MIDDLESBROUGH RUGBY CLUB

SEASON 2026/27



MIDDLESBROUGH V ILKLEY

Saturday 28th November 2026

KO: 2.00pm

MATCH SPONSOR

HOMEWARE ESSENTIALS

www.bororugby.co.uk

RFU Accredited Club



RTS

JOINERY & SHOPFITTING SPECIALISTS LTD

Joinery and Retail Solutions Worldwide

Stainton Vale Farm, Stockton on Tees, TS17 9LG

Tel: 01642 577469 Fax: 01642 598165

Mobile: 07860 393117

Email: enquiries@rtsjoinery.co.uk

www.rtsjoinery.co.uk

Middlesbrough Rugby Club

Founded 1872
ACKLAM PARK, GREEN LANE
ACKLAM, MIDDLESBROUGH, TS5 7SL
Telephone 01642 818567

President:
Tom Argument
(M) 07706 074043
email: tom.argument@gmail.com

Chairman & SVP:
Phil Tilson
(M) 07884 077141
email: tilphilson@yahoo.co.uk

Hon General Secretary:
Ross Webber
(M) 07511 089073
email: rossw.mrufc@gmail.com

Vice Chair:
Lee Richardson
(M) 07817 670694
email: leerugbyricho@hotmail.co.uk

Treasurer:
Mike Wood
(M) 07425 903633
email: mikewood66@hotmail.com

Director of Rugby:
Steve Todd
(M) 07381 677911
email: stodd_scp@outlook.com

Past Presidents:
D Storey; B Coyne BEM; CW McNeill; GRW Pargeter, JP; S Micklewright; K Bircham; WHH Hibbert; D Waddington OBE; M Wright; PF Riley; ML Read; J Hodgson; NP Clarkson JP; Brig TT Sheffield CEE TD DL; WH Hinton; T Dormand Stewart

Past Chairs
CW McNeill; M Wright; S Micklewright; WHH Hibbert; D Waddington OBE; GRW Pargeter JP; J Redmayne; S Foster; WH Twizell; TW Clarkson TD; MJP Sheffield TD TL; JP Horrocks Taylor; V Heron TD; Brig TT Sheffield CEE TD DL

Honorary Life Members:
K Bircham; B Coyne BEM; WHH Hibbert; PF Riley; R Underwood MBE DSc Hon DL; MMS Willis; M Wright

---

Rugby Contact	**Name**	**Email**	**Phone**
Head Coach	Ollie Hodgson	olliechodgson@gmail.com	07504 334806
Wasps	Mark Willis	markwillis3@sky.com	07515 521953
A Team	Steven Hoare	stehoare@hotmail.com	07842 069360
Colts	Rob Kensey	kenseyrob@yahoo.co.uk	07761 028599
Juniors	Ross Jeffries	ross_jefferies@hotmail.com	07834 454248
Minis	Nico Dewhirst	ndewhirst@hotmail.com	07908 951350
Sports Therapist	Eric Leach	eric_brian61@yahoo.co.uk	07951 214883

Admin contacts	**Name**	**Email**	**Phone**
Data Protection Officer	Dan Houchen	mrufcdpo@gmail.com	07949 751187
Entertainment Secretary	Simon Orchard-Moore	simon-moore7@sky.com	07766 011106
Match Secretary	Andy Murray	andymurray088@gmail.com	01642 951668
Membership Secretary	Mark Willis	markwillis3@sky.com	07515 521953
Press Officer	Sarah Webber	press.mrufc@gmail.com	07935 329086
Safeguarding Officer	Peter McPhillips	mrufcsafeguarding@gmail.com	07718 628420
Schools Liaison	Bernie Coyne	berniecoyne1@gmail.com	07991 839413
Sponsorship Secretary	Walter Hibbert	walterhhibert@gmail.com	07703 395790
Volunteers & Lions Park	Gemma Richardson	gemmarichardson549@gmail.com	07841 034827
Webmaster	Michael McMahon	macca.mrufc@outlook.com	07986 435848

HOMEWARE ESSENTIALS™

Proud supporters of Middlesbrough Rugby Club

SUPPLYING CONVENIENCE STORES NATIONWIDE

TRADING WITH:

Budgens Costcutter SPAR

best-one Premier Nisa

gainsmore Londis home hardware

Call: 01642 774321
Email: sales@homewareessentials.co.uk

www.homewareessentials.co.uk


ACKLAM
CAR CENTRE
THE NORTH EASTS NUMBER ONE DEALERSHIP FOR PRE OWNED PREMIUM AND 4X4 BRANDS
FREE CAR VALUATION
ACKLAM CAR CENTRE
www.acklamcarcentre.co.uk
01642 813376
ACKLAM
Trustpilot
AutoTrader
Google
facebook
WWW.ACKLAMCARCENTRE.CO.UK
T: 01642 813376
237 ACKLAM ROAD
MIDDLESBROUGH,
CLEVELAND
TS5 7AB
BEST PRICES PAID FOR PART EX
FINANCE AVAILABLE
/ACKLAMCARS
/ACKLAMCARCENTRE
/ACKLAMCARCENTRE
/ACKLAMCARCENTRE

LITHGOW SONS & PARTNERS EST. 1868

Chartered Surveyors, Auctioneers & Valuers



Mouseman Desk and Stool sold for £1745

- Weekly Auctions of Residential and Commercial Effects including Garage Clearances.
- Professional RICS Asset Valuations: Probate, Acquisition Sales, Divorce, Loan Security, Take over / Merges.
- Specialist Sales of Woodworking, Metalworking & Vintage Machinery, Catering Equipment, Stock Clearance, Commercial & Domestic Vehicles.

www.lithgowsauctions.com Tel: 01642 710158

The Auction Houses, Station Road, Stokesley, TS9 7AB

A Welcome FROM THE HON GENERAL SECRETARY: ROSS WEBBER



Hello everyone. I'm very excited to provide my second ever match day programme welcome. So, welcome to all our supporters and the travelling contingent from Ilkley. I am sure our visitors will entertain on the park. I recall our last meeting down in LS29, which produced an eminently watchable game. I am looking forward to a resilient performance from the boys in maroon, combined with the attacking flair we know they are capable of. It has been a very tough start for our lads, with an injury ravaged squad. Our support is incredibly important. Let's give them the backing and encouragement their battling has earned.

