Tom Slane	Blackhill Bounders

### GIRLS

#### Under 11

Winner	Nell Graham	Birtley AC
Runner up	Kitty Graham	Birtley AC

#### Under 13

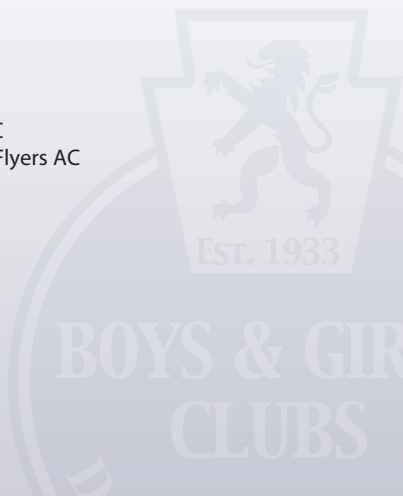
Winner	Niamh Phillipson	Birtley AC
Runner up	Lucy Burnett	Derwentside AC

#### Under 15

Winner	Lucy Buckle	Chester le Street AC
Runner up	Amber McAuley	Zechner - Phoenix Flyers AC

#### Under 17

Winner	Katie Francis	Birtley AC
Runner up	Abigail Thwaites	Birtley AC



## TEAM AWARDS

### BOYS

Under 11 - Low Fell Running Club  
Under 13 - Birtley AC  
Under 15 - Birtley AC  
Under 17 - Sunderland Harriers & AC

### GIRLS

Under 11 - Birtley AC  
Under 13 - Chester le Street AC



## COUNTY POOL CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2022

The DABGC Pool championships were held at Lambton Street Youth Centre in Sunderland on Tuesday 15th March 2022 and we are sincerely grateful to Kevin Howard and his staff for making us so welcome. Some excellent Pool was played and everyone enjoyed the evening.

### BOYS

#### Under 12

Winner	Harley Richer	Oxhill Youth Club
Runner up	Kristupas Zvirblys	Lambton Street Y & C Hub

#### Under 14

Winner	Jake Barton	Brandon Carrside Youth Centre
Runner up	Ryan Liddle	Oxhill Youth Club

### GIRLS

#### Under 19

Winner	Rachel Miller	Oxhill Youth Club
Runner up	Aylssa McKee	Oxhill Youth Club



## COUNTY TABLE - TENNIS COMPETITION - 2022

The DABGC County Table Tennis Competition was held at Bishop Auckland Table Tennis Club on Sunday 19th June 2022 with a very good turnout. We would like to thank Ryan Morton and his team at Bishop Auckland TTC for the use of their splendid facility together with an excellent day of Table -Tennis.

### MALE

#### Under 12

Winner	James Reeves	Bishop Auckland Table Tennis Club
Runner up	Jack Buckley	Darlington Table Tennis Academy

#### Under 14

Winner	Max Hancock	Brandon Table Tennis Club
Runner up	Ben Wiltshire	Darlington Table Tennis Academy

#### Under 16

Winner	Anand Raviprikash	Darlington Table Tennis Academy
Runner up	Adam Bell	Brandon Table Tennis Club

#### Under 19

Winner	Dan Jones	Darlington Table Tennis Academy
Runner up	Haiden Harris	Bishop Auckland Table Tennis Club

### FEMALE

#### Under 12

Winner	Lucy Jones	Darlington Table Tennis Academy
Runner up	Emily Murphy	Darlington Table Tennis Academy

#### Under 14

Winner	Grace Carter	Brandon Table Tennis Club
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## NABGC NATIONAL TABLE-TENNIS FINALS - 2022

The NABGC National Table -Tennis Finals were held at Wragby in Lincolnshire on Saturday 9th July 2022.

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

### BOYS

#### Under 12

James Reeves	Bishop Auckland Table Tennis Club	National Champion
Charlie Burnside	Darlington Table Tennis Academy	National Runner-up

#### Under 14

Ben Wiltshire	Darlington Table Tennis Academy	National Champion
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#### Under 16

Anand Raviprikash	Darlington Table Tennis Academy	National Champion
Harry Flynn	Brandon Table Tennis Club	National Runner-up
Angelos Gidopulous	Brandon Table Tennis Club	National Joint 3rd Place
Joshua Jackman	Brandon Table Tennis Club	National Joint 3rd Place

#### Under 19

Dan Jones	Darlington Table Tennis Academy	National Runner -up
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### GIRLS

#### Under 12

Lucy Jones	Darlington Table Tennis Academy	National Champion
Emily Murphy	Darlington Table Tennis Academy	National Runner-up
Harriot Goodwin	Darlington Table Tennis Academy	National 3rd Place

#### Under 14

Freya Williams	Brandon Table Tennis Club	National Champion
Bella Murphy	Darlington Table Tennis Academy	National Runner up



## COUNTY TABLE-TENNIS PROJECT - 2021/22

The Association continued this project with some funding from Sport England to promote and encourage greater participation in Table-Tennis in local youth clubs.

We teamed up with Brandon TTC who as members of our Association had the expertise to support this project. They were allocated three local youth clubs to share best practice with and to support the training of volunteers in clubs to gain a Table Tennis Coaching Award. Belle Vue Sports and Community Centre and Throston Youth Project at Hartlepool and DJ Evans Youth Club at Bowburn all benefitted, with the clubs fully appreciating the expert coaching given.



## THE BETTY WOODWARD YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2021/ 2022

We had many strong nominations for the Betty Woodward Award, which is presented on an annual basis to the Young Male and Female Person of the Year from within the affiliated clubs of the Association. The criterion is open-ended except that the young person must be a regular member of the club and aged between 16 years and 21 years. Award winners will be announced at our Celebration of Youth awards event on the 24th October 2022 at the Ramside Hall Hotel, Durham.

## WORLD FEDERATION OF YOUTH CLUBS

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



## NABGC - STUBBERS ADVENTURE WEEKEND

On a very hot weekend in June 2022, Sacriston Youth and Community Project, Durham City Youth Project and the Cheesy Waffles Project from this association made the long trip down to the Stubbers Adventure Centre in Essex and enjoyed a fabulous time. They participated in a range of land and water activities and came away exhausted but happy having thoroughly enjoyed the weekend and made new friends from around the country. Quotes from young people and club leaders stated: "On the way home from an action packed weekend which was full of activities from start to finish. We teamed up with another club and our young people have made memories and friendships that will last a lifetime. Thanks to DABGC for supporting this wonderful opportunity"



## DABGC WELLBEING PROJECTS - WEARDALE ADVENTURE CENTRE - ACTIVITY DAYS

Following on from a highly successful 2021 where the Adventure Activity Days provided a launch pad for young people to socialise and mix together again following the pandemic, 2022 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 - **General Youth Clubs, Boxing Clubs, Football Clubs, Athletic Clubs, Table-Tennis Clubs, General Community Groups and Centres and an All Girls Group.** 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 putting smiles back on young people's faces. Comments from one group stated: "Fantastic day for our young people doing something different to their normal activity. Thanks DABGC for putting on an excellent day"



## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS

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

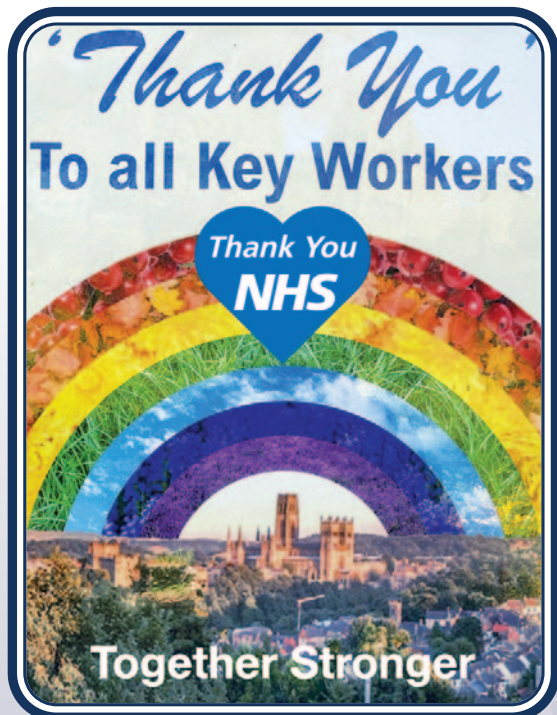


## CORONAVIRUS 2021/22

Continuing from March 2020 into 2022 the coronavirus pandemic and local restrictions had a tremendous impact on the youth sector with clubs closed and many struggling to recover with staff and volunteer shortages and many young people taking time to re-establish a normal routine again.

While DABGC continued to offer the county programme under tight controls the National programme took a very cautious approach putting on hold many of its National events and activities with the following events cancelled.

- National Pool
- National 5-a-Side Football
- National Boxing
- National Canoe Event
- American Experience
- NABGC National Conference
- National Cross Country



## OCEAN YOUTH TRUST SAILING RESIDENTIAL - 2022

Back on the programme following a 2 year break due to the pandemic, the original Sailing Residential Week was this year split into two weekend events. This meant that double the number of young people were given the opportunity to access this unique experience. Dates scheduled for June 2022 proved too early with Covid still persisting and it was not until September 2022 did our young people eventually take to the water. We held two wonderful weekends of sailing providing the young people with a new experience with them gaining new skills and friendships along the way.



## SURFING

Back for a second year, this recent addition to our programme proved extremely popular with 12 clubs having a fabulous session on the water. Our thanks go to Nick and his team at South Shields Surfing School for their great instruction. Clubs commented "Surfing at Shields- thanks to DABGC for the opportunity" and "Thanks to DABGC for funding and arranging this session which was thoroughly enjoyed by our members"



## DABGC KARTING CHALLENGE - GRAND PRIX 2022

Held at the prestigious circuit at Karting North East it attracted 10 clubs and a full complement of 35 drivers on the grid. Teams from each club competed against each other in a step towards producing the next Lewis Hamilton. Comments included " Just wanted to pass on our thanks to DABGC for another fantastic night which was very well organised with the young people having an amazing night"

<b>Gold</b>	Dominic McCabe	Brandon Table-Tennis Club
<b>Silver</b>	Haydn Walker	Delves Lane Phoenix FC
<b>Bronze</b>	Aaron Scott	Houghton Harriers & AC



## COUNTY 5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL COMPETITION

This was held at the Soccerena in Durham on Saturday 26th March 2022 and our thanks go to all the volunteers and officials who supported us on the day.

<b>Under 12</b>	<b>Winners</b>	Gateshead Cleveland Hall Community Association
Under 12	Runners up	Gateshead Redheugh 1957
<b>Under 14</b>	<b>Winners</b>	Darlington Spraire Lads FC (Yellow)
Under 14	Runners up	Darlington Spraire Lads FC (Grey)
<b>Under 16</b>	<b>Winners</b>	Gateshead Cleveland Hall Community Association
Under 16	Runners up	Oxhill Youth Club



## UK CLUB ATHLETICS NABGC CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2022

This was hosted by Durham in May at the Middlesbrough Sports Village. 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 48 individual National Champions and a clean sweep of trophies. Comments included 'An excellent event which was well organised by DABGC with our athletes competing well and winning a few medals'.

### INDIVIDUAL UK CLUB CHAMPIONS

#### BOYS

##### U11

Jack Walton	Chester-le-Street AC
Adam Smith	Chester-le-Street AC
Kieran Archer	Sunderland Harriers & AC

##### U13

Spencer Dale	Phoenix Flyers AC
Jamie Leyland	Low Fell Running Club
Ed Moon	Birtley AC
Callum Chambers	Birtley AC
Sam Thompson	Sunderland Harriers & AC

##### U15

Ellis Ward	Phoenix Flyers AC
Gregor Bruce	Low Fell Running Club
George Dickman	Sunderland Harriers & AC
Jack Cuthbertson	Sunderland Harriers & AC
Jacob Waterston	Sunderland Harriers & AC
Ben Anderson	Sunderland Harriers & AC
William Young	Sunderland Harriers & AC

##### U17

Ethan Kirk- Harding	Houghton Harriers & AC
Josh Brown	Houghton Harriers & AC
Arron Scott	Houghton Harriers & AC
Joe Willis	Sunderland Harriers & AC

#### GIRLS

##### U11

Poppie Phillipson	Birtley AC
Olivia Masters	Chester-Le-Street AC
Izzy Hall	Birtley AC
Jay Hunter	Chester-Le-Street AC
Ellie Harrison	Chester-Le-Street AC
Isla Ford- Hutchinson	Chester-Le-Street AC



### U13

Evie Simon Coelho	Houghton Harriers & AC
Ruby Potter	Derwentside AC
Sophia Cheetham	Derwentside AC
Laila Pipe	Derwentside AC
Lexie Brown	Sunderland Harriers & AC
Olivia Murphy	Birtley AC

### U15

Amelia Jones	Chester-Le-Street AC
Emily Graham	Chester-Le-Street AC
Darcy Lines	Chester-Le-Street AC
Aneeka Bellamy-Evans	Houghton Harriers & AC
Freya Stockley	Houghton Harriers & AC
Alice Kirk Harding	Houghton Harriers & AC
Sophie Burnside	Houghton Harriers & AC
Lucy Burnett	Derwentside AC
Emily Burnett	Derwentside AC
April McAuley-Zechner	Phoenix Flyers AC

### U17

Emma Shorttle	Houghton Harriers & AC
Sophie Leonard	Houghton Harriers & AC
Amber McAuley-Zechner	Phoenix Flyers AC
Ella Jones	Chester-Le-Street AC
Aimee Harrison	Chester-Le-Street AC

### U20

Lauren Jones	Chester-Le-Street AC
Pagona Axeli	Sunderland Harriers & AC



## COUNTY TEAM AWARDS

### BOYS

<b>U11</b>	Chester-Le-Street AC
<b>U13</b>	Phoenix Flyers AC
<b>U15</b>	Sunderland Harriers & AC
<b>U17</b>	Houghton Harriers & AC
<b>U20</b>	No Team

### GIRLS

<b>U11</b>	Chester-Le-Street AC
<b>U13</b>	Derwentside AC
<b>U15</b>	Chester-Le-Street AC
<b>U17</b>	Chester-Le-Street AC
<b>U20</b>	Chester-Le-Street AC



## SNORKLING

A new exciting event for our young people at South Shields, where clubs got a glimpse of our fascinating underwater world. Comments included "Had a brilliant day".



