

PRESIDENTIAL TERM EXTENDED



The Lancashire Board have asked the current President, Gill Burns MBE, to stay in post for a further season.

"It seemed unfair on Gill, who up to the lockdown, had been enjoying her term as President." Mark Downs, County Secretary commented. "It was shaping up to be the Counties most successful season on the pitch, with many of our age grade sides having had 100% win rate and for Gill not to see it to the end would be a great shame."

Brian Stott, the County Senior Vice President, very graciously delayed his Presidential term until the 2021-22 season.

The Board have also taken the decision to delay the Annual General Meeting until further information comes from the government and a decision can be made. Usually held on the 3rd Wednesday of June it will now be held at a later date the season or by a virtual format pending the Covid virus lockdown ruling.

Most Lancashire Clubs Positive

County Treasurer, Paul Deakin, has been busy helping clubs navigate their way through the financial issues they face with clubs closed and no rugby being played. A series of grants from the County have been made to those clubs who were in the most serious financial need.

So far to date £30,000 has been given out in grants of between £2-5,000 from the reserves and from the RFU CB Annual funding. What has been apparent is the number of clubs who have not applied for a grant stating that other clubs may be in greater need of immediate financial help.



The County Officers along with RFU staff have been holding a series of cluster meetings with clubs to see what plans they have for when we return to rugby. All the meetings have been very positive with clubs managing to stay in touch with their members in a wide variety of ways.

County leads in Mental Health Awareness

Under the direction of Gary Morgan who is the Rugby Safe Lead for the County, Lancashire have launched the "Cauliflower Ear" campaign.

Its designed to give all our clubs and their members someone to speak to should they be feeling anxious or worried, not just during the Covid Crisis but in to the future as well. We are looking for volunteers within clubs who will act as someone to lend an Ear, and be a mate.



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