Work continues behind the scenes in committee meetings and subsequent actions follow deliberated decisions. One of which is an attempt to be more communicative with our membership. I am hopeful that some of the communications are getting through, the most recent detailing a variety of updates, such as:

- **The York fixture shuffle:** Home game is now next week, on December 5 with the away leg at York on April 3.
- **Lions Park Investment:** Listening to the feedback, we understand there are members who wish to help but the loan amount of £1,000 is discouraging. If you are willing to help, in any way, please get in touch with our Treasurer, Mike Wood.
- A HUGE THANKS to our **Volunteers:** We simply could not function without the incredible help of our volunteers. We always need more. If you are interested, please get in touch with our Volunteers Coordinator, Gemma Richardson.
- We strongly encourage you to visit, like and follow, our **social media**. We update our own **website**, and we are active on each of **Facebook**, **Instagram** and **LinkedIn**. These are a rich source of information about the club and club events.
- **Fundraising:** Please contact Tom Argument to participate in the **250 Club**. Please support our **Raffle** run by Glenis, Jan and Ann. We are also running a **Christmas Draw**. Tickets are available from coaches, committee members and from the bar at Acklam Park. Top prize is £500 with many other prizes.
- **Events:** We run lots of events that are promoted on our socials. For example, tonight there is the **Race Night** to raise funds to buy gifts for children in families that need some help this Christmas. **Burns night** is coming at the end of January. **Ladies Day** is on March 6, etc. For more information, or to help with any of our events, please have a chat with our Chairman, Phil Tilson, Gemma Richardson, or our Entertainments Secretary, Simon Orchard-Moore.

I want to extend a special thank you to the Management Committee for their patience and indulgence, allowing me time to assimilate, make mistakes, and settle into this (not unchallenging) role. The amount of volunteer work performed behind the scenes is often unnoticed, unsung, immeasurable and invaluable.

I will close with a special thank you to Sarah and Jack (and Alys) for ***their*** patience and indulgence. Sarah and Jack have gleefully attend all the games, in rain, shine, sleet or hail, and my family has gracefully allowed MRUFC to usurp precious hours (including the Walking Rugby game I played against Redcar last night).

Onwards and upwards Boro. *Ross*



A team that's built on excellence!

Attis Insurance Brokers Limited are proud to support Middlesbrough Rugby Club.

Attis Insurance Brokers Ltd
Port of Middlesbrough,
Riverside Park Road, Middlesbrough, TS2 1UT
T: 01642 433022
E: teesside@attisinsurancebrokers.com

www.attisinsurancebrokers.com

Attis is a trading name of Attis Insurance Brokers Ltd, a company that is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA)

attis
BALANCE SHEET PROTECTORS

TODAY'S OPPONENTS: ILKLEY RFC

Today we welcome our friends from the mid-west of Yorkshire. Ilkley are sitting comfortably in the top half of the table in 5th place. Ilkley have had a topsy-turvy season having won four of eight, with big wins over Scunthorpe, Sandal, Blaydon and Hull, and a 19-19 draw versus Driffield, coupled with losses to Scarborough and Alnwick.

In their last outing, York took advantage of a numerous penalty kicks to inflict Ilkley with a 32-27 loss. They will be looking to put in a better performance today.

The Ilkley club 'officially' dates to 1899, but it is likely their origins stretch back almost as far as Boro's. The first recorded date the Boro 1st XV played Ilkley was on the March 6, 1954. We lost that friendly by 8-3. Prior to last season, our most recent engagement was in 1976. On that occasion Boro were victorious 62-6 in the Yorkshire Cup (we went on to win the cup that year).



Last season, we rekindled this decades old rivalry. We took a battering at home, losing 10-60 in October 2025 with Brendan Hill and Aedan Moloney dotting down for Boro. A far better performance last January in the return leg at Stacks Field saw Boro win the second half, but lose the game 73-36 with tries from Ollie Hodgson, Ali Lang, Myles Colvin, Rob Carney and two from Matthew Marsay.

We very much appreciate the commitment to journey up here from Denton Road and we hope Ilkley's travelling contingent enjoy the Middlesbrough hospitality.

*We also extend a warm welcome to today's referee **Matt Atkinson**. Matt hails from the South Yorkshire Society. Matt is a personal trainer and used to play in the back row for Doncaster. Matt officiated at Acklam Park this February, overseeing the game between Boro and Alnwick. Matt is joined on the sidelines by Assessor, Dermot Collins and Coach, Kevan Cranshaw.*

Another first class team from the North.

Proud supporters of
Middlesbrough Rugby Club.



wardhadaway.com

ward hadaway

MIDDLESBROUGH 19 V DRIFFIELD 33

Saturday, November 7, 2026. 2pm at Acklam Park



Elliot Ward



Harry Bryce

Middlesbrough suffered defeat at home as they continue to grapple with significant injury woes. Boro were forced to shuffle the team again, with Brendan Hill moving to centre, Aedan Moloney continuing to fill in as number 8, and the recently retired Adam Marron drafted in to play flanker. It was not enough to contain a powerful forwards' performance from Driffield.

Driffield struck early, with a huge driving maul pouring over the Middlesbrough line for an early converted try (0-7). Capitalising on the mismatch in size and strength, the visitors kept the ball with their forwards and a well-coordinated maul saw Driffield force their way over for another converted try (0-14).

Middlesbrough fought back, battering the Driffield line with heavy carries from Hill, Moloney, Marron, Elliot Ward and Joe Sawdon. An excellent take in the lineout by Rio Davies saw the ball recycled, landing with scrum half, Jack Jeffers who threw a dummy and cut through the line for a try. Hill converted (7-14).

Driffield reasserted their dominance, but the Boro defence was tenacious until the visitors won a scrum 15 yards out. Driffield went down the blindside for a try in the corner. Driffield immediately scored again. From the base of a scrum on the centre spot, their scrum half ran around the flanks and cruised down the pitch for a converted try, and a half time score of 7-26.