## 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 the delivery of First Aid training sessions during 2021/22. This quality training was delivered by Priory Training following the easing of Covid restrictions.

In April 2022 we added Junior First Aid training to our programme which was very successful. We also continued to hold several Boxing First Aid training sessions, tutored by Kevin Howard from Lambton Street Youth & Community Hub which proved very popular.

All these sessions have contributed to our 'Save a Life' project where a vital part of the training includes Defibrillator awareness. The Executive 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. To date over 310 members have been trained.



## NEW AFFILIATIONS

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

- Barnard Castle ABC
- Billingham ABC
- Bright Futures Community Hub
- Consett Chaos FC
- Darlington Table-Tennis Academy
- Durham County FC
- Greens ABC
- Sacriston Youth Club
- The New Welfare ABC

## ROYAL GARDEN PARTY

As part of achieving the Queens Award for Voluntary Service in 2021 it was very pleasing to receive an invitation to Buckingham Palace for a Garden Party in May 2022 to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee year. Alan Watson, our Executive Youth Officer and James Colling from our Executive Board enjoyed a special and memorable afternoon and were selected to speak with HRH Prince William and Kate Middleton about the work we do at DABGC.



## QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION - DURHAM CATHEDRAL - JUNE 2022

We were delighted to receive an invitation from Mrs Sue Snowdon, Her Majesty's Lord - Lieutenant and the Chapter of Durham Cathedral to the Queens Platinum Jubilee 70th Anniversary, held at Durham Cathedral on Saturday 4th June 2022. This special service of celebration and thanksgiving provided a means of celebrating the many good causes and institutions associated with the Queen in County Durham which included DABGC.



## QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION - TREE PLANTING - AUGUST 2022

To commemorate the Queens Platinum Jubilee 70th Anniversary a Tree Planting ceremony took place at Clavering Youth Club / M.A.S.A.C Martial Arts Centre in partnership with DABGC, with the tree kindly donated by DAAC.



## IN MEMORY OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II - 1926 - 2022

With our grateful thanks for her many years of service and commitment from all the young people, volunteers and staff at Durham Association of Boys and Girls Clubs.

The Queen was a great inspiration and has left a lasting legacy for future generations.



## 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 - 2022

- Kevin Carr 60 years
- Martyn Devlin 30 years
- Les Todd 30 years
- Angela Regan 20 years
- Darren Smith 20 years
- Angela Rennison 20 years
- Janice Limon 20 years
- Jon Kelly 20 years
- Sarah McCluskey 20 years
- Joanne Eden 20 years

- Sunderland Harriers & AC
- Bilton Hall ABC
- DABGC/Birtley AC
- Cleveland Youth Association
- Cleveland Youth Association
- Cleveland Youth Association
- Cleveland Youth Association
- Auckland Youth Centre
- DABGC/Throston YP
- DJ Evans Youth Club

### HIGH SHERIFF AWARD

The Association was delighted to be invited to an event at Ushaw Historic House in March 2022 where DABGC won a High Sheriff Award for the tremendous work undertaken with our clubs during the pandemic. The funding received will contribute to our well-being programme for young people.



### DABGC - STAFF PROJECT

To support the staff team DABGC embarked on a project to engage two people in helping with our affiliations and promoting our events and activities on a casual basis. Both Julie Warren (Affiliations) and Lesley Foster (Events and Activities) have provided solid support to Tina, Simon and Alan during the year and their help has been very much appreciated.



## COMMONWEALTH GAMES - BIRMINGHAM 2022

The Durham Association can be extremely proud of our Commonwealth Games representatives in Birmingham in July and August this year. We were represented in Team England by Kieran McDonald (Sunderland ABC) who having competed in the World Championships in 2021 became European Silver medallist in the European Championships in Armenia in May 2022 and followed this up with an impressive Silver Medal in the Men's Flyweight at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham in August 2022. Also James Colling DABGC Executive Board Member, was not only a top official at the 2022 World Athletic Championships in Oregon USA but also at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. In addition, Alan Bell our DABGC Athletics starter was also one of the top officials in Birmingham, while Richard Kilty from Middlesbrough Harriers was the athletic pundit on the BBC during the Games.



## UEFA EUROPEAN WOMEN'S FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS EURO 2022 - JULY 2022

Several of the victorious England squad selected for the Euro 2022 finals held in July have roots back in our region with Jill Scott (Ex Manchester City and Aston Villa/ Sunderland Harriers and Boldon CA) / Lucy Bronze (Manchester City) / Demi Stokes (Manchester City). What a fabulous achievement and an inspiration to all in how they conducted themselves both on and off the pitch.



## CLUB NEWS FEEDBACK AND DEVELOPMENT



### Houghton Harriers

Brandon Pye became the first Durham runner to become the English Schools Intermediate Boys Cross - Country champion.



### Brandon Carrside Youth & Community Project

New gym flooring, new kitchen, new roof and solar panels



### Throston Youth Project

Received a new Table-Tennis table from Shildon Sunnysdale School.



### South Shields Beach

Named as Best Beach Award in Sunday Times top 50 British beaches and hosts our Summer Surfing, Snorkeling and Rock Pooling sessions.



### Oxhill Youth Club

Celebrated their 60th Anniversary with a fabulous Fun Day in September.



### Savannah Marshall

From Hartlepool Headland ABC has come a very long way from her early days at the club and is now boxing on the international and world stage. Currently the World Female Middleweight Boxing Champion she recently contested all 4 World Female Middleweight belts.



### Birtley Athletic Club

Two young athletes from the club have gained international recognition in Cross-Country and Triathlon. Kate Waugh and Max Stapley are now regulars on the Super League Triathlon Series of events around the world where Kate is European Champion.

