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UPTON ARLFC SCORES £1000 GRANT FROM WDH

Upton's Amateur Rugby League Football Club (ARLFC) converted a £1000 grant from Wakefield and District Housing's (WDH's) Local Management Committee (LMC) earlier this week.

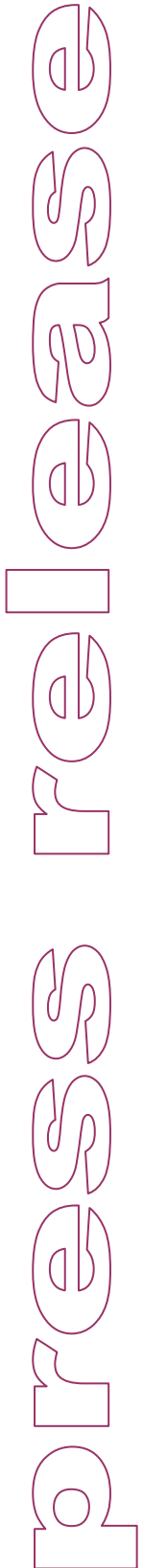
Eric Clamp, Vice Chair of the LMC handed over the cheque, to buy much needed equipment for the under 12s, including warm up tops and a new team strip, to Team Manager, Craig Tucker and the youngsters at a training session at the club.

Eric said, "The group has about 250 youngsters – split into about eight different teams and they do a lot of good work for the area. They keep the kids healthy through sport and they learn to work as a team. Parents come together at the matches all shouting in support of their kids – it's excellent for the community spirit and I'm just so pleased we were able to help."

Upton ARLFC first began in 1979, and now holds training sessions ranging from Under 8's through to Under 18's. The club also has a well-established Open Age team.

Craig Tucker, Upton ARLFC Team Manager said, "It's fantastic news for the club. We have waited until now to tell the kids the good news as we knew they'd be really excited that they're getting new kit."

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1. Photo caption: Upton ARLFC receiving their check from Eric Clamp, Vice Chair of the Local Management Committee (LMC)
2. Wakefield and District Housing was established in April 2005 and became the largest single transfer housing organisation in the country when it took ownership of homes from Wakefield Council. It manages 31,000 properties occupied by 100,000 tenants and has a workforce of over 1,300 people, making it one of the largest local employers.
3. WDH became the first housing organisation in the north, and the third in the UK to achieve the top rating of three stars from the Audit Commission in October 2007. The rating was awarded in particular for WDH's progress in delivering major repairs, the range of ways tenants can access services and the high standards of customer care. WDH were also commended for their clear focus on delivering value for money services, catering for vulnerable people and impacting on the regeneration of the area.

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