

Newsletter



SILEBY TOWN RFC

Please read me!

Welcome

Happy New Year!

We hope you enjoyed yourselves, had a well-earned break, and are feeling refreshed and ready to go. We're really looking forward to welcoming you back to Platts Lane for the second half of the season and can't wait to see everyone back enjoying matchdays, training sessions, and everything our community club has to offer. Thanks again for your continued support - here's to a great second half of the season and an exciting 2026 ahead. We'll see you at the club very soon!

Sileby Town RFC – More than just a rugby club ...

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New website <https://silebytownrfc.rfu.club/>



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Sileby Town RFC Fixtures 2025-2026

Fixtures are subject to change – please check regularly for updates.

Men's Fixtures

30/08/2025	STRFC v Aylestone Athletic	Home	Friendly	43-14	Win
06/09/2025	Rugby Welsh v STRFC	Away	League	22-25	Win
13/09/2025	STRFC v Vipers II	Home	League	48-05	Win
20/09/2025	Rolls Royce v STRFC	Away	National Cup	17-36	Win
27/09/2025	STRFC v Stoneygate	Home	Presidents Cup	HWO	Win
04/10/2025	South Leicester v STRFC	Away	League	14-47	Win
11/10/2025	Syston III v STRFC	Away	League	19-28	Win
18/10/2025	STRFC v Stamford College Old Boys	Home	League	57-07	Win
25/10/2025	Sileby v South Leicester	Home	National Cup	HWO	
08/11/2025	Market Harborough II v STRFC	Away	League	17-31	Win
15/11/2025	Aylestone Athletic v STRFC	Away	Leics Cup	AWO	
22/11/2025	STRFC v Leicester Lions II	Home	League	39-31	Win
29/11/2025	Aylestone Athletic v STRFC	Away	League	AWO	Win
06/12/2025	STRFC v Birstall	Home	League	07-29	Loss
13/12/2025	Oakham v STRFC	Away	League	21-27	Win
20/12/2025	STRFC v Rugby St Andrews	Home	League	20-12	Win
10/01/2026	Vipers II v STRFC	Away	League	41-05	Win
17/01/2026	STRFC v Syston III	Home	League	100-3	Win
24/01/2026	STRFC v Syston III	Home	League	06-10	Loss
31/01/2026	Nottinghamians RFC	Away	National Cup	35-19	Win
07/02/2026	STRFC v Hinckley 4s	Home	Leics Cup		
14/02/2026	Stamford College Old Boys v STRFC	Away	League		
28/02/2026	STRFC v Market Harborough II	Home	League		
07/03/2026	Leicester Lions II v STRFC	Away	League		
14/03/2026	TBC	TBC	Leics Cup		
21/03/2026	STRFC v Aylestone Athletic	Home	League		
28/03/2026	Birstall v STRFC	Away	League		
11/04/2026	STRFC v Oakham	Home	League		
18/04/2026	Rugby St. Andrews v STRFC	Away	League		
25/04/2026	STRFC v Rugby Welsh	Home	League		
02/05/2026	STRFC v Congleton (Quarter Final)	Home	National Cup		

Women's Fixtures

31/08/2025	Matlock v STWRFC	Away	Friendly	12-27	Win
14/09/2025	STWRFC v Market Bosworth	Home	Community Cup Rd 1	38-15	Win
21/09/2025	STWRFC v Oundle Women	Home	League	05-79	Loss
05/10/2025	Lutterworth Ladies v STWRFC	Away	League	33-29	Loss
19/10/2025	STWRFC v Pinley	Home	League	84-00	Win
26/10/2025	STWRFC v Tamworth	Home	Community Cup Rd 2	AWO	Loss
09/11/2025	STWRFC v Market Bosworth	Home	League	34-15	Win
16/11/2025	STWRFC v Leicester Forest	Home	Leics County Cup	HWO	Win
23/11/2025	Hinckley Hellcats v STWRFC	Away	League	25-12	Loss
14/12/2025	STWRFC v Market Harborough	Home	League	24-10	Win
18/01/2026	STWRFC v Lutterworth Ladies	Home	League	17-20	Loss
15/02/2026	STWRFC v Market Bosworth	Home	Leics County Cup		
22/02/2026	Market Bosworth v STWRFC	Away	League		
01/03/2026	Pinley v STWRFC	Away	League		
08/03/2026	STWRFC v Hinckley Hellcats	Home	League		
22/03/2026	Market Harborough v STWRFC	Away	League		
29/03/2026	STWRFC v Barkers Butts Women	Home	League		
12/04/2026	Barkers Butts Women v STWRFC	Away	League		
25/04/2026	Oundle v STWRFC	Away	League		

100 Club - Win Money, Support the Club, and Win Money!!!

This is open to all players, family, friends and anyone else interested in joining.

December 2025

1st 53 Paul Darby
2nd 55 Spencer Walker
3rd 37 Brian Taylor
4th 67 Phil Lewin

January 2026

1st 158 Hayley Dickson
2nd 111 Penny Weston-Webb
3rd 34 Gareth Love
4th 96 Micheal Weston-Webb

JOIN OUR 100 CLUB

£2 A NUMBER

LIVE DRAWS 1ST HOME GAME OF EACH MONTH

1st £50

2nd £40

3rd £30

4TH £20

TO JOIN OUR 100 CLUB PLEASE CONTACT ADELE WALKER ON 07756663586 OR SPEAK TO ONE OF OUR MEMBERS TO SET UP YOUR MONTHLY DIRECT DEBIT TODAY!