## NEW ADDITION TO THE DABGC 2022 COUNTY PROGRAMME INCLUDED -

- Coastal Beach Environmental Day - Rock Pooling
- Junior First Aid - Save a Life Project
- Snorkling - Summer programme
- Rock Pooling - Summer programme

## BEREAVEMENTS

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

- **George Hedges QPM, B.E.M. DL** - Former Durham Constabulary Chief Constable, Chairman and Vice President of DABGC, a loyal supporter of the Association
- **Alf Welsh** - Burn Road Harriers – aged 102 and a great supporter of the Association.
- **Neil Newcastle** - Instrumental in supporting our Clay Pigeon Shoot and fundraising for DABGC.
- **John Dryden** - Main boxing coach at Wellington ABC, producing many fine boxers over several decades, who went onto international success.
- **Michael Robinson** - Plains Farm ABC - A well respected member and boxing coach of the club.
- **Alison Hopkins** - Birtley AC - Absolute asset to the club as a loyal and dedicated coach, fundraiser and committee member and gave great assistance at DABGC and NABGC National events.
- **'Seppie'** - Gateshead Redheugh 1957- A long standing member, volunteer and football coach.

## SIR BOB MURRAY CBE AWARD

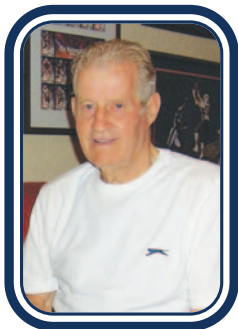
This award to be presented on an annual basis is courtesy of Sir Bob Murray CBE. It is awarded to a young person who has shown a great attitude, commitment and motivation in supporting others and taken responsibility showing potential leadership qualities. The award winner will be announced at our Celebration of Youth awards event on the 24th October 2022 at the Ramside Hall Hotel, Durham.



## 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 Ann Lillie from Sunderland Harriers for her tremendous dedication to the club and her reliable support at County and National events.



## PRESIDENTS MEDAL

- **Durham Constabulary Printing & Design Department**  
For their great work and commitment in producing first class quality work for DABGC over many years.
- **Stephen Harvey**  
NBC/NGC Treasurer and volunteer at the Cumbria Association of Boys and Girls Clubs. A dedicated worker and loyal supporter who has assisted at many of our County and National events.
- **Brian Buckley - Derwentside AC**  
A tireless and dedicated individual who has been instrumental in keeping the club going and has nurtured many athletes to national success. A very keen supporter of the Association he has managed several of our County Athletics and Cross - Country teams to numerous national titles and honours.
- **Jill Scott MBE - for services to Women's Football**  
A real pioneer over the past 20 years to get the game recognised from grassroots to international level and culminating in winning the Women's Euro 2022 final at Wembley.
- **Joff Carroll OBE - Boys and Girls Clubs of Wales**  
As CEO he organised many International events which our young people from DABGC took part in and built up a friendly rivalry along the way. Our trips to Wales were always enjoyable and most often successful.
- **Joanne Eden - DJ Evans YC**  
A very popular leader having devoted several decades to the club and developed it into a thriving community hub.

- **Sarah McCluskey - Hartlepool Youth Project / DABGC Executive Board**  
Has served the young people of Hartlepool at club and town-wide level and makes a major contribution to the DABGC Executive Committee.
- **Les Todd - Birtley AC / DABGC Executive Board**  
A dedicated volunteer at club level and a well-respected member of the DABGC Executive Committee.
- **Paul Smith and John Weaver - Boldon CA**  
Jointly for services to Girls Football. They were pioneers of the Women's game at grassroots level and have produced a production line of outstanding talent, many who have gone on to International honours.

## J.J. GRIFFITHS AWARD

This year the trophy for taking part in most sporting events during the year was won by Oxhill Youth Club.



## 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.



## ENVIRONMENTAL BEACH DAY - ROCK POOLING

This new addition to the programme provided clubs with an enjoyable day learning about the wild and wonderful fascinations of our shores and life in our rock pools on the award winning Sandhaven beach at South Shields. Comments included "Thanks to DABGC for a brilliant day"





## 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
- Brandon Table Tennis Club
- Cleveland Youth Association
- County Durham Community Foundation
- Durham Agency Against Crime
- Durham Constabulary
- Durham Football Association
- Edward Robertson Digital Design and Development
- Karting North-East
- Lambton Street Youth Centre
- Lloyds Bank - Sunderland/Durham
- McKenzie Bell & Sons Solicitors
- Middlesbrough Sports Village
- National Association of Boys and Girls Clubs
- Newcastle Building Society
- Ocean Youth Trust
- Priority Training
- Ramside Hall Hotel and Golf Club - Durham
- Richard Bonington - Essex Boys and Girls Clubs
- Soccarena Durham
- Solar Trophies
- South Shields Surfing School
- Tyne Tees and Wear Amateur Boxing Association
- Weardale Adventure Centre
- World Federation of Youth Clubs



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



### “DOWN THE BOYZIE” CELEBRATING 89 YEARS - 1933 TO 2022



- 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 75-85 clubs embracing new activities along the way. Our geographical area still remains the old County Durham area incorporating South Tyne and Wear and the Tees Valley (basically from the Tyne to the Tees) and includes General Youth Clubs / Boxing Clubs / Football Clubs / Fire Cadets / Durham Agency Against Crime / Cleveland Youth Association /Athletic Clubs and others providing a wide mix of clubs from rural to inner-city.
- All have one thing in common - that is to give 100% support to helping our young people become first class citizens as they progress into adulthood.
- Having moved our county office in 2018, we are now well established in 2021 at our premises in Chester-le-Street.
- Honoured by the Queen in 2021 with the Queens Award for Voluntary Service - the highest honour a voluntary organisation can achieve, equivalent to an MBE.

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



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## **BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS UK**

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

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

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

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

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

**Alan Watson** 07917156953

**Simon Healey** 07917156954

Or:-

**George Lee** - North East Group Chairman (01429) 732231



## **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:

### **Durham Association of Boys & Girls Clubs**

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County Durham, DH3 3AU

Telephone & Fax: (0191) 3831894

E-mail: [dabgc@btconnect.com](mailto:dabgc@btconnect.com)

Website: <http://www.dabgc.co.uk>

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Executive Youth Officer: Alan Watson: 07917156953

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## AFFILIATED CLUBS

Auckland Youth and Community Centre  
Bishop Auckland  
County Durham

Aycliffe ABC  
Newton Aycliffe  
County Durham

Barmoor Hub  
Ryton  
Tyne & Wear

Barnard Castle ABC  
Barnard Castle  
Co. Durham

Belle Vue Sports and Community Centre  
Hartlepool  
Cleveland

Blackfyne Juniors FC  
Consett  
Co. Durham

Blaydon Youth and Community Centre  
Blaydon  
Tyne & Wear

Billingham Boxing Academy  
Billingham  
Stockton-on-Tees

Bilton Hall ABC  
Jarrow  
Tyne & Wear

Birtley Athletics Clubs  
Birtley  
Tyne & Wear

Birtley Boxing Club  
Birtley  
Tyne & Wear

Bishop Auckland ABC  
Bishop Auckland  
Co. Durham

Bishop Auckland Table Tennis Club  
Bishop Auckland  
Co. Durham

Blackhill Bounders AC  
Consett  
Co. Durham

Boldon Young Peoples Project  
Boldon  
Tyne & Wear

Bowburn Youth Club  
Bowburn  
Co. Durham

Brandon Boxing Club  
Meadowfield  
Co. Durham

Bo's Boxing  
Sunderland  
Tyne & Wear

Boldon CA Girls  
Washington  
Tyne & Wear

Brandon Carrside Youth & Community Centre  
Brandon  
Co. Durham

Brandon Table Tennis Club  
Brandon  
Co. Durham

Bright Futures  
South Shields  
Tyne & Wear

Cheesy Waffles Project  
Durham  
Co. Durham

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

Chester Moor ABC  
Chester Moor  
Co. Durham

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

Consett AFC Juniors  
Consett  
Co. Durham

Consett Chaos Football Club  
Consett  
Co. Durham

Consett Rugby Club  
Consett  
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