Driffield's dominance up front continued in the second half, yet Boro were impressive when able to secure possession. With the visitors giving away penalties, captain Jack McPhillips collected a bouncing ball, setting up a series of crash balls, ultimately resulting in a well-earned try for Ward (12-26).

Although Driffield's scrum power provided the platform for another converted try (12-33), Boro had a boost when Sam Gaudie came on as a substitute in the closing stages. He popped the ball to Hill to crash over for a wonderful team-try (19-33).

Boro threatened to score again and earn a four-try bonus point when a chip from Gaudie was collected by Luke Roche, who broke his tackle and passed to McPhillips, however, the pass was ruled as forward, leaving the final score at 19-33.

HULL 59 V MIDDLESBROUGH 26

Saturday, November 21, 2026. 2pm at Ferens Ground, Hull.



Brendan Hill



Jack McPhillips and Sam Gaudie

Middlesbrough were beaten by Alnwick in a closely fought battle in wet and windy conditions at Acklam Park on Saturday. The victory sent Alnwick to the top of the League. Boro put up a valiant fight against a team aiming for automatic promotion, despite still missing some key players, such as Ollie Hodgson, Sam Gaudie and Harley Wright.

Boro drew first blood, with winger, Brendan Hill deftly collecting a beautiful cross field kick from Rob Carney, shaking off an attempted tackle to score at pace. He then landed the tricky conversion, despite the swirling wind (7-0).

Alnwick pushed back, keeping the ball in hand phase after phase, eventually wriggling over the line for a converted try to tie the score. After a period of back-and-forth possession, featuring solid defensive tackling on both sides, and high floating kicks forced back by the wind, the visitors' forward pack drove over for another try (7-14).

Hill added to his tally after Alnwick were penalised for offside, defying the gusts with a superb penalty kick (10-14).

Showing dominance in the scrum, Alnwick pushed forward again. With tight handling they secured another converted try, but Boro narrowed the lead, when the visitors were penalised for not releasing. Hill landed another beauty, bringing the half time score to 13-21.

Middlesbrough were able to cut the lead to one point at the start of the second half (20-21), with Carney sending an intelligently placed chip through the gap. Captain, Jack McPhillips nipped through to collect it, feeding the ball to Hill, who raced in for a glorious try.

The incessant conditions were taking their toll, with lineouts, kicking and ball-handling proving difficult and resulting in some scrappy play. Alnwick turned the screw, scoring two converted tries, extending their lead to 20-35. In typical Boro fashion, the home team never surrendered, battling to the end. From a scrum on their own five-yard line, Hill raced up the pitch, gaining valuable territory, pushing play into the Alnwick half. Jack Jeffers cut through a gap and Middlesbrough recycled through phases, with Rohan Brown going over to secure a third try for Boro. The referee blew the final whistle after Hill converted, taking his personal tally for the game to 22, and the final score to 27-35.

Boro just missed out on a losing bonus point, but McPhillips was proud of his team's performance against strong opposition in challenging conditions, 'It has been a tough few weeks results-wise, but we can go into Blaydon next week with confidence after the performance today. It was also great to see Jack Cook get his first team tie.'



The advisers businesses and individuals turn to

5	150+	20+	5,500+
Northern locations	Expert staff	Services	Clients supported

OUR SERVICES

- Audit & accountancy
- Business planning
- Consulting
- Corporate finance
- Grants advisory
- Outsourcing
- Tax compliance & advisory
- VAT & indirect tax

AWARD-WINNING ACCOUNTANTS

CliveOwen



Accountancy Advisory Audit Tax

www.cliveowen.com

THE COLTS

BORO 53 V MALTON & NORTON 0

Saturday, November 15, 2026 at Acklam Park



Henry Vaux



Boro Colts hosted Malton & Norton in the Yorkshire Colts League. After a couple of tough fixtures, the Boro lads were keen to turn things around and get back to winning ways, although still badly disrupted by injuries.

Boro started the match well, putting pressure on the Malton defence and setting up good field position. Malton's defence initially stood up to the challenge and kept Boro at bay. The deadlock was broken in the sixth minute when Jamie Dixon found space in the red zone and crashed over for the opening try. Boro continued to control the first half with Malton rarely getting into Boro's 22. Further tries then came at regular intervals through Oscar Watson, Rich Kensey, Sam Watson and Man of the Match, Henry Vaux. Henry must have been watching a lot of Ellis Genge as he was unstoppable with ball in hand. Half time came with Boro 31 nil up.

The message from the Boro coaches was to not ease off. The objective was to keep Malton to nil points. Boro maintained dominance with field position and further tries came from Jackson Palmer and Rich Kensey. Henry Vaux once again showed his strength with ball in hand. His second try involved a dummy in the opposition 22 and a run round under the posts to cap off a fine performance. Boro kept Malton out leaving the final score Boro 53 v Malton 0. Boro travel to Malton & Norton on November 29 in the Yorkshire Cup. Malton will be keen to put in a performance and try and turn things around.

GUISBOROUGH 24 V MIDDLESBROUGH 36

Sunday, November 22, 2026 at Guisborough



Joe Lofts



With a sharp frost overnight, the pitch was deemed playable with the 1pm kick off allowing the Winter sun to soften the ground.

For the first time in several weeks Boro were able to take a squad of 20 players into this match, which helped a lot in squad rotation. Once again though the team was hit with injuries. Fly half Josh Howes pulled up in the warmup, meaning the back line got reshuffled with Lucas Swan going to 10 and Alfie Hall, making his debut for the club, coming in at 13.

