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Hull Kingston Rovers	Mike Smith	
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Keighley Cougars	Neil Cullen	Gary Fawcett
Leeds Rhinos	Gary Hetherington	
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North Wales Crusaders	Jamie Thomas	
Oldham	Christopher Hamilton	David Bradshaw
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Warrington Wolves	Andrew Gatcliffe	
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RUGBY LEAGUE FOUNDATION

Charity Number: 328045

Trustees: Terry Flanagan, Kath Hetherington, Blake Solly, Bev Risman OBE, Niel Wood

Objects: The Rugby League Foundation is a charitable body whose purpose is to support the development of sport with small-scale awards (normally to a maximum of £10,000) specifically in the areas of disadvantaged young people, universities