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

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

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

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

Crook Town ABA  
Crook  
Co. Durham

Darlington ABC  
Darlington  
Co. Durham

Darlington Spraire Lads & Lasses FC  
Darlington  
Co. Durham

Darlington Table-Tennis Academy  
Darlington  
Co. Durham

Derwentside AC  
Stanley  
Co. Durham

Delves Lane Phoenix JFC  
Consett  
Co. Durham

District Youth ABC  
Washington  
Tyne & Wear

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

Durham City Centre Youth Project  
Framwellgate Moor  
Co. Durham

Durham County Football Club  
Durham  
Co. Durham



East Durham Boxing Club  
Peterlee  
Co. Durham

Fight Fitness Guru ABC  
Consett  
County Durham

Gateshead Leam Lane ABC  
Gateshead  
Tyne & Wear

Gateshead Cleveland Hall CA  
Gateshead  
Tyne & Wear

Gateshead Redheugh  
Gateshead  
Tyne & Wear

Glenholme Centre  
Crock  
Co. Durham

Grangetown Youth & Community Centre  
Grangetown  
Cleveland

Greens ABC  
Middlesbrough  
Cleveland

Grindon Young Peoples Project  
Sunderland  
Tyne & Wear

Gus Robinson ABC  
Hartlepool  
Cleveland

Hartlepool Catholic BC  
Hartlepool  
Cleveland

Hartlepool Elite Boxing Academy  
Hartlepool  
Cleveland

Hartlepool Cleveland ABC  
Hartlepool  
Cleveland

Hartlepool Headland ABC  
Hartlepool  
Cleveland

Hendon ABC  
Sunderland  
Tyne & Wear

Hordon ABC  
Hordon  
Co. Durham

Horsley Hill ABC  
South Shields  
Tyne & Wear

Houghton & District ABC  
Houghton Le Spring  
Tyne & Wear

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Sunderland  
Tyne & Wear

Hylton Castle & Town End Farm  
Boys and Girls Club  
Sunderland  
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Kensho BJJ  
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Kenton ABC  
Kenton  
Tyne & Wear

Lambton Street Youth Centre  
Sunderland  
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Gateshead  
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Co. Durham

Middlesbrough ABC  
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Cleveland

Natural Progression BA  
Billingham  
Cleveland

North Road Gym ABC  
Stanley  
Co. Durham

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Sunderland  
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Sunderland  
Tyne & Wear

Oxhill Youth Club  
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Perth Green ABC  
Jarrow  
Tyne & wear

Phil Thomas ABC  
Middlesbrough  
Cleveland

Northumberland Fire & Rescue BA  
Cramlington  
Tyne & Wear

Phoenix Flyers AC  
Great Lumley  
Co. Durham

Plains Farm ABC  
Sunderland  
Tyne & Wear

Ryton ABC  
Ryton  
Tyne & Wear

Sacriston Youth Club  
Sacriston  
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Shildon ABC  
Bishop Auckland  
Co. Durham

Shincliffe JFC  
Shincliffe  
Co. Durham

Redcar Boxing Club  
Redcar  
Cleveland

Spennymoor Boxing Academy  
Spennymoor  
Co. Durham

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Sunderland  
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Sunderland Community Action  
Group  
Sunderland  
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The New Welfare ABC  
Hartlepool  
Cleveland

Throston Youth Project  
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<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		
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Donation & Affiliation Fees	3,265	6,775
Sundry	0	250
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<i>Events (Income):</i>		
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Mr. Simon Healey CFCIPD, MSc



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## FOREWORD 2020/21

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

**David Orford**  
Chairman

## TREASURER'S REPORT 2020/21

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

This year the Association has reported an in-year profit of (£30,536). This compares with a reported deficit of (£2,507) in the previous financial year. The majority of this relates to the restriction around activities and has been ring-fenced by the Association in order to support the activities of the Charity. The accounts have been prepared on a cash basis that recognises revenues and expenses at the time physical cash is actually received or paid out.



The accounts show that in the last financial year income increased from £69,882 in 19/20 to £85,415, an increase of £15,533 (22%). The increase in income is attributable to the successful Covid-19 bids and one significant benefactor providing multiple grants. The Association took the decision for the second year running to waive the affiliation fees to show support to all of our clubs at source.

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

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

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

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

### Lyn Younger

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## DABGC VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS

### VISION

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

### MISSION

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

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## AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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



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

## COUNTY POOL CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2020 /21

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

### BOYS

#### Under 12

Winner	Kai Toner	Lambton Street
Runner Up	Jaydon Lane	Lambton Street

#### Under 14

Winner	Corbyn Begg	Lambton Street
Runner Up	Rylie Dimmock	Lambton Street

#### Under 16

Winner	Cameron MacIntosh	Lambton Street
Runner Up	Kyran Marchant	Lambton Street

### GIRLS

#### Under 19

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



## COUNTY TABLE - TENNIS COMPETITION - 2020/21

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

### MALE

#### Under 12

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

#### Under 14

Winner	Harry Flynn	Brandon TTC
Runner Up	Lockie Martin	Brandon TTC

#### Under 16

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

#### Under 19

Winner	Peter Smallcombe	Brandon TTC
Runner Up	Oliver Wilkinson	Brandon TTC

### FEMALE

#### Under 12

Winner	Lucy Hetherington	Bishop Auckland TTC
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#### Under 14

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

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

### BOYS

#### Under 12

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

#### Under 14

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

#### Under 16

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

#### Under 19

Oliver Wilkinson	Brandon TTC	National Champion
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### GIRLS

#### Under 12

Lucy Hetherington	Bishop Auckland TTC	National Champion
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#### Under 14

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

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

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



## THE BETTY WOODWARD YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2020/2021

We had many strong nominations for the Betty Woodward Award, which is awarded on an annual basis to the Young Male and Female Person of the Year from within the affiliated clubs of the Association. The criterion is open-ended except that the young person must be a regular member of the club and aged between 16 years and 21 years. Award winners will be announced at our awards night on Monday, 1st November at the Ramside Hall Hotel, Durham.