Early in the game, hooker Jake Coulson crashed over from close range after good pressure from the forwards. Guisborough were again scrambling for safety in their red zone when Rich Kensey charged down a kick and regathered the ball to score under the posts. The Boro pack were beginning to take control, winning collisions and getting over the gain line, giving good ball to Oscar Griffiths at 9. He was supplying good ball to runners off him or onto Swan at 10. Unfortunately, the injury jinx continued for Boro with captain Kensey having to leave the field with a pulled hamstring, resulting in yet another backline reshuffle. But the Boro pack weren't in the mood to ease off. Jake Coulson scored his second and third tries before half time rewarding the dominance the pack had exerted. Guisborough responded, scoring two tries, one of which was a great team try, going through several pairs of hands to score under the posts, leaving the half time score Guisborough 14 v Boro 24

The second half was a more even contest, with both teams scoring two tries each. Boro's first went to Stevie Andrews with a good finish out wide after a period of sustained pressure by the Boro pack in the opposition 22. The final try for Boro went to Jake Coulson, scoring his fourth of the match, after a new training ground four-man line out sent the hooker over the line. Man of the Match went to Joe Lofts for his abrasive carries and excellent play in the tight. Joe, along with the rest of the Boro pack, set up the victory for Boro.



Some Words from the President

On behalf of Middlesbrough Rugby Club, I extend a warm welcome to our guests today, Ilkley RUFC. They are proving to be another side challenging for promotion. We know they are a well drilled team and have some excellent backs who always entertain.

While we continue to struggle with an ever-increasing injury list, the squads are working hard with the coaches to improve and play attacking rugby. So, let us get behind all our teams and give them our full support. This was exemplified by the impressive and vocal travelling crew that went down to support at Hull, despite our league position and the prospect of exciting internationals on TV.

Away from the field, I want to thank everyone who supported our recent fund-raising activities including our best ever Cash 4 Kids and Bonfire Nights. These events are critical to our survival as a club, and I cannot thank the army of volunteers enough. I ask that we all support the sale of raffle tickets and encourage you all to get your hands on some of the tickets for the Christmas Draw which will take place on Sunday, December 20, with a first prize of £500, in addition to a host of other cash prizes. That Sunday, we will also be holding the December 250 Club draw which will feature a £1,000 prize, so why not plan this date into your Christmas calendar?

Finally, please remember to book your place with Mike & Glenis for Christmas Lunch next Saturday when we play York.

Regards,

Tom Argument

Laws of the Game – MYTH BUSTER

Law 11 - Knock on or Throw Forward.

There are 7 sub sections to this law. Here is one that is often misunderstood:

11.5 There is no sanction, and play continues, if:

11.5.b. A player rips or knocks the ball from a ball carrier and the ball goes forward from the original ball carrier's hand or arm.

ACKLAM PARK
home of
MIDDLESBROUGH RUGBY CLUB
also
Function Room
For Hire
Contact: Ian Collingwood
01642 818567

MIDDLESBROUGH RUGBY CLUB MONTHLY DRAW

250 Club

Sign up now for SIX chances to win £1,000!

Every month 3 numbers are drawn out with the first prize alternating monthly.
Each October, December, February, April, June and August it is £1,000!
The other months it is £200.

The second and third prizes are always £150 and £60.

A monthly standing order for £5, or an annual standing order or cash lump sum of £60 gets you 3 chances a month, 36 chances a year, to win cash prizes, whilst helping the club to raise funds.

DON'T DELAY, ACT TODAY AND GIVE YOURSELF THE CHANCE TO WIN

Get more information from:

Tom Argument (tom.argument@gmail.com)



Lions Park Investment

If you see people walking around the club wearing this pin, it means they are investors in the future of our youth. Please join them and help us secure the facilities at Lions Park on Tollesby Road.

More than 30 Club Members have already supported this Investment Bond / Club Loan. **HUGE THANKS** to them. We know there are more of you out there who are able and willing to help, but perhaps just don't know what to do. If you want to contribute (**any amount**), please get in touch. The loans are repayable on demand.

It is really simple to help. We have the documentation ready. All you have to do is contact Club Treasurer, Mike Wood on: mikewood66@hotmail.com.

Lions Park is used for our Juniors and Minis, so you can understand the importance and what it means for the future of the Club and community.

Ladies Day

It's advanced notice that Ladies Day is scheduled for **Saturday, March 6, 2027**.

Get it in your diaries, and contact Jan Coyne for further info...



Condolences.

MRUFC was sad to learn of the passing of Sheila Laverick, wife of Ian.

Ian is a former First Team player and both he and Sheila were great long-term supporters of the club.

The funeral will be held at Acklam Crematory on Friday, December 2 at 2:30pm.

The Club extends its profound condolences.



Matchday Sponsors: Homeware Essentials

A big thanks to Mike & Michelle Brown who founded their independent retailer in Eston, Middlesbrough in 1996. Like many retailers, Mike felt let down by unreliable suppliers and wholesalers who would arrive late and offer badly selected, low quality products. They launched Homeware Essentials to provide respectable non-food supplies at sensible prices with a dependable service – a convenience supplier for convenience stores.

Mike is a regular on the sidelines, home and away, and we thank him and Michelle for their longtime support.

The students at King's Academy

are just one of the teams enjoying successful evenings of inter-schools' rugby at Acklam Park, playing competitive matches versus a variety of opposition including Acklam Grange, Trinity and Macmillan. Brilliantly organised by Mr Paul 'Jono' Johnson these evenings provide a fantastic opportunity for year sevens to try out our wonderful sport. It was wonderful to see so many pupils getting involved, showing great teamwork, determination and enthusiasm. Our thanks to Jono and we look forward to hosting even more school events at the rugby club.



