

Club Information Sheet

19th June 2020

Clubs with specific queries relating to any topic included in the information sheet should contact the WRU Helpdesk clubdevelopment@wru.wales for further guidance.

Club Catch Up

This week, Paul Kirk (Treasurer and Director) at Whitland RFC Ltd talks to the Club Development Team about how the club are keeping engaged with sponsors, innovative ways to maintain an income stream during lockdown and the plans to develop an additional pitch over the Summer period. The call can be accessed by following the link below:-

[Whitland RFC](#)

Regional Club Drop In Sessions

The final round of drop in calls were held this week with clubs from both North Wales and the Ospreys region. In total, over 50 clubs attended the sessions over the previous 3 weeks. A summary of the main topics discussed are provided below:-

- Personal Protective Equipment
- Engaging with members and volunteers
- Sharing best practice
- Access to funding
- Communication with clubs
- Club Development Plans
- Membership
- Sport Wales support
- Sponsorship opportunities
- Online training & resources

The pilot drop in sessions have been well received and given us valuable feedback on how these calls could be structured in the future. We will use this feedback to structure a more formal series of evening drop ins which will include guest speakers, club case studies and opportunities to ask questions of panellists.

Facilities Working Group

We recently conducted an Impact Survey exercise with our member clubs to determine their financial sustainability in the short to medium term, and the subsequent affect, Covid-19 lockdown has had on their business. With a strong return rate of 259 clubs submitting an Impact Survey, the findings concluded that all but 2 clubs will have sufficient financial reserves to last the next 6 month period. Addressing the survey findings, a key recommendation of next steps that has since been approved by WRU Board, involves commissioning a Working Group. The group will be tasked with ensuring facilities are ready to accommodate club based activities when Welsh Government guidance allows.