## WORLD FEDERATION OF YOUTH CLUBS

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



## DABGC WELLBEING PROJECTS

### GIRLS WELLBEING

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

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



## BOYS WELLBEING

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



## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS

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



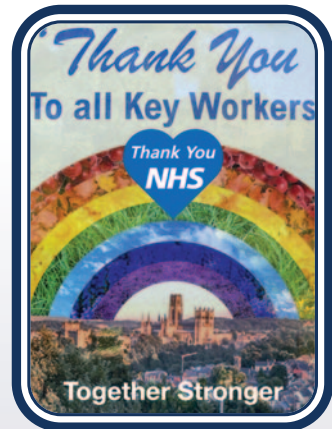
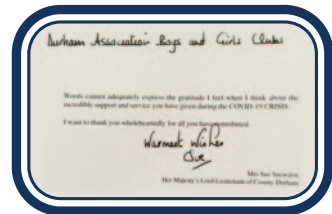
## CORONAVIRUS 2020/21

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

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

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

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



## OYT SAILING RESIDENTIAL - 2020/21

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



## SURFING

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



## DABGC KARTING CHALLENGE - GRAND PRIX 2021

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



## UK CLUB ATHLETICS NABGC CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2021

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

### INDIVIDUAL UK CLUB CHAMPIONS

#### BOYS

##### U11

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

##### U13

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

##### U15

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

##### U17

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

##### U20

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

#### GIRLS

##### U11

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

##### U13

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

##### U15

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

##### U17

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

##### U20

Lauren Jones	Chester-le-Street AC
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## COUNTY TEAM AWARDS

### GIRLS

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

### BOYS

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



## FIRST AID TRAINING - SAVE A LIFE PROJECT

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

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

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



## NEW AFFILIATIONS

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

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

## THE QUEENS AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE 2021

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



## ROYAL VISIT TO DABGC MEMBER CLUB

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





## KEYSTONE AWARDS

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

### Keystone Awards - 2021

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

## HIGH SHERIFF AWARD

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



## OLYMPIC GAMES - TOKYO 2021

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



## CLUB NEWS FEEDBACK AND DEVELOPMENT



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



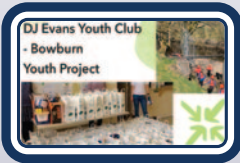
**Brandon Carrside Youth and Community Project** - gained the prestigious High Sheriff Award 2021 and also secured funding for a long awaited new gym floor.



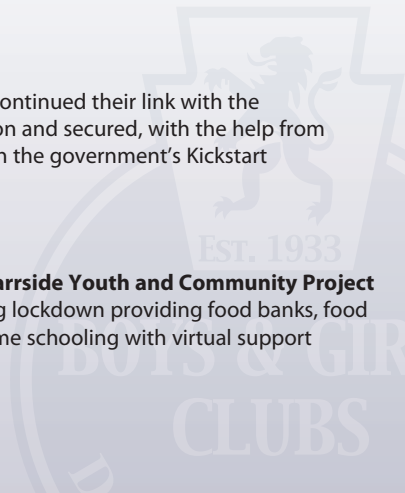
**Jill Scott MBE** – Captained England Women's Football team and received her 150th cap for her country this year - a tremendous achievement.



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



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





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



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

### **New additions to the DABGC 2021 County programme included:**

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

## **BEREAVEMENTS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### SIR BOB MURRAY CBE AWARD

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

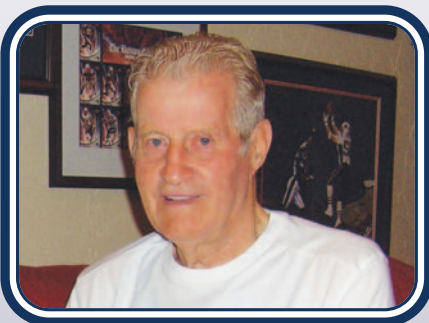


### DAVE LUMLEY LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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

The recipient of the award last year went to **Ed Lown from Birtley AC** for his tremendous dedication to the club and his reliable support at County and National events.

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



## PRESIDENTS MEDAL

- **George Edward Lee**

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

- **Robert Hope**

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

- **Tom Goody - Grindon YPC**

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

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

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

## J.J. GRIFFITHS AWARD

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



## APPLE PROJECT

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



## COUNTY ARTS AND CRAFTS DAY

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

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



## WEARDALE ADVENTURE CENTRE - ACTIVITY DAYS

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



## SUPPORTERS

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

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



**The Queen's Award  
for Voluntary Service**



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



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



- 1933 sees the birth of the **Durham Association of Boys Clubs**.
- 1998 sees the county change its name to the **Durham Association of Clubs for Young People** to fall in line with the change of the National organisation.
- 2012 sees it change again this time to its current name of the **Durham Association of Boys and Girls Clubs** as the National organisation changes its name to Ambition.
- In the early days the National Association of Boys Clubs had been around since 1925 and slowly throughout the country clubs for young boys were in the process of starting up.
- In Durham the first annual report (1933-34) indicates that 7 clubs made up the association - St.Mary's Boys Club - Gateshead / St. Joseph's Boys Club - Sunderland / Chester-le-Street Boys Club / Consett Boys Club / Durham City Boys Club / South Church Boys Club and Silksworth Boys Club together with the Boys sections of the YMCA in different parts of the county.
- Interestingly the President of the National Association at that time was H.R.H The Duke of Gloucester who has carried on the tradition throughout the last 80-90 years.
- The main objectives were to - 'focus on the value of organising useful occupation during the leisure hours of boys from 14-18 years of age' They did this by - Encouraging the formation of clubs and work with existing clubs / to promote an interest in Boys Club work by building up contacts with statutory and other voluntary organisations / to recruit and arrange for training for leaders and helpers / to collect funds to administer activities.

- Over 80 years, these original aims and objectives still hold true. Yes, the age range may have slightly changed and girls are now fully involved (and have been with Durham since the 1950's) but we still look to support the existing club network and encourage others to affiliate to us / work in partnership with others / support and deliver training and provide a wide ranging programme of events and activities.
- Interestingly the first Treasurer of the Durham Association back in 1933 was Frank Nicholson Senior whose family have given so much loyal support to the Association over many years and where Sir Paul and Lady Sarah Nicholson are current Honorary Life Presidents with Frank Nicholson our current President.
- From these early beginnings the Durham Association grew to become a powerful force in competing and (more often) winning National Championships in a wide range of sporting activity. This tradition continues today with many young people competing for their club in county competition before being selected to represent the Association at regional / national or international events and coming home as National Champions.
- Today our Club base has expanded to between 75-85 clubs embracing new activities along the way. Our geographical area still remains the old County Durham area incorporating South Tyne and Wear and the Tees Valley (basically from the Tyne to the Tees) and includes General Youth Clubs / Boxing Clubs / Football Clubs / Fire Cadets / Durham Agency Against Crime/ Police Cadets/ Cleveland Youth Association /Athletic Clubs and others providing a wide mix of clubs from rural to inner-city.
- All have one thing in common - that is to give 100% support to helping our young people become first class citizens as they progress into adulthood.
- Having moved our county office in 2018, we are now well established in 2021 at our premises in Chester-le-Street.
- Honoured by the Queen in 2021 with the Queens Award for Voluntary Service - the highest honour a voluntary organisation can achieve, equivalent to an MBE.