"SICK OF NOT WINNING THE LOTTERY? JOIN THE VIKINGS 100 CLUB INSTEAD! GUARANTEED PRIZES EVERY MONTH, AND THE ADDED BONUS OF SUPPORTING YOUR LOCAL RUGBY CLUB..... IT COULD DEFINITELY BE YOU!"

If you would like to be a part of the 100 Club and have a chance of winning 1 of our great prizes, drop me a message and we can get you in the next draw. Thank you

My number is 07756 663586

Adele Walker

Ways in which you can help Sileby Town RFC thrive

- * Ensure you're paying your [membership](#) (see page 32)
- * Join the [100 club](#) (see page 5)
- * Support social events – share and attend!
- * Invite friends to join you at the club to watch a match or for a social.
- * Enjoy hot and cold drinks from our kitchen
- * Sponsor us! Get in touch to find out more ([see page 20](#))

Interested in getting more involved? We are always on the lookout for volunteers to help with various aspects of our club operations; whether you have skills in coaching, catering, event planning, gardening or administration, there's a role for you.

Come join us ...



RECRUITING NEW PLAYERS



A focus on player development,
for players of all abilities



Regular club socials



Training every Thursday
19:00-20:30



A warm, inclusive and
welcoming environment

No playing experience needed

Why you should join Sileby Town RFC

Joining either our Men's or Women's team offers numerous benefits, both physical and social. Here are several reasons why you should consider joining us:-

Fitness – Rugby is a physically demanding sport that requires strength, endurance, agility and speed. Joining our teams would provide an excellent opportunity to improve your fitness levels and overall health.

Teamwork – Rugby is a team sport that relies heavily on teamwork and collaboration. Joining our team will allow you to develop strong bonds with your teammates and learn how to work together to achieve common goals.

Friendship and Camaraderie – Being part of a rugby team provides a support and inclusive environment where you can make lifelong friendships and build a sense of camaraderie with your teammates.

Confidence – Rugby requires players to be assertive, decisive and confident. By participating in rugby, you can boost your self-confidence both on and off the field.

Skill development – Rugby offers opportunities for skill development in various areas such as tackling, passing, kicking and strategic thinking. Being part of our team will enable you to learn and refine these skills under the guidance of experienced coaches and fellow players.

Personal Growth – Rugby challenges you both physically and mentally, encouraging personal growth and resilience. Overcoming obstacles and pushing your limits on the rugby field can translate into valuable life lessons and personal development.

Community involvement – Our close-knit teams often engage in local events, including charity fundraising, providing opportunities to give back to the local community.

Competition and fun – Rugby matches offer an exhilarating mix of competition, adrenaline and fun. Whether you're a seasoned athlete or new to the sport, joining Sileby Town RFC allows you to experience the thrill of competition whilst having great time with teammates.

Joining our rugby teams will be a rewarding experience that offers a unique combination of physical activity, social interaction personal growth and fun – why not come and give it a try!

The Rugby Roundup

Saturday 10th January 2026 – away at Vipers

Open your curtains and you would see the ground blanketed by frost. The snow was a letdown, a promising flurry Thursday night but muddy slush by the next morning. All across the country matches were being postponed, welcome news for some who had perhaps over indulged over the holidays.

Off Blaby Bypass however, the answer to game postponement was 'not today'. Looking back we probably shouldn't of played. Areas of the pitch were a bit hard. However as everyone had bothered to get changed it went ahead.

And two minutes in your Vikings were pretty pleased that we had. Having applied pressure at the set piece the away side found themselves with a 5m metre scrum. A solid platform, captain Ross Spencer fed stand in Centre Dave Maguire who swatted away his opposite number to score. 0-7. 10 minutes of scrums later (what some would consider a lovely date out) and it was a rinse and repeat scenario, this time a penalty. A hard carry, a reverse pass from Scrum Half Josh Freer and Number 8 Ash Rideout would crash over to make it 0-14.

After a poor start Vipers started to find their feet in the game, making particularly good headway in the wide channels and capitalising on some Vikings inaccuracy and indiscretions. However resolute Vikings goal line defence and a turnover from Rideout meant the tryline was not breached. All that pressure for nothing it was in fact the Vikings who would score next, with Rideout touching down after a strong rolling maul. 0-19.

The final score of the half would be the pick of the bunch. Vipers failed to find touch with a clearing kick and winger Jacob Moore made good yards. Two phases later Full Back Jon Griffiths would release Flanker Adam Mayes. A sharp pirouette later (receiving 7s and 8s from the touchline judges) and it would be once again Maguire who would no thank you a would-be tackler to score. With Maguire himself converting the half time score was Vipers 0 – Maguire 14 (and Sileby 24).

A poor start to the second half saw Vipers grab some much needed momentum, pinging the visitors back in their 22. However it was once again resolute defence that would win the day. And once again the Vikings punished the home team for not being clinical. This time a scrum in the midfield. Mayes to Freer released Winger Callum Swift to marauder up the far touch line as he had done so throughout the match. A step and swerve and an offload and arch poacher Jon Griffiths found himself running in for the score.

The next try was another good kick return. As the sun descended Freer took the clearance and fed Griffiths, who beat a couple and returned to the Scrum Half on an arcing run. Another two tacklers left in his wake the 9 was hauled down just short of the line. However this wasn't enough to stop the offload to Centre Ben Smith to score his first of the season to the jubilant celebrations of the touchline and travelling support (which was plentiful and full of voice).

