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Here are examples of some of the great work being delivered across the country.



Northumberland – Transitioning players

Tynedale RFC welcomed seven new players to the club following a recent beach festival. This is a great example of transition especially given they are one of Northumberland's most rural clubs.

Yorkshire – Leeds Hunters

Leeds Hunters held an end of season celebration day at the end of June. The club kicked off the day with their first ever AGM, resulting in 15 members taking on committee roles to aid with the sustainability of the side for the 2017/18 season.

Following the AGM the club hosted a BBQ and O2 Touch rugby session.



Sussex – Beach O2 Touch rugby

On 16 June, 26 colleges from around the UK competed in the annual West Wittering under-19 mixed beach O2 Touch rugby tournament.

Students from colleges as far away as Gower, Bedford and Milton Keynes took part in the tournament, officiated by Area 3 Community Rugby Coaches. Worthing College won the Cup while Portsmouth gained an extra time win over Surrey's Merrist Wood to win the Plate tournament.

Norfolk – Under-24 Summer Sevens Series

Transitional summer sevens events are now underway across Norfolk. The aim of these events is to provide local clubs with the opportunity to transition youth players, new players, returning players and returning university students to their clubs.

The focus of the events is around transition and player enjoyment with each event providing attendees with the opportunity to socialize with like-minded people.

48 players attended on the night made up of 12 youth players from the previous season, 10 returning players, 8 players returning from university and 4 new players. Click [HERE](#) to watch highlights from the event.





Nationwide - NatWest RugbyForce weekend

This year's NatWest Rugby Force weekend saw 620 grassroots rugby clubs sign up and open their doors to the local community.

Thousands of volunteers swapped their kits for their overalls as they joined forces with club members and people from their local communities to take part in a weekend of DIY activity.

Click [HERE](#) for the full article on EnglandRugby.com.

Nationwide - Women's Sport Week

Throughout this year's Women's Sport Week in June the RFU celebrated inspirational women from across the game.

We ran a number of stories on inspirational women from across the grassroots game including [Beattie Fensome](#), an 83 year old volunteer who has dedicated her life to rugby, [Georgia Tayler](#), a 14-year-old using rugby to help her recovery from leukaemia and [Anastacia Long](#), a state school teacher who inspired current British & Irish Lions and England prop Kyle Sinckler. We also celebrated [Clare Daniels](#), the history-making referee who in September 2016 became the first female official in Aviva Premiership Rugby.



Click [HERE](#) to read their inspirational stories on England Rugby.com



Nationwide –Warrior Camps exceed targets

Over 2,600 women took part in 150 Warrior Camps across the country in May, exceeding the RFU's target of 1,500 players by 73%.

Meet Your Inner Warrior forms part of the RFU's four year strategy looking at ways to encourage new female players into the game. 7,000 women have attended rugby training sessions over the past 18 months, with 3,000 newcomers to the game, showing the growth of women's rugby across the country. There has also been a 48 % conversion of new rugby players to club members, and 41 new women's teams at senior level.

Click [HERE](#) to read some examples of how clubs and players have benefitted from the Warrior Camps.