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



**The Queen's Award  
for Voluntary Service**

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## **BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS UK**

### **(Incorporating National Boys Club/National Girls Club-North East Group)**

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

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

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

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

**Alan Watson:** 07917156953

**Simon Healey:** 07917156954

Or:-

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



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

*“Did Boys and Girls Clubs have an impact on your life?”*

### **COVENANTS**

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

### **DIRECT DONATIONS - “Gift Aid”**

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

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

### **SPONSORSHIP**

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

### **GIFTS IN KIND**

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

### **BEQUESTS**

The work of the Clubs will be as important in the future as in the past. So income from legacies and bequests continues to be of immense value to us. For the correct form of words and information on the tax benefits please consult your solicitor when you are drawing up or altering your will. Registered Charity No. 520920

### **ADVERTISING**

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

### **MATCHING DONATIONS**

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



## **PAYROLL GIVING**

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

## **TIME**

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

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

## **MONEY RAISERS**

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

## **SPECIALIST ACTIVITY LEADERS**

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

## **VOLUNTEERS**

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

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County Durham, DH3 3AU  
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E-mail: [dabgc@btconnect.com](mailto:dabgc@btconnect.com)  
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Auckland Youth and Community  
Centre Ltd  
Bishop Auckland  
County Durham

Aycliffe ABC  
Newton Aycliffe  
County Durham

Barmoor Hub  
Ryton  
Tyne & Wear

Belle Vue Sports and Community Centre  
Hartlepool  
Cleveland

Blackfyne Juniors FC  
Consett  
Co. Durham

Blaydon Youth and Community Centre  
Blaydon  
Tyne & Wear

Bilton Hall ABC  
Jarrow  
Tyne & Wear

Birtley Athletics Clubs  
Birtley  
Tyne & Wear

Birtley Boxing Club  
Birtley  
Tyne & Wear

Bishop Auckland ABC  
Bishop Auckland  
Co. Durham

Bishop Auckland Table Tennis Club  
Bishop Auckland  
Co. Durham

Blackhill Bounders AC  
Consett  
Co. Durham

Boldon Young Peoples Project  
Boldon  
Tyne & Wear

Bowburn Youth Club  
Bowburn  
Co. Durham

Brandon Boxing Club  
Meadowfield  
Co. Durham

Bo's Boxing  
Sunderland  
Tyne & Wear

Boldon CA Girls  
Washington  
Tyne & Wear

Brandon Carrside Youth &  
Community Centre  
Brandon  
Co. Durham

Brandon Table Tennis Club  
Brandon  
Co. Durham

Cheesy Waffles Project  
Durham  
Co. Durham

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

Chester Moor ABC  
Chester Moor  
Co. Durham

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

Consett AFC Juniors  
Consett  
Co. Durham

Consett Rugby Club  
Consett  
Co. Durham

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

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Co. Durham

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High Handenhold  
Co. Durham

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Crook Town ABA  
Crook  
Co. Durham

Darlington ABC  
Darlington  
Co. Durham

Darlington Spraire Lads & Lasses FC  
Darlington  
Co. Durham

Derwentside AC  
Stanley  
Co. Durham

Delves Lane Phoenix JFC  
Consett  
Co. Durham

District Youth ABC  
Washington  
Tyne & Wear

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

Durham City Centre Youth Project  
Framwellgate Moor  
Co. Durham

East Durham Boxing Club  
Peterlee  
Co. Durham



Fight Fitness Guru ABC  
Consett  
County Durham

Gateshead Leam Lane ABC  
Gateshead  
Tyne & Wear

Gateshead Cleveland Hall CA  
Gateshead  
Tyne & Wear

Gateshead Redheugh  
Gateshead  
Tyne & Wear

Glenholme Centre  
Crook  
Co. Durham

Grangetown Youth & Community Centre  
Grangetown  
Cleveland

Grindon Young Peoples Project  
Sunderland  
Tyne & Wear

Gus Robinson ABC  
Hartlepool  
Cleveland

Hartlepool Catholic BC  
Hartlepool  
Cleveland

Hartlepool Elite Boxing Academy  
Hartlepool  
Cleveland

Hartlepool Cleveland ABC  
Hartlepool  
Cleveland

Hartlepool Headland ABC  
Hartlepool  
Cleveland

Hendon ABC  
Sunderland  
Tyne & Wear

Hordon ABC  
Hordon  
Co. Durham

Horsley Hill ABC  
South Shields  
Tyne & Wear

Houghton & District ABC  
Houghton Le Spring  
Tyne & Wear

Houghton Harriers & AC  
Sunderland  
Tyne & Wear

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

Kensho BJJ  
Consett  
Co. Durham

Kenton ABC  
Kenton  
Tyne & Wear

Lambton Street Youth Centre  
Sunderland  
Tyne & Wear

Low Fell Running Club  
Gateshead  
Tyne & Wear

Lumley Ladies FC  
Chester-le-Street  
Co. Durham

Middlesbrough ABC  
Middlesbrough  
Cleveland

Natural Progression BA  
Billingham  
Cleveland

North Road Gym ABC  
Stanley  
Co. Durham

North Star ABC  
Sunderland  
Tyne & Wear

Olympian ABC  
Sunderland  
Tyne & Wear

Oxhill Youth Club  
Stanley  
Co. Durham

Perth Green ABC  
Jarrow  
Tyne & wear

Phil Thomas ABC  
Middlebrough  
Cleveland

Northumberland Fire & Rescue BA  
Cramlington  
Tyne & Wear

Phoenix Flyers AC  
Great Lumley  
Co. Durham

Plains Farm ABC  
Sunderland  
Tyne & Wear

Ryton ABC  
Ryton  
Tyne & Wear

Shildon ABC  
Bishop Auckland  
Co. Durham

Shincliffe JFC  
Shincliffe  
Co. Durham

Redcar Boxing Club  
Redcar  
Cleveland

Spennymoor Boxing Academy  
Spennymoor  
Co. Durham

Sunderland ABC  
Sunderland  
Tyne & Wear

Sunderland Harriers & AC  
Sunderland  
Tyne & Wear

Sunderland Community Action  
Group  
Sunderland  
Tyne & Wear

Throston Youth Project  
Hartlepool  
Cleveland

Ward Degans ABC  
Darlington  
Co. Durham

Wearmouth ABC  
Sunderland  
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## **THANK YOU**

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## Why BBi are our Perfect Partner

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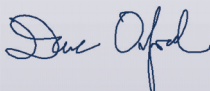
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**Mr David Orford, Chair**  
6th July 2021  
On behalf of the Board of Trustees

DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 set out on pages 5 to 7.