The jubilation would turn to befuddlement and, in some cases, pure anger a few moments later. Having been held up moments before Sileby created another attacking opportunity, with Mayes feeding replacement Winger Mattie Lewis. With a trademark step and a hip swerve Lewis made the break and seemingly a walk in. What overcame him, when already over the line, to pass to Griffiths nobody really knows. The stat padder label will be one hard to shake for the Full Back.

The final word however would belong to the home team. A heinous and disgusting act of foul play by Smith (not retreating 10m from a penalty) resulting in the Vikings going down to 10 men. Buoyed Vipers marched up the pitch, using their numerical advantage to stretch the now weary visitors. Some slick handling out wide and the despairing efforts of Swift were not enough to stop the try. The final score read 5-41.

All five points collected, next week they would be defended at Platts Lane.





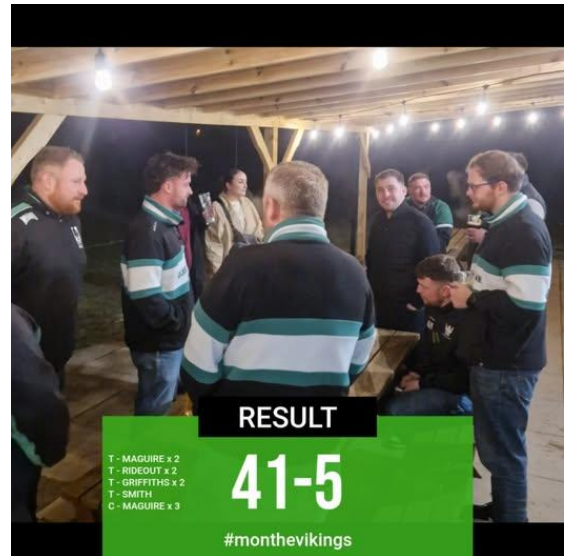

Vipers 2 vs Sileby Vikings
Saturday 10th January 2026

- 1 STEVE WESTON
- 2 DAVID STARTIN
- 3 JAMES THOMPSON
- 4 HARRY NICHOLS
- 5 **GEORGE JONES**
- 6 ADAM MAYES
- 7 DAVE MAGUIRE (vc)
- 8 ASH RIDEOUT (vc)
- 9 JOSH FREER
- 10 ROSS SPENCER (c)
- 11 CALLUM SWIFT
- 12 JACK CHANTRELL
- 13 DAN CLARKE
- 14 JACOB MOORE
- 15 JON GRIFFTHS (vc)

16 KIAN WRIGHT	17 DAVE TATE
18 AARON THURLOW	19 BEN SMITH
20 NATHAN THORNTON	







Saturday 17th January – hosting South Leicester

Nobody really wants to see one sided results, as good as they might feel at the time. Matches against South are always played in a good spirit, and the away side fought throughout against what was apparent from the first few minutes to be a difficult day for them. Instead of the usual match report will just give an brief overview of the tries scored.

#1 – Scrum 5. Adam Mayes to Josh Freer to Jack Chantrell.

#2 – Mayes steals the lineout. Callum Swift makes the break and feeds Dave Maguire.

#3 – Open Play. Ross Spencer to Chantrell to Harry Greenbury who beats one to score.

#4 – Open Play. Chantrell to Nathan Thornton to Greenbury.

#5 – Over thrown line out collected by Swift who beats a few to break and score.

#6 – Through the phases. Out the back to Chantrell who gives Swift a walk in.

#7 – Stolen line out. George Jones gives to Swift who cuts inside and beats three or four for his hattrick.

#8 – Open play. Swift makes the break and puts Jon Griffiths in.

Half time.

#9 – Turnover in Vikings 22. Mayes breaks and takes to the half way line. Jones carries. Rideout puts Griffiths into space who executes two on one and Thornton is the beneficiary.

#10 – Aaron Thurlow turns over. Spencer kicks through and Griffiths collects and scores.

#11 – Penalty. Tap by Spencer, to Chantrell to Mattie Lewis. Lewis beats to and breaks to score.

Meanwhile, South Leicester win a penalty and take 3 points.

#12 – Midfield scrum in South's 22. Mayes to Spencer to Griffiths who crashes over for his hattrick.

#13 – Break from scrum by Mayes. Offloads to Chantrell who offloads to Maguire who offloads to Freer to run in.

#14 – Strong carry by Jacob Moore who offloads to Thornton who offloads to Griffiths.

#15 – Kick return. Chantrell passes to Griffiths who cuts inside to score. Gives it the biggun to the spectators behind the posts.

#16 – Griffiths breaks and gives it to Chantrell. Chantrell for no reason other than his own amusement puts it on his toe. Lewis collects and scores.

16 tries, 10 converted by Maguire.

Couple of things to note. First a particular sparkling performance by Swift, who in his 55 minutes beat eleven defenders (a season high), made five clean breaks (a season high) scored three tries and set up two more.

It was also the first time Sibley had scored 100 points in a match.

Next week, the noisy neighbours visit Platts.