REGIONAL 1

MIDDLESBROUGH

Saturday 28th Nove

TOT	DROP	PEN	CON	TRY	No	
					15	Jacob Swan
					14	Harry Bryce
					13	Aedan Moloney
					12	Rob Carney
					11	Luke Roche
					10	Sam Gaudie
					9	Jack Jeffers
					1	Jack Cook
					2	Joe Sawdon
					3	Myles Colvin
					4	Patrick O'Brien
					5	Marcus Lang
					6	Elliot Ward
					7	Rohan Brown
					8	Rio Davies
					16	Martin Quinn
					17	Joe McNeill
					18	Chris Lord
					19	Shay Barritt
					20	Sean Moloney
					21	
					22	

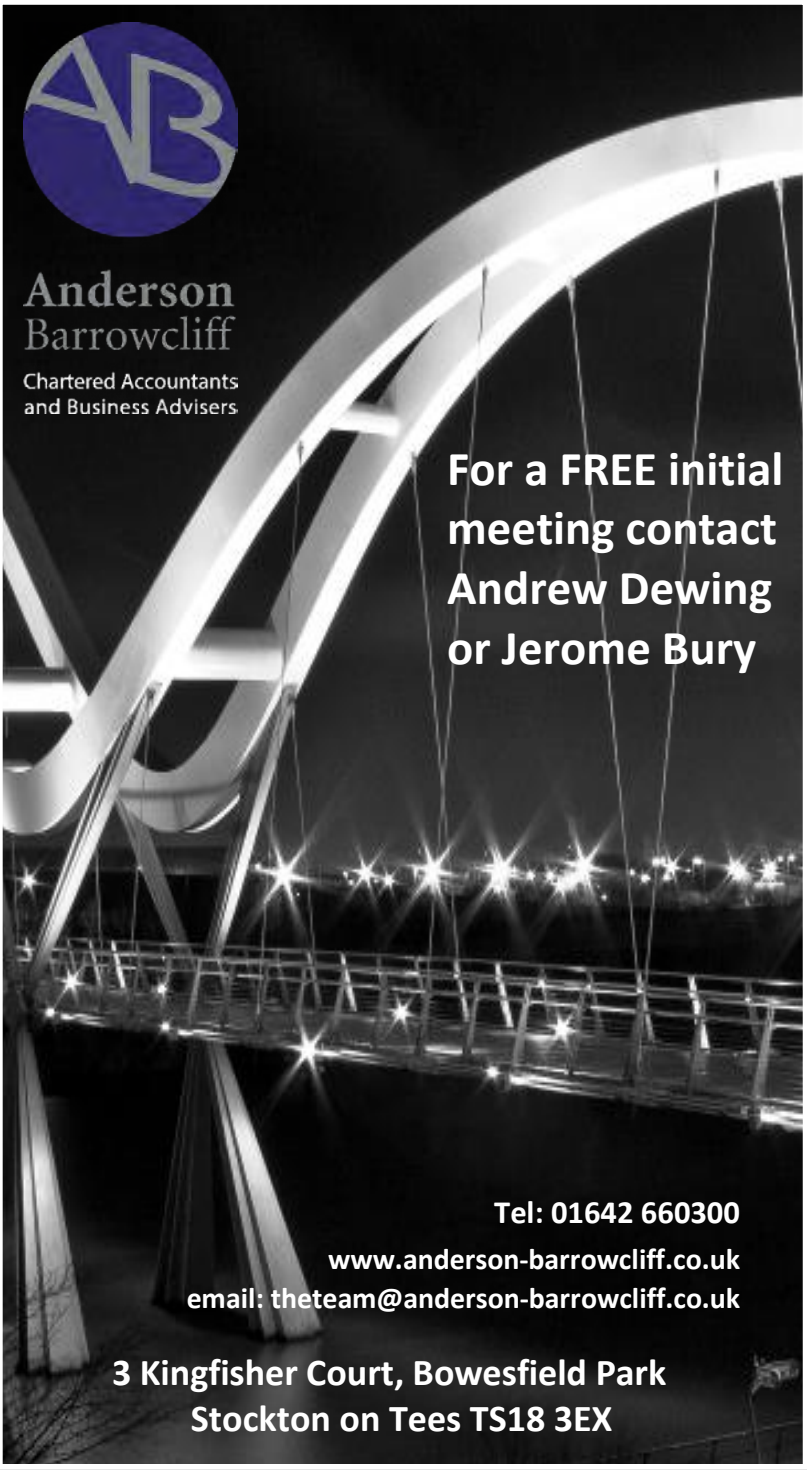
Referee: Matt Atkinson,

NORTH EAST

mber 2026 - 2.00pm

ILKLEY

	No	TRY	CON	PEN	DROP	TOT
Benjamin Magee (cc)	15					
William Bulman	14					
Kieran Wilyman	13					
Louis Anderson	12					
Harry Taylor	11					
Charles Morgan	10					
Edward Brown	9					
Billy Nicholls	1					
Ollie Ham	2					
Jamie Slator	3					
Jack Akiono	4					
Ethan Marshall	5					
Cameron Briggs	6					
Peter Erskine (cc)	7					
John-Henry Johnson	8					
Robert Sigsworth	16					
Edward Finch	17					
Matthew Tanner	18					
Thomas Handy	19					
Jack Popely	20					
	21					
	22					


Anderson
Barrowcliff
Chartered Accountants
and Business Advisers
For a FREE initial meeting contact Andrew Dewing or Jerome Bury
Tel: 01642 660300
www.anderson-barrowcliff.co.uk
email: theteam@anderson-barrowcliff.co.uk
3 Kingfisher Court, Bowesfield Park
Stockton on Tees TS18 3EX

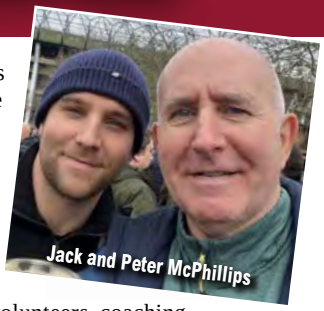
VOLUNTEER PROFILE

Middlesbrough Rugby Club is supported by a large team of volunteers who quietly and diligently dedicate hours of their own time. They complete the massive amount of administrative and community-service tasks which must be done so the club can function, executing them without fuss or expectation of recognition. This work enables MRUFC to turn out Senior Teams, a Colts Team, and 11 Junior/Mini teams.

This new programme series seeks to pay tribute to those who have given so much to the club off the pitch!

PETER MCPHILLIPS: SAFEGUARDING AND DISCIPLINE OFFICER





Jack and Peter McPhillips

Peter McPhillips holds a critical role at MRUFC. He has been volunteering as the Safeguarding Officer for the last four seasons. He said, 'The role requires me to ensure all volunteers coaching and managing the Junior teams have completed their training and have valid DBS certification. I also carry out Safeguarding investigations where necessary, liaising with the RFU, Social Services and Police as appropriate.'

