

Fundraising Report 2526 by Paul Casey

Season 25/26 saw various fundraising efforts come to fruition with Aylesbury RFC securing a £5K grant from Volvic to support female rugby at our Club, and a further £3K grant from the William Harding Trust to help fund Volunteer Training. These efforts, along with our traditional fundraising events such as Bonfire Night and the English Schools Semi Finals weekend, and our newly introduced 'easyfundraising initiative' has seen well over £25K raised over the season to support our Club.

(www.easyfundraising.com please sign up; it's free and really helps!)

In Season 26/27 we plan to raise funds to support the replacement floodlighting on Pitch 2/3. The overall cost of replacement bulbs is greater than £40K so fundraising for this major project will take several seasons. Paul Casey will draft a "plan of action" for this effort and would be delighted if others wish to join the Aylesbury RFC Fundraising team. This initiative in no way replaces the excellent efforts individual Age Groups undertake in raising funds for their end of season tours, or any ad hoc fund raising which happens raise funds for other worthy causes such as Derek Spence's excellent efforts raising monies for the Thames Valley Air Ambulance with his 7-7-7 remarkable exploits.

Fundraising is vital for grass roots rugby clubs. Monies raised enable us to keep membership costs to a minimum and help pay for other expenses we would struggle to cover. Your Executive Committee urge all members to participate and contribute to our continuing efforts to move our Club forward.