**Sileby Vikings vs South Leicester
Saturday 17th January 2026**

- 1 STEVE WESTON
- 2 ASH RIDEOUT (vc)
- 3 DAVE TATE
- 4 GEORGE JONES
- 5 AARON THURLOW
- 6 DAVE MAGUIRE (vc)
- 7 CALLUM SWIFT
- 8 ADAM MAYES
- 9 JOSH FREER
- 10 ROSS SPENCER (c)
- 11 JON GRIFFITHS (vc)
- 12 NATHAN THORNTON
- 13 DAN CLARKE
- 14 HARRY GREENBURY
- 15 JACK CHANTRELL
- 16 LOUIS ANDREWS DEBUT
- 17 GREG DICKSON 18 JACOB MOORE
- 19 MATTIE LEWIS 20 MATT WAY



T - GRIFFITHS x 5
T - SWIFT x 3
T - GREENBURY x 2
T - LEWIS x 2
T - FREER
T - THORNTON
T - CHANTRELL
T - MAGUIRE
C - MAGUIRE x 10

RESULT
100-3
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Saturday 24th January – home against Syston III's

Overall it is a massive positive that 2nd and 3rd teams have been welcomed into the leagues. More players get to experience the structure, the standard has risen, and it has created some tasty rivalries.

There are a couple of down sides. First it'll take a bit of time for these 2nd and 3rd teams, and others around them, to find their level. The second, and most pertinent to the Vikings, is that depth of players these clubs can call upon. The week leading up to the match is full of conjecture about this name and that, and serves only to benefit the bigger club. In this case only half the Syston starting XV were that which took to the field in the reverse fixture, with a bench of returning higher levels or club legends. Tasty rivalries indeed.

The game itself was an arm wrestle from the off. Neither side probed for long between in the middle thirds of the pitch, instead applying pressure through tactical kicking. Where a mistake was forced and an attacking platform established, neither team were able to convert. For the home side Hooker Ash Rideout and Centre Nathan Thornton both made crucial turnovers, the latter coming after an excellent cover tackle from Centre Chantrell when the visitors did find the edge.

It was however Sibley who would be first to trouble the scorers. A good kick chase and Number 8 Adam Mayes and Full Back Jon Griffiths combined to bring down the counter. A lack of accuracy following the breakdown and the refs whistle blew. Captain Ross Spencer pointed to the posts, and the returning mercurial Zak Loveridge converted for 3. Outside infringements the Vikings were starting to test the oppositions high line speed. First Spencer put through a chip which, whilst falling into the hands of Syston, forced a penalty at the resulting breakdown. Then Griffiths was just scragged in the tackle whilst testing the short side. It was still honours even in open play.

However, the away side were starting to assert their dominance in the driving maul. Twice they drove the home side back for great metres, providing easy territory and possession. Combined with infringements this gave them an opportunity on the Vikings 5 metre line, an opportunity well converted. The scrum was proving to be an even contest, with Syston's pressure being balanced out by their own ill-discipline.

The score was 3-5 heading into the final moments of the half. But two key moments were to follow. First, Chantrell was lined up by his opposite number and took a huge collision. The refs whistle blew. Never legal, high degree of force. A red card. Then, with possession established a pick and go by Second Row Harry Nichols forced a mistake at the breakdown, and it was another change of 3 converted by Loveridge.

6-5 at half time.

The second half proved even more attritional for the Vikings than the first. Down to 14 men Syston tightened up their game, buoyed by reinforcements with plenty of experience of playing up the leagues. Even more emphasis was placed on the kicking game, and uncharacteristic unforced errors from the Vikings back three provided a platform of possession and territory. This meant that their tight five, which had in particular been strengthened through their bench, were able to turn the screw at the set piece.

This is an opportune moment to talk about the Vikings squad for this week. Front Rows Dave Tate, David Startin and James Thompson had all picked up injuries in the previous two game weeks,

and it was a testament to their work rate and desire to help the team that they were even able to play. However when faced with an opposing Front Row all of whom who had played in National 1, this was a huge task which they stood up to bravely. Furthermore ferocious defence, let by big shots from Tate and Second Row George Jones held out the visitors for several attacks.

When the Men’s Team looks back on this game two thoughts will come to mind. The first is how proud the players can be in how they played. The second, is that it could have been a different result. Syston’s second try came from a botched exit, handing the away team possession on the 5 metre line which was eventually converted. Then a missed penalty touch finder robbed the Vikings of the same opportunity. Finally, at least the Vikings broke through the defensive line through Griffiths, only for Rideout to be bundled into touch with the try line agonizingly out of reach. The final score would be 6-10.

It was a great advert for grassroots rugby, with the Vikings taking the aggregate 6 league points to 4, 34 match points to 29.

Onto back to back in the cups.




Sileby Vikings vs Syston 3
Saturday 24th January

- 1 STEVE WESTON
- 2 ASH RIDEOUT (vc)
- 3 LOUIS ANDREWS
- 4 HARRY NICHOLS
- 5 AARON THURLOW
- 6 DAVE MAGUIRE (vc)
- 7 CALLUM SWIFT
- 8 ADAM MAYES
- 9 JOSH FREER
- 10 ROSS SPENCER (c)
- 11 ZAK LOVERIDGE
- 12 JACK CHANTRELL
- 13 NATHAN THORNTON
- 14 HARRY GREENBURY
- 15 JON GRIFFITHS (vc)

16 DAVID STARTIN

18 JAMES THOMPSON

20 JACOB MOORE

17 DAVE TATE

19 GEORGE JONES





Saturday 31st January – away at Nottinghamians.

The National Cup was back A reminder as to how the Vikings got to the round of 16 – victory away at Rolls Royce in Round 1, and a home walkover against South Leicester in Round 2. The Round of 16 was a tie away at Nottinghamians, breaking ground as the first ever encounter between the two sides (the glory of the cup!). Not much was known about Hamians (reliably informed their nickname) except that they had taken the scalps of 4th and 2nd in their league in January.

Before we get into the match itself, the pitch was pretty honking. First of all it was not immune to the cascades of rain the country was being assaulted with. One corner in particular was becoming a touch swampy. Appropriately flocks of geese were a regular spectator, with the result being a strong coverage of goose s**t on the pitch and sideline. Like I said, honking.