The retired police officer (and microbiologist!) said he sees it as a failure if an investigation is necessary, 'It is much more important to ensure that we don't have a safeguarding concern, through education, Codes of Practice and encouraging everyone to challenge inappropriate behaviour.'

Peter played rugby at Billingham in his younger years and remembers playing against Middlesbrough in the '80s and '90s, noting his team were only good enough to face the Wasps in those days. He became a part of MRUFC when his son, Jack, started playing as a junior 21 years ago, and has been involved ever since. Jack is now the current First Team captain, 'I have watched Jack win two promotions and the Yorkshire Cup with this team, which is very special. But, some of my best memories are from when he played Junior rugby with John Burridge and John Haddon as his coaches. They were a very successful team, but the coaches also managed to create a family, and, as parents, we followed their journey as they grew into young men.'

The Acklam resident is a strong advocate for volunteering at the club, 'I'd like to say I volunteered for the safeguarding role because I wanted to give something back, but the truth is I had my arm twisted by Bernie Coyne. However, I do get satisfaction from helping out. I'm in awe at the amount of work and effort our volunteers give. We always need more helpers, and I would encourage anyone thinking about volunteering to give it a go.'

Readman Steel

Suppliers & Fabricators of Tubular Props & Piles, Combi Piles

Steel Stockholders • Wharfingers • Import & Export

Tubes • Heavy Sections • Steel Plate and Profile Facilities • Sheet Piling

Marine Equipment

Winches • Chains • Anchors

Cochranes Wharf, Cargo Fleet, Middlesbrough TS3 6AW
Telephone: (01642) 242641/4 Facsimile: (01642) 241912

Gloag & Sons
Farming & Contracting Services
Est.1917

Farmers, Contractors & Hauliers



Managed Arable Farming Agreements | Contract Hire with driver
Precision Farming | Drying & Storage | Bulk & Heavy Haulage

01642 710 426
andrew.gloag@farming.co.uk
07836 639 677
www.gloagandsons.com

THE SEATON BORO UNDER 14s



A perfectly observed minutes silence at Acklam Park on Sunday, November 8, by the combined Seaton Boro U14s alongside Redcar and Bishop Auckland juniors proceeded a wonderful morning of rugby. This is what grass roots rugby is all about.











SHOUT OUT TO THE UNDER 15s



The club sends a lot of love to the Under 15 squad for their camaraderie, teamwork and resilience this season.

We thank Dave Hinchley for all his dedicated work over the seasons and give a big thanks to Denis Wright for stepping in and taking the team forward. We know a new manager, with a totally different style of rugby, can be confusing for any team and this u15 squad seems to be thriving. We could not be prouder of the way they have adapted and developed. This team will just go from strength to strength as the season goes on.

We recall when West Hartlepool put 75 points on us. This time around, on Friday the 13th, at home under the lights, with hard work and some great rugby on show, the lads came away with a 32 to 31 victory. Confidence is building and this team is going in the right direction.

We play West again this Sunday (Nov 22) at home with an 11am kick-off. Hopefully the lads will put on another good performance.



Lawson Cars

RAC Approved Service Centre

TEESSIDE'S No 1
INDEPENDENT USED CAR DEALERSHIP

Trustpilot
RATED EXCELLENT



SALES »
SERVICE »
BODYSHOP »
MOT »
ADAS »

CALIBRATION AND REPAIR

We can calibrate most makes and models of car with Advanced Driver Assist Systems (ADAS).

Ask for details.

Call Us On 01642 242 749 or Book Online

www.lawson-cars.co.uk
sales@lawson-cars.co.uk
be social @lawsoncars

South Bank Road,
Middlesbrough,
TS3 8AB

THE MINIS

On November 15, Boro Minis hosted West Hartlepool at Acklam Park. All age groups had really good games.


U10's - Junior


U10's - Oliver


U11's - Owen


U12's - Jack W

Thank you to our Minis Player of the Match sponsor, Roots Surveyors.

CHARLES CLINKARD

EST. 1924

FINE FOOTWEAR

Proud Legacy Supporters of Middlesbrough Rugby Club

Sponsor MRUFC

We are incredibly grateful to our loyal group of sponsors, some of whom we've shared a relationship with for a century. We are also very pleased to have recently brought aboard a couple of new sponsors, whom we hope we will be celebrating with in another century!

There is always room for more. We are, first and foremost, a community club. Any support you can provide goes towards our efforts supporting the minis, juniors and age-grade teams who ultimately flow up into our senior adult sides. The club exists so we can host recreation and positive activities for the young men and women of our community.

If you can help, please get in touch with our Sponsorship Secretary, Walter Hibbert at walterhhibbert@gmail.com or our Hon General Secretary, Ross Webber at rossw.mrufc@gmail.com.

shipping & transport

COMPANY PROFILE

LV Shipping & Transport is an international logistics provider. We offer a full range of logistical services to our clients through our worldwide network of own offices and dedicated agents.

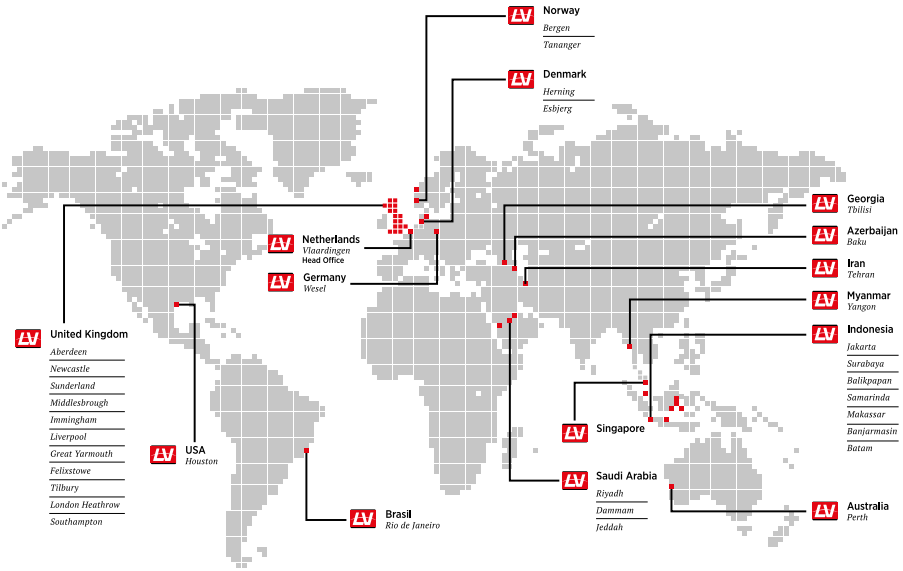
As an independent, privately owned company, established in 1921 in The Netherlands, we focus on long-term relationships with our customers.

Our international teams of specialists are dedicated to offer our clients a personal service that can be summarized as pro-active and responsive. It is in our company's DNA to offer our clients reliable and cost effective transport solutions that can be qualified as best in industry.

For this reason many of the world's leading companies in the oil and gas, energy, construction and steel industry have chosen our company as their preferred supplier for their logistic challenges.

We thank you for considering our service and invite you to become more familiar with our company and our people.

GLOBAL OFFICE LOCATIONS





Proud supporters of Middlesbrough Rugby Club

Haydock Park Road, Teesside Retail Park,
Stockton on Tees TS17 7BG

Tel: 01642 230988

enquiries@barkerandstonehouse.co.uk
www.barkerandstonehouse.co.uk

Stores also at

Darlington, Hull, Knaresborough, Leeds, London, Metro Retail Park, Newcastle and Nottingham

STAINTON VALE FARM

Stockton on Tees TS17 9LG

01642 577469

Fax: 01642 598165

Email: enquiries@staintonvalefarm.co.uk
www.staintonvalefarm.co.uk

CLEVELAND
MOTOR FACTORS

MIDAS
CLADDING

LCC
Communications



Dromonby farm
FISHERY

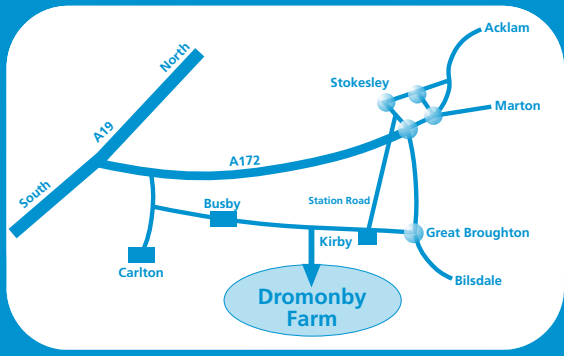
Kirkby-in-Cleveland nr stokesley
TS9 7AR

Day Ticket Fishery



Fishing Lakes set under
the Cleveland Hills
stocked with:

Carp to 28lb
rudd to 2lb tench to 3lb



Tickets sold on bank

open dawn Till dusk

First Team Fixtures & Scorers

Date	Opponent	Venue	Result	For	Against	Scorers	PoTM
Sep 26	Sandal	Away	L	22	28	**T:** Marcus Lang, Jack McPhillips, Harry Bryce. **C:** Brendan Hill (2) **P:** Brendan Hill	Sam Gaudie
Oct 3	Scarborough	Home	W	35	19	**T:** : Brendan Hill (2), Harry Bryce, Aedan Moloney, Josh Lynas. **C:** Brendan Hill (2) **P:** Brendan Hill (2)	Sam Gaudie
Oct 10	Northern	Home	L	38	24	**T:** Brendan Hill (3), Aedan Moloney. **C:** Brendan Hill (2).	Brendan Hill
Oct 17	Scunthorpe	Away	L	26	52	**T:** Jack Cook, Luke Roche, Harry Bryce, Aedan Moloney. **C:** Brendan Hill, Aedan Moloney, Rob Carney.	Aedan Moloney
Oct 24	Alnwick	Home	L	27	35	**T:** Brendan Hill (2), Rohan Brown. **C:** Brendan Hill (3). **P:** Brendan Hill (2).	Brendan Hill
Oct 31	Blaydon	Away	L	0	54		Aedan Moloney
Nov 7	Driffield	Home	L	19	33	**T:** Jack Jeffers, Brendan Hill, Elliott Ward. **C:** Brendan Hill (2).	Jack Jeffers
Nov 21	Hull	Away	L	26	59	**T:** Aedan Moloney, Marcus Lang, Brendan Hill (2) **C:** Brendan Hill (3)	Brendan Hill
Nov 28	Ilkley	Home					
Dec 5	York	Home					
Dec 12	Northern	Away					
Dec 19	North Ribblesdale	Away					
Jan 9 2027	Sandal	Home					
Jan 16	Scarborough	Away					
Jan 23	Scunthorpe	Home					
Feb 6	Alnwick	Away					
Feb 13	Blaydon	Home					
Feb 20	Driffield	Away					
Mar 6	Hull	Home					
Mar 13	Ilkley	Away					
Apr 3	York	Away					
Apr 10	North Ribblesdale	Home					

Regional 1 North East

		P	W	D	L	PF	PA	+/-	TB	LB	Pts
1	Alnwick	8	8	0	0	332	164	168	7	0	39
2	Northern	8	6	0	2	260	191	69	8	2	34
3	Scunthorpe	8	6	0	2	299	232	67	6	1	31
4	Hull	8	5	0	3	306	224	82	7	1	28
5	Ilkley	8	4	1	3	297	232	65	7	2	27
6	Scarborough	8	4	0	4	240	233	7	6	2	24
7	North Ribblesdale	8	4	0	4	192	229	-37	3	1	20
8	York	8	3	1	4	223	274	-51	2	1	17
9	Driffield	8	2	1	5	231	289	-58	5	0	15
10	Blaydon	8	2	1	5	196	221	-25	3	0	13
11	**MIDDLESBROUGH**	**8**	**1**	**0**	**7**	**179**	**318**	**-139**	**4**	**1**	**9**
12	Sandal	8	1	0	7	174	322	-148	3	1	8

First Team Scorers

	Tries		Kicks				Total
Player	**No**	**Pts**	**Con**	**Pen**	**Drop**	**Pts**	
Brendan Hill	10	50	15	5	0	45	95
Aedan Moloney	4	20	1	0	0	2	22
Harry Bryce	3	15	0	0	0	0	15
Marcus Lang	2	10	0	0	0	0	10
Elliott Ward	1	5	0	0	0	0	5
Jack Cook	1	5	0	0	0	0	5
Jack Jeffers	1	5	0	0	0	0	5
Jack McPhillips	1	5	0	0	0	0	5
Josh Lynas	1	5	0	0	0	0	5
Luke Roche	1	5	0	0	0	0	5
Rohan Brown	1	5	0	0	0	0	5
Rob Carney	0	0	1	0	0	2	2
Total	26	130	17	5	0	49	179

Regional 1 NE

Results

Saturday, November 21

Alnwick	41	10	Sandal
Blaydon	26	39	Northern
Driffield	27	50	North Ribblesdale
Hull	59	26	Middlesbrough
Scunthorpe	33	31	Scarbrorough
York	32	27	Ilkley

Regional 1 NE

Fixtures

Saturday, November 28

Middlesbrough	v	Ilkley
North Ribblesdale	v	Hull
Northern	v	Driffield
Sandal	v	Blaydon
Scarbrorough	v	Alnwick
Scunthorpe	v	York

Wasps: Counties 2 North East (South)

Date	Opponent	Venue	Result	For	Against	PoTM	Table
Sep 26	Acklam	Home	L	28	59	Rich Kensey	7
Oct 3	Sunderland II	Away	W	45	5	Sam Pearey-Gill	5
Oct 10	Darlington Mowden Park II	Away	L	0	122	DJ Harrison	8
Oct 17	Hartlepool Rovers	Home	L	10	83	Chris Lord	8
Oct 24	Sedgefield	Away	L	7	53	PJ	9
Oct 31	Peterlee & Hordon II	Home	W	36	26	Rob Taylor	8
Nov 7	Yarm Eagles	Away	L	24	52	Joe Taylor	9
Nov 21	Redcar	Home	L	12	88	Joe Pemberton Kaleb Silk	10
Nov 28	Billingham II	Away					
Dec 5	Stockton II	Home					
Dec 12	Darlington Mowden Park II	Home					
Dec 19	West Hartlepool II	Home					
Jan 9 2027	Acklam	Away					
Jan 16	Sunderland	Home					
Jan 23	Hartlepool Rovers	Away					
Feb 6	Sedgefield	Home					
Feb 13	Peterlee & Hordon II	Away					
Feb 20	Yarm Eagles	Home					
Mar 6	Redcar	Away					
Mar 13	Billingham II	Home					
Apr 3	Stockton II	Away					
Apr 10	West Hartlepool II	Away					

Colts (Yorkshire Colts League)

Date	Opponent	Venue	Result	For	Against	PoTM	Table
Sep 06	Billingham (F)	Home	W	45	12	Jake Coulson	N/A
Sep 18	Redcar (F)	Away	W	24	12	The squad	N/A
Oct 04	Driffield	Home	L	21	26	Jake Coulson	5
Oct 11	Scarborough	Away	W	15	57	Rich Kensey	2
Oct 18	York (F)	Home	L	24	34	Jamie Dixon	N/A
Nov 01	York	Away	L	5	40	Oscar Pattinson	2
Nov 08	Ilkley (Cup)	Home	L	0	54	Ben Ellsworth	N/A
Nov 15	Malton & Norton	Home	W	50	0	Henry Vaux	2
Nov 22	Giusborough	Away	W	24	36	Joe Lofts	2
Nov 29	Malton & Norton (Cup)	Away					
Dec 20	Driffield	Away					
Jan 10 2027	Scarborough	Home					
Jan 17	Pocklington	Home					
Jan 31	York	Away					
Feb 07	Malton & Norton	Away					
Feb 14	Guisborough	Home					

TOWN + COUNTRY PROPERTY AUCTIONS

FORMER PLAYER. FOREVER MRUFC. GIVING BACK OFF THE PITCH.



HARRY HUTT
MRUFC FROM AGE 12 | DIRECTOR, TCPA NE

THIS CLUB GAVE ME MORE THAN RUGBY.

I joined MRUFC at 12. The junior and senior sections gave me friendship, discipline and a sense of belonging that has stayed with me.

Injuries mean I can no longer safely play, but I can still stand behind the club that gave me so much.

THIS ISN'T JUST SPONSORSHIP. IT'S PERSONAL.

MRUFC EXCLUSIVE: £0 TCPA SELLER'S FEE

Unconditional auctions. Completion ordinarily within 28 days. Buyer pays buyer's fee. No sale means no referral fee. Members/referred sellers cover other agreed sale costs.

ONE INTRODUCTION. £500 IN REFERRAL FEES.*

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLE: £5,000 BUYER'S FEE EXCLUDING VAT

£375	£125
REFERRAL FEE TO MRUFC	REFERRAL FEE TO YOU
7.5% OF TCPA BUYER'S FEE	2.5% OF TCPA BUYER'S FEE

FIVE QUALIFYING COMPLETED REFERRALS COULD GENERATE
£1,875 FOR MRUFC + £625 FOR REFERRERS*

SCAN TO REFER

SELLING OR INVESTING?

Introduce a seller or property investor.

gavelpro.uk/mrufc

HELP THE CLUB. SHARE THE OPPORTUNITY.

GRIT | THE VALUES WE SHARE WITH RUGBY

G	GRATITUDE GIVE BACK	R	RESPECT PEOPLE FIRST	I	INTEGRITY STRAIGHT TALK	T	TEAMWORK ONE CLUB

HARRY HUTT | 07397 504220 | harry@tcpanortheast.co.uk

*Example: £5,000 buyer's fee excl. VAT; actual fees vary. Referral fees from buyer's fees received. MRUFC offer: £0 TCPA seller's fee. Other agreed sale costs payable. Full T&Cs apply.

Building a lasting legacy

THE SUNDAY TIMES
Best Places to Work 2025
MEDIUM ORGANISATION



Join us: avdawsongroup.com/careers

PORT OF MIDDLESBROUGH
An AV Dawson Group Company