

Alresford Town Youth FC

Teams all back up and running with most having played a game already.

Numbers quite strong considering Covid, everyone excited to get going.

Repair work to the goal mouths at SB completed over the Summer.

It would be good to have a discussion about the regularity of grass cutting at SB as it can be unplayable at times because of the length.

Use of cones on Rosebery Road on Match days has been discussed and will be re-enforced next Monday at our Managers meeting.

ARFC Report to the Recreation & Environment Committee of NATC 8TH September 2021

In the interest of brevity, I've formatted the report as a series of bullet points:

- Pre-season training and coaching has been going well despite the usual summer holiday absences.
- A friendly squad game was held at Arlebury Park last Saturday against Portsmouth 2nds. A last minute try by the visitors gave them a 17-12 win albeit the result was less important than the opportunity for our coaches to assess the squad in a competitive game with full contact for the first time in 18 months.
- The seniors' game followed a minis demonstration that kicked off the "Pitch-Up for Rugby" day that ARFC held last Saturday. This RFU initiative was aimed at rebooting junior rugby participation and was a great success. ARFC provided a free pitch-side barbeque that was much appreciated by the children and their parents!
- In order to encourage senior player recruitment and retention ARFC decided to waive membership and match fees for the 2021-22 season, recognising the potential financial impact of the Covid pandemic. We are only able to make this offer because of the continued strong support we receive from our loyal sponsors.
- An "Inner Warrior Camp" aimed at introducing women's rugby to possible participants is planned this Sunday at 2pm, to be hosted by ARFC's Black Swans ladies' team.
- The minis restarted training on Sunday 5th September and a well-attended, enthusiastic session was held.
- ARFC's Hampshire Premiership games starts with away fixtures against Ellingham and Ringwood RFC on the 18TH September and Havant RFC on the 25th.
- ARFC are extremely grateful to NATC in its extension of permission to use temporary training lights, but we will need to return to this issue and an ongoing storage problem at the next Recreation & Environment Committee Meeting.

John Weston,
Chairman ARFC