Speaking of s**t, it was a pretty poor start for the away side. The first up defence which had seen so much improvement this season let the Vikings down, and sometimes rugby is as simple as if you miss your tackles, you conceded. That was the case after less than 5 minutes, Hamians winger beating three defenders to do down and make the score 7-0. Bit of a wake up call.

From there Sibley starting to get a toe hold in the game. Playing the phases the Vikings regularly found the edge, only for poor handling and decisions costing incisive breaks being made. On the other side things were starting to improve, with shots coming in that were at least stopping the opposition – although several Vikings felt the wrath of the referee for going too high. One area where the visitors had the ascendancy was in the set piece, and this would be the source of their first try. Hooker Rideout would be the beneficiary, dotting down after a maul.

The next try followed soon after. Like the set piece Sibley tended to have the better of the kicking game, and a bit of tennis left the Hamians back field empty. Captain Ross Spencer placed the kick to perfection in swamp corner and Full Back Jon Griffiths slid (somewhat unwisely) to score. The home teams response was to keep hold of possession, testing the Vikings defence till the absolute necessity to make a clearance. With a tightened up defence led by Flanker Dave Maguire (more on this later) when Sibley regained possession it would result in another maul try and another 5 points for Ash Rideout. With Zak Loveridge in imperious form the score was 7-21 at half time. It could have been more, but Griffiths dropped the ball over the line (face palm).

The second half started as poorly as the first, and it was the same inaccuracies – high tackles. Three on the spin not only allowed Hamians into the swamp for free, but would also see Prop Steve Weston spend 10 minutes on the sideline. From the resulting penalty the home team dragged the defence from side to side to find a gap and score. 12-21. This would become 19-21. Once again poor tackling first allowed a 40 metre break up the sideline, then another which brought Hamians to 5 metres out. Winger Harry Greenbury, who had made the covering tackle, was adjudged to have not released in the tackle and as such joined Weston on the naughty step. Once again from the tap penalty the home team found the try line.

So, another wake up call. The visitors response was strong, spending the next 15 minutes camped in their oppositions territory. Credit where credit is due, Hamians disrupted the attack well in open play and the set piece. However their fortitude could only last so long, and it was at the scrum where a decisive blow was made. With Prop Dave Tate joining Rideout and newcomer Louis Andrews a penalty was won, and from the subsequent scrum the ref was under the sticks for a penalty try and a yellow card.

The momentum continued unabated. The defence has solidified, with Andrews, Rideout and Centre Dan Clarke putting up season best numbers of completed tackles. However these were dwarfed by a herculean effort by Maguire, 27 completed tackles at this level an unparalleled effort. In attack holes were starting to appear as the opposition tired, with Second Row Josh Sawbridge and Wing Loveridge making good ground. A chip through by Griffiths was only stopped through an infringement (a nasty, nasty push), and it was another Hamians player in the bin (another one having already gone with a high tackle).

The final play would also be the final score. Having reached the opposition 22 Flanker Adam Mayes stepped a defender and put Centre Nathan Thornton into space. Although the chicken wing offload went to floor it was collected by a returned Greenbury. He would beat three defenders to go under the post, making five for five from Loveridge's boot a formality. Off to the showers.

With that victory Sileby would be playing rugby in May, a quarter final awaiting.

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**Nottinghamians vs
Sileby Vikings
Saturday 31st January**

- 1 STEVE WESTON
- 2 ASH RIDEOUT (vc)
- 3 LOUIS ANDREWS
- 4 JOSH SAWBRIDGE
- 5 AARON THURLOW
- 6 DAVE MAGUIRE (vc)
- 7 JACOB MOORE
- 8 ADAM MAYES
- 9 JOSH FREER
- 10 ROSS SPENCER (c)
- 11 ZAK LOVERIDGE
- 12 NATHAN THORNTON
- 13 **DAN CLARKE**
- 14 HARRY GREENBURY
- 15 JON GRIFFITHS (vc)
- 16 DAVE TATE
- 17 HARRY NICHOLS
- 18 DAN COLLISON

RESULT
35-19
#monthevikings

T - RIDEOUT x 2
T - GRIFFITHS
T - GREENBURY
T - PENALTY
C - LOVERIDGE x 4

Women's match report

18th January 2026 – hosting Lutterworth

After having our first game of 2026 postponed due to weather, we hosted Lutterworth.

Unfortunately, it wasn't our day, despite a determined and skilful performance from the whole squad. That said, there were plenty of positives to take from the match.

It's a real credit to the depth and commitment of our squad that, despite two overnight drop-outs, we were still able to field a full team. A late change to the published team sheet also meant not one, but two debuts for Lexie Moore and Jess Wade — both stepping up brilliantly — and it was great to see Lydia back in action as well. 🍌 🍌 🍌 🍌

SILEBY LADIES
VS **MKT HARBOROUGH**
LE7 4UZ, SUN 14 DECEMBER 2025, KO 2PM

- SARAH HARDING (VC)
- HAYLEY DICKSON
- FIONA KELLY
- ROZ WRIGHT
- RACHEL WOOLSEY
- AMIE SMITH-JONES (C)
- TASH AUSTEN-GREEN (VC)
- AMY SHELDRAKE
- JESS DAVIS
- ISHA-MAY LEVER
- ISOBELLE TUTTLE
- CORINNE STOTT
- ASH GIFFORD <<
- KELLY O'REILLY
- IZZY SPARY

