



We are pleased to say, that after much hard work, in particular by Cheltenham North's Mini & Youth section, we are an RFU Accredited Club.

This is another huge step forward in the development of our club and we would like to thank our RFU CC, Ben Smith, for taking the time out of his weekend to come and present the award with Shane Aldridge from the GRFU.

We are also indebted to Morgana Simpson Regional RDO for her guidance and assistance in completing this process.

#### About Accreditation

The RFU recognises that Club rugby lies at the heart of rugby in England. It is where the game is played in huge numbers and it is the environment that the RFU Development Department is committed to supporting by 'strengthening clubs and growing the game in the communities around them'. Part of this (The Club Accreditation scheme) is based upon the six Key Drivers identified as crucial to a strong club:

- Retaining & Developing Players
- Recruiting New Players
- Recruiting & Retaining High Quality Coaches, Volunteers & Referees
- Effective & Efficient Facilities
- Effective & Efficient Management and Governance
- Integration with the Local Community

Each of these Key Drivers, together with the Core Values of the game, is represented within the Club Accreditation scheme and together they represent the component parts of a strong, sustainable club.

The scheme is straightforward and designed to both recognise and assist a club to continually improve, while demonstrating a real commitment to providing all that's best in rugby union.

The Club will be expected to undertake an annual self review as part of the accreditation process with a more formal review with the RDO every two years. This process will form part of the club's annual development planning process going forward.

