

Welcome to the latest news from Wooden Spoon, the children's charity of rugby

## GAME ON: BAMBOO 7S

Join the Corporate Challenge Cup at North Bristol Rugby Club on 14 July. Unleash your competitive spirit and bond with your colleagues while raising funds for Wooden Spoon. If your company would like to enter a team please visit: [7bamboosrugby.com](https://7bamboosrugby.com)



## RUGBY SCHOOL

We are looking for players for the Legends and Vets matches on the 24 June, which will be played at The Close (the birthplace of rugby). Please contact: [rugby@woodenspoon.org.uk](mailto:rugby@woodenspoon.org.uk) if you would like to play on this historic pitch.



Image: Gary Bide

## CALLING ALL WOMEN RUGBY PLAYERS

Following the success of the Spoon men's vets team, we have launched a British & Irish national Spoon women's team and are looking for players to join the squad. Please get in touch with Matt Mitchell to join our team on: [rugby@woodenspoon.org.uk](mailto:rugby@woodenspoon.org.uk)

### EVENTS & FIXTURES

- JUNE 24 Bicentenary of Rugby Celebration
- JULY 14 The Bamboo Corporate Touch Tournament
- JULY 15 End of Season Vets Matches & Awards
- JULY 28-29 Derby 10s & Golf Day
- SEPT 7-10 VE75+ Remembrance Tour Compeigne, France
- SEPT 30 VetsFest23 at Moseley RFC
- NOV 10 Wooden Spoon Remembrance Lunch, London



## VETS FEST IS BACK

Join the men's and women's teams at Moseley Rugby Club, Birmingham, on 30 September for plenty of rugby, celebrating and fundraising! Register your interest by scanning this QR code:



## IN JAMIE WE TRUST

Welsh and Lions legend Jamie Roberts joins The Lions Trust as a trustee, and Wooden Spoon looks forward to working with the Trust as the partnership is renewed.

Jamie said: "The Trust harnesses the spirit and values of the Lions throughout rugby clubs and communities, across the UK and Ireland. Wooden Spoon has transformed many communities, and it's wonderful that the Lions can support the charity to continue doing so."



Image: Inpho Photography

## FRONT ROW AMBASSADOR

Following the fantastic Red Roses' Grand Slam win, in front of a record crowd at Twickenham, Red Rose and Wooden Spoon Ambassador Sarah Bern is passionate about bringing the sport to a wider audience.

Sarah said: "There must be so many children around the world that love sport but can't access it because they are neurodivergent."



Image: RFU Collection via Getty Images

## RUBY ANNIVERSARY



We proudly celebrated our 40 year anniversary with The Ruby

Rugby Ball, held in London's prestigious Landmark Hotel. Those four decades have seen us positively transform the lives of vulnerable children and young people across the UK and Ireland.

In the last  
**40**  
years,

we have  
granted  
over  
**£31 million**



to more than  
**1,465**  
projects,



helping  
**1.5 million**  
children & young people





## COMMUNITY BUILDS



## SENSORY PLAYGROUND

Securitas Technology funded and built a community project at The Walnuts School in Milton Keynes, creating a sensory playground for pupils with additional needs.



## PLACE TO PLAY

Last year's epic The Road to Twickenham bike ride, organised by our corporate partner Gallagher, has funded a community build project at Old Hall Special School in Walsall.

Fusion Community Initiatives empower volunteers to create spaces for the local community. Could your company benefit from a team building day, making a lasting impact on your local community? Contact: [charity@woodenspoon.org.uk](mailto:charity@woodenspoon.org.uk)

## Projects proudly funded by Wooden Spoon, the children's charity of rugby, in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland



## OUR RUGBY FAMILY UNITES TO FEED THE NATION

Kicked off by a generous donation from our supporters Graham and Amy Allen, Wooden Spoon has launched the 'Pass the Plate' initiative, helping families in need put food on their table. Wooden Spoon Ambassador, and recently retired Red Rose, Shaunagh Brown is proud to head up the campaign.

## BEAMING WITH SMILES

Wooden Spoon Kent donated £25,000 towards a new sensory playground at We Are Beams, in Hextable, which provides comprehensive services for the whole family to support children and young people with disabilities and special needs.



## POWER OF SENSES

Wooden Spoon Glasgow provided £30,000 to fund a sensory building at the Renfrew YMCA, giving children a place to explore tastes, smells, images and sounds.

## BREATH OF SEA AIR

Wooden Spoon Yorkshire gave a £25,000 grant to Ruddi's Retreat towards a caravan on the Fylde Coast, to support families suffering from illness or bereavement.



## FUNDRAISERS

Congratulations to our Wooden Spoon fundraisers who took part in the 40km Virtual Challenge and the TCS London Marathon.



We have spaces in the 2024 marathon. Apply for your place here:



## AROUND THE REGIONS

Our regions have been busy holding amazing events and raising funds to support local projects.



## RUGBYTOTS STADIUM TOUR BIKE RIDE IN AID OF WOODEN SPOON 1-3 SEPTEMBER 2023

Supporting vulnerable children across the UK and Ireland



For more information and to sign up please scan the QR code

Join us for an epic 222-mile challenge

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The children's charity of rugby  
CELEBRATING 40 YEARS