IMPACT PLAYERS

- TARA SADLER 20
- KATIE JAMES 21
- TUESDAY COLEMAN 22
- ALEX HARTKE

* DENOTES TEAM DEBUT

MATCH SUMMARY
14/12/2025 - NC3 LEAGUE ROUND 6

24
SILEBY TOWN RFC

10
MKT HARBOROUGH

TRIES
Amy Shel Drake
Ash Gifford
Kelly O'Reilly
Izzy Spary

CONVERSIONS
Isha-May Lever x2

FOM Roz Wright

BOM Ash Gifford & Corinne Stott

OP Amy Shel Drake

Keep Platts Lane tidy



PLEASE HELP KEEP PLATTS LANE TIDY



BIN YOUR RUBBISH



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RESPECT OUR COMMUNITY

Sileby Town Rugby Club is proud of our club,
our pitches and our surroundings.

Thank you for helping keep Platts Lane
clean and welcoming for everyone.

***Sileby Town
Rugby Club***

***“Proud to call
Platts Lane home”***



Exciting News: Clubhouse development proposal

A vision for the new facility has been drawn up and will include:

- A social space where up to 120 people can be seated
- Extensive sanitary, kitchen and bar facilities to support local events and private hire (weddings, birthdays etc.)
- A focal point for the local community to undertake all manner of social activities (e.g., fitness classes, lectures, evening classes, arts & crafts, movie nights etc.)
- Dedicated parking facilities, to avoid traffic issues on Platts Lane
- Panoramic views of the field area



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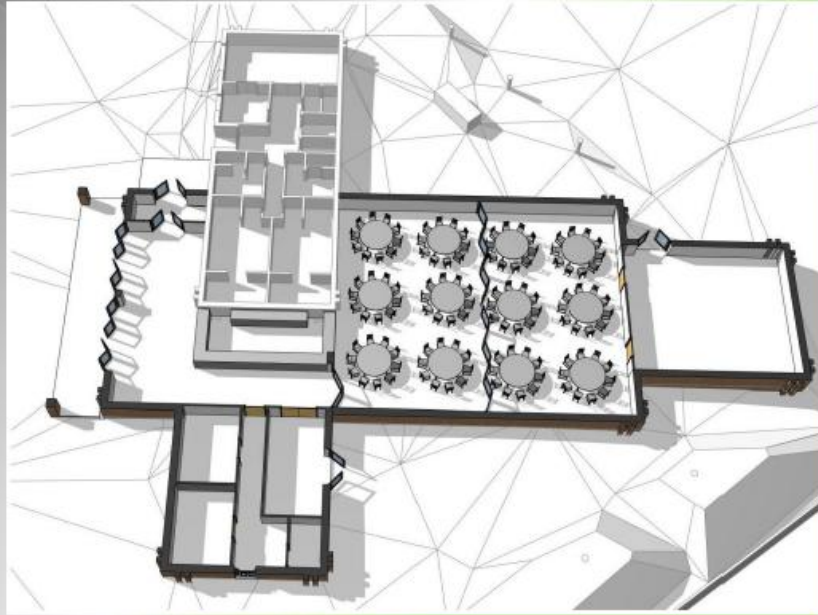


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Next steps...

- Obtain pre-Planning Permission, before submitting a full application based on a strong case of Community Need and Social Responsibility. Pre-planning has been applied for and we are awaiting a response.
- Raise the £25,000 (approx.) needed to apply for full Planning Permission.
- Engage with all stakeholders to promote the need for this vital facility within Cossington.

How can you help?

- Spread the word
- We need to engage as many people as possible to get behind the plan
- Offer your support
- Be a champion for success when we do finally submit the Planning Permission application
- Help with finances
- We will need to raise a lot of money (c. £25k) in order to submit the full Planning Permission application. All suggestions as to how we can achieve this are very welcome!
- Support our events
- Spectate at Home games (Ladies XV and Men's XV), attend our community social events (e.g., Bonfire Night, Bingo evenings) etc.

Club Website

We're thrilled to introduce a brand-new website that brings the **#OneClub** ethos to life like never before! 🇬🇧 Combining two Pitchero sites into one powerhouse, your club now has a unified platform that's smoother, more automated, and ready to take your experience to the next level.

<https://silebytownrfc.rfu.club/>

Your Club's Story – Powered by You!

Now, we want to make your club shine even brighter! We would love to be able to upload your **photos, videos, and match reports!** Capture those unforgettable moments, share your team's spirit, and let the world see the passion that makes your club special. Please send your footage to SilebyTownRFC@gmail.com. ✨ 📷

Whether it's an epic match-winning goal, a team celebration, or that behind-the-scenes action, your content will help paint the true picture of what makes your club unique.

Why Wait? Join the Action!

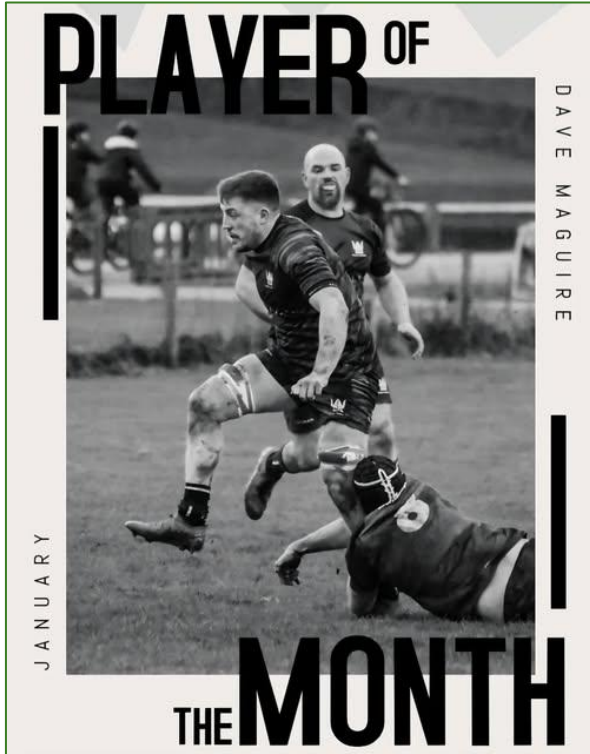
It's time to make your mark. Log in, share your memories, and be part of a **community** that celebrates your club's journey, both on and off the pitch. The new site is here, and it's waiting for YOU to help shape it!

Let's make this season one to remember – **#OneClub. One Voice. One Journey.**

🔥 Ready, set, upload! Let's get started! 🔥

Players of the Month

25 carries, 8 defenders beaten, 3 tries, 93% tackle completion, 69 tackles, including a season high 27 vs Nottinghamians. Big numbers from January's Player of the Month **David Maguire**.



Extremely hard decision for this month!!!! The team is growing from strength to strength with everyone being worthy of being our POTM. BUT finally narrowed down to these two powerhouses.

Sarah is forever growing in confidence on the pitch and her strength and determination she shows at training and in games is immense!

Tash is a menace both in training and games, her ability to be everywhere on the pitch causing havoc to the opposition is incredible!

Well done both 🍀🍀

Kua hinga te tōtara o Te Waonui a Tāne

What is remembered is never truly gone, and you will never be forgotten.

Leon Kupa Pohe

It was with deep sadness that Sileby Town Rugby Football Club learnt of the passing of Leon Kupa Pohe.

Leon was an instrumental and much-loved part of Sileby Town RFC for many years, giving his time, passion and knowledge to the club and its people. A hugely respected coach and mentor, Leon made a lasting impact on players of all ages and abilities, and was admired not only for his rugby expertise but for the care, encouragement and belief he showed to everyone around him.

Leon's influence stretched far beyond Sileby, he was a well-known and popular figure across the Leicestershire rugby community. His larger-than-life character, warmth and humour made him a friend to players, parents, volunteers and supporters alike. Wherever Leon coached, he left the club better than he found it — and the people richer for knowing him.

Above all else, Leon was a devoted partner, father, grandfather and friend. His loss will be felt deeply by many, and he leaves behind a huge hole in the hearts of all who had the privilege to share the rugby pitch — and life — with him.

In Leon's honour, a minute's silence was held before the mens and womens matches. Leon will be greatly missed, but never forgotten. We are forever grateful for everything he gave to Sileby Town RFC, to rugby in Leicestershire, and to the countless lives he touched along the way.

Rest easy, Leon. Thank you for everything. 🍌💔



Membership Subscriptions

Membership fees will be kept the same for the 2025/2026 season however membership will need to be paid via the GMS system and can be found [here](#) (available from 1st July 2025).

The following membership rate will apply for the 2025/2026 season:-

- Senior Player £180 per year. Can be paid in one payment or paid over 12 months.
- Student in full time education £130 per year. Can be paid in one payment or paid over 12 months.
- Social Member £20 per year.

Financial hardship is not a bar to membership, and the club has a provision of supporting those members for whom financial hardship would otherwise prevent them from playing rugby – and applies equally to existing and potential members.

Laura Smith-Jones, the club's Membership Secretary, deals with all requests for financial assistance, and only she deals with it – assuring you of complete confidentiality. You can email Laura as below.

Laura Smith-Jones
Honorary Treasurer
Georgyoo@outlook.com
07377 938771

Subs are a massive part of our income which pays towards:

- * Ground rent
- * Kit
- * Mowing
- * Gas
- * Electric
- * Insurance
- * Water supply
- * Council Rates
- * Referee fees
- * RFU and LRU Affiliation
- * Pitch marking and equipment
- * After match food
- * Facilities Development
- * New balls
- * Diesel for generator lighting
- * and much more ...

Sponsor Partners

Please support our Sponsors for the 2025-2026 season, who support Sileby Town RFC’s mission to bring grassroots rugby to the local community. Your generous donations ensure we can provide a rugby club for everyone; regardless of experience, background, or ability. Thanks to you, we can offer a refuge from the everyday where people can share their love of our beautiful game with friends and family.

We look forward to continuing our collaboration, celebrating many more victories, and creating lasting memories on the pitch together.

	<p>The leading Midlands’ Groundwork and Civil Engineering Contractor</p> <p>https://www.c3construction.co.uk/</p>
	<p>UK’s leading mortgage intermediary</p> <p>http://www.mortgageadvicebureau.com/mortgageexperts</p>
	<p>We have been serving Leicestershire and the East Midlands since 1976. We have a unique, customer focused approach and we invite you to visit us at our 11 acre site in Cossington.</p> <p>https://www.derrynurseries.com/</p>
	<p>Loughborough’s very own family-owned Brewery.</p> <p>We are passionate about our brewery. You can find our award-winning cask, keg, and bottled beer throughout the great pubs, restaurants and shops of our area and beyond.</p> <p>https://www.charnwoodbrewery.co.uk/</p>
	<p>We are a family run business located in Rothley, established over 30 years aiming to provide local schools, parish councils and private customers with a reliable and considerate company.</p> <p>https://www.romalandscapes.com/</p>
	<p>Eat, drink, relax. Family is the centre of our core values. Making time to get together without interruption is what pubs are here for. Sharing a great bottle of wine, beautifully conditioned Cask ale and home cooked food. We can’t wait to welcome you.</p> <p>https://royaloak-cossington.uk/</p>
	<p>Cafe nineteen is your friendly Sileby village cafe with a warm welcome for all. Homemade food and cakes are a must for us along with weekly specials.</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/19cafenineteen</p>

