

# CARRICKFERGUS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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AFFILIATED TO THE IRISH RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION – ULSTER BRANCH

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Dear Member,

It is both a privilege and an honour to be elected as President of Carrickfergus Rugby Football Club for the 2017/18 season.

Last season, as everyone knows, was our debut in Ulster Rugby Championship Division 1 and, notwithstanding the unfamiliar opposition and with a new coaching team in place, we achieved our goal of securing our position in that league. This year we aim to build on these strong foundations and strive for a top four finish –we certainly have the talent to do this.

I would like to wish our club captain Andy McKeen along with coaches Davy Scott and Mickey Rainey every success for the forthcoming season. This year our senior playing section is headed up by Harry Ritchie who takes over the reins from Warren McClean. No doubt Harry will be working hard to endeavour to ensure that we are on a position to fulfil all senior team fixtures during 2017/18.

Warren moves across to head up our youth and mini section and he, together with our talented band of coaching volunteers, is eager to implement new initiatives across all of our age grade teams. Again I have absolutely no doubt that this will lead to progress and success both on and off the pitch.

Our management structure this year is significantly altered and this should facilitate a much more dynamic and outcome focussed approach to the running of the club's affairs. I look to individual conveners to challenge their committees and to deliver success to make our club a better place and to plan for the long-term future. However I would also encourage all members to get involved and support your club no matter how little that is. We all can and indeed must contribute and make a difference. We have fantastic facilities and can be the envy of many within Ulster rugby in all areas of our club. Set our sights high, believe and put in the work and the rewards will be seen at the end of the season.

Finally can I wish everyone well for the new season which I hope will be an injury free one. I look forward to supporting you all.

**Allan Davidson**

President, Carrickfergus Rugby Football Club  
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