### **RESPECT RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES AND THE EXAMINER**

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of accounts; you consider that the audit requirements of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 2011 does not apply. It is our responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to our attention.

### **BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

As the Charity's Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts prepared with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act

I have completed my examination. I have identified no matters of concern to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

### **Michael Kirtley BA (Hons) ACMA**

Leeds Teaching Hospitals  
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6th July 2021

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	Genera Fund 2021 £	General Fund 2020 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		
<i>Subscriptions &amp; Donations:</i>		
Subscribers	78,129	57,308
Affiliation Fees	6,775	6,008
<i>Sundry</i>	250	0
Deposit account interest	262	398
<i>Events (Income):</i>		
Fundraising/Competitions	0	1,411
Golf Day	0	1,854
Other	0	2,904
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>85,415</b>	<b>69,882</b>
<b>EXPENDED RESOURCES</b>		
<b>Management &amp; administration of the Charity</b>		
Salaries and Wages	29,733	26,727
Staff Expenses	966	1,778
Legal Expenses	4,948	6,303
Rent, Lighting & Heating	2,400	2,563
Printing and Stationery	3,616	1,945
Training	410	850
Postage	202	62
Telephone / Broadband	503	2,484
Insurance	544	1,134
Travel Expense & Admin	1,799	10,811
Subscription	1,875	0
IT Equipment	0	0
Sundry Expenses	155	0
Misc. Equipment	0	4,565
<i>Events (Expenditure):</i>		
Refund due to Covid-19	(4,525)	0
<i>Events (Expenditure):</i>		
Fundraising/Competitions	12,255	13,169
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>54,880</b>	<b>72,390</b>
<b>NET RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>30,536</b>	<b>(2,507)</b>
Balances transferred from charity at 01-Apr	22,691	25,198
Adjustments from prior years	0	0
Balances carried forward at 31-Mar	53,226	22,691

All of the charity's funds are considered to be unrestricted by the Trustees.



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**BALANCE SHEET 31 MARCH 2021**

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>101,677</u>	<u>74,190</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<u><u>101,677</u></u>	<u><u>74,190</u></u>
Represented by:		
<b>FUNDS</b>		
Unrestricted General fund	19,063	16,385
Ringfenced General Fund	31,113	6,305
Designated - Development fund	11,000	11,000
Designated - Contingency reserve	<u>40,500</u>	<u>40,500</u>
	<u><u>101,677</u></u>	<u><u>74,190</u></u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities. In preparing the financial statements the charity follows best practice as laid down in the Statement of Recommended Practice (Accounting and Reporting by Charities).

### 2. EMPLOYEES REMUNERATION

Total remuneration for the year amounted to £29,733.

### 3. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the charity was paid or payable for the year to any trustee or to any connected persons.

### 4. FUNDS AND FUND TRANSFERS

All of the Charity's funds are considered by the Trustees to be unrestricted. The Trustees have set aside funds as designated funds as follows.

#### Ring-Fenced General Fund

The Charity has ringfenced funds which relate to specific activities/events.

#### Contingent Fund (previously reported as Building Fund)

There are no movements on the fund during the year. The fund has been set up to provide as a contingency and reserve in the event of unforeseen circumstances that cannot be funded in year. There are no known commitments against this fund at the balance sheet date.

#### Development Fund

The purpose of this fund is to promote new initiatives and to expand the services of the Association. There are no movements on the fund during the year.



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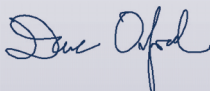
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### **BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

As the Charity's Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts prepared with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act

I have completed my examination. I have identified no matters of concern to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

### **Michael Kirtley BA (Hons) ACMA**

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6th July 2021

DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	Genera Fund 2021 £	General Fund 2020 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		
<i>Subscriptions &amp; Donations:</i>		
Subscribers	78,129	57,308
Affiliation Fees	6,775	6,008
<i>Sundry</i>	250	0
Deposit account interest	262	398
<i>Events (Income):</i>		
Fundraising/Competitions	0	1,411
Golf Day	0	1,854
Other	0	2,904
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>85,415</b>	<b>69,882</b>
<b>EXPENDED RESOURCES</b>		
<b>Management &amp; administration of the Charity</b>		
Salaries and Wages	29,733	26,727
Staff Expenses	966	1,778
Legal Expenses	4,948	6,303
Rent, Lighting & Heating	2,400	2,563
Printing and Stationery	3,616	1,945
Training	410	850
Postage	202	62
Telephone / Broadband	503	2,484
Insurance	544	1,134
Travel Expense & Admin	1,799	10,811
Subscription	1,875	0
IT Equipment	0	0
Sundry Expenses	155	0
Misc. Equipment	0	4,565
<i>Events (Expenditure):</i>		
Refund due to Covid-19	(4,525)	0
<i>Events (Expenditure):</i>		
Fundraising/Competitions	12,255	13,169
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>54,880</b>	<b>72,390</b>
<b>NET RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>30,536</b>	<b>(2,507)</b>
Balances transferred from charity at 01-Apr	22,691	25,198
Adjustments from prior years	0	0
Balances carried forward at 31-Mar	53,226	22,691

All of the charity's funds are considered to be unrestricted by the Trustees.



DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
**BALANCE SHEET 31 MARCH 2021**

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>101,677</u>	<u>74,190</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<u><u>101,677</u></u>	<u><u>74,190</u></u>
Represented by:		
<b>FUNDS</b>		
Unrestricted General fund	19,063	16,385
Ringfenced General Fund	31,113	6,305
Designated - Development fund	11,000	11,000
Designated - Contingency reserve	<u>40,500</u>	<u>40,500</u>
	<u><u>101,677</u></u>	<u><u>74,190</u></u>

DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities. In preparing the financial statements the charity follows best practice as laid down in the Statement of Recommended Practice (Accounting and Reporting by Charities).

### 2. EMPLOYEES REMUNERATION

Total remuneration for the year amounted to £29,733.

### 3. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the charity was paid or payable for the year to any trustee or to any connected persons.

### 4. FUNDS AND FUND TRANSFERS

All of the Charity's funds are considered by the Trustees to be unrestricted. The Trustees have set aside funds as designated funds as follows.

#### Ring-Fenced General Fund

The Charity has ringfenced funds which relate to specific activities/events.

#### Contingent Fund (previously reported as Building Fund)

There are no movements on the fund during the year. The fund has been set up to provide as a contingency and reserve in the event of unforeseen circumstances that cannot be funded in year. There are no known commitments against this fund at the balance sheet date.

#### Development Fund

The purpose of this fund is to promote new initiatives and to expand the services of the Association. There are no movements on the fund during the year.



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RESPECT  
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CELEBRATION  
TOGETHER STRONGER**

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