	<p>DJ · Party and entertainment service providing everything you need to get people on the dance floor or up on the mic. Covering the whole of the East Midlands https://www.facebook.com/share/15NscvVNLs/</p>
	<p>Sileby, Leicestershire based dog groomer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🐾 Qualified Vererinary Nurse 🐾 Experienced/ trained dog groomer 🐾 Small salon, no cages https://www.instagram.com/loughboroughdoggrooming?</p>
	<p>Dog park based in Sileby, Leicestershire Secure canine exercise and training field www.thepaddock-k9field.co.uk</p>
	<p>Offers Tenant-find services and Fully-managed solutions for all residential landlords in Leicester and Leicestershire. We manage the Landlord - Tenant relationship and offer a personal and professional service. https://kings-properties.uk/</p>
	<p>We offer a full range of automotive services, including MOT testing, car servicing, repairs, diagnostics, and more. https://jamesdudleyautoservices.com/</p>
	<p>A transparent entertainment agency. Founded by working musicians dedicated to working fairly for the artist and client. https://www.instagram.com/sheerglassentertainment?</p>
	<p>Your local, friendly female electrician. Covering Leicester, Loughborough, and surrounding villages. Domestic swaps / fittings, Board changes and Rewires Testing / Landlord EICRs, Fully Insured and Certified https://girlpowerelectrical.co.uk/</p>
	<p>Modern Estate Agents for a new era in marketing homes across Leicestershire. https://rivalily.co.uk/</p>
	<p>As a family run business with 30 years experience we pride ourselves with friendly, reliable and above all quality service. Guaranteeing a quick turn around and tailor made solutions to fit every need. If you are not sure whether it is Power Coating or Wet Spraying that you would like, we are happy to provide advice. https://www.mjcoatings.co.uk/</p>

Sponsorship Opportunities

“Doesn’t becoming a sponsor cost a fortune?”

We have packages available from as little as £275, which isn’t a lot given how much other methods of advertising cost! Also, because this is a sponsorship, you can offset the cost against your tax as it is an expense for your business. Please see HMRC’s website for more information.

“How much does it cost?”

We have many different options for sponsorship of our rugby club, we also have bespoke options that are also available, POA.

It’s important to stress that all your sponsorship will go towards providing and improved experience for our club and community!

For more information or to discuss a bespoke sponsorship package, please get in touch.

Want to advertise in the next edition of the newsletter

We offer advertising packages to suit all needs and budgets. Get in touch to find out more. Contact us to find out how you can both support your local club and showcase your business and services/products directly to our members.

YOUR ADVERT COULD BE HERE	YOUR ADVERT COULD BE HERE
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Upcoming Events

Viking Darts Championship 2026

FUNDRAISING DARTS TOURNAMENT



SATURDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

Sign up by 12:30pm, tournament commences at 1:00pm

Venue: 1912, 26, Cossington road, Sileby



SILEBY TOWN RFC

To sign up contact Sean on 07748248532



SILEBY TOWN RFC

Viking Fest

After the success of last year's debut event, this year is going to be blast!



COME JOIN OUR FESTIVAL

Viking Fest

HOLD A STALL WITH US

Ever wanted to go to a festival?
Do it by having a stall with us!
Whatever it is you do, it's welcome!

**FOOD | DRINK | CRAFTS | CLOTHING | ALL OTHER
SMALL BUSINESSES**

**25 JULY 2026 | 1PM - 6PM
LE7 4UZ**

DROP TIA A MESSAGE ON FACEBOOK TO ENQUIRE



The illustration at the bottom shows three festival stalls. The first is a drink stall with a yellow canopy and four jars of different colored drinks. The second is a food stall with a red and black Viking ship canopy and several trays of skewered food. The third is a clothing stall with a yellow canopy, hanging clothes, and a table with various items.

New Kit Website

The advertisement features a central graphic with the text "SHOP the RANGE" in large, bold, white letters with a yellow outline, set against a green background with a stylized leaf or flame shape. Below this, five pieces of sports kit are displayed: a quilted jacket, a long-sleeved top, a hooded top, a short-sleeved top, and a t-shirt. The Akuma logo is visible on the first three items, and the Sileby Town RFC logo is on the last two. At the bottom of the kit items, the Akuma logo and the Sileby Town RFC logo are shown side-by-side. Below the logos, the URL "akumashops.com/silebytownrfc" and the password "PASSWORD:SILEBY" are provided.

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akumashops.com/silebytownrfc **PASSWORD:SILEBY**

Our new web kitshop is now open.

<http://akumashops.com/silebytownrfc>

You will need to enter a password of:- **SILEBY**

Thank you!

If you've read until the end, thank you for reading. We appreciate your support. We hope this newsletter helps foster a sense of community among players, supporters, and members.

You can help too! We would love to include your contributions in the next newsletter;

- * whether you're able to write a match report

- * you've taken photos of a match or event

A heartfelt thank you to the talented photographers whose photographs we've used in this newsletter. Your eye for detail and ability to seize the moment have added an extra dimension to both this newsletter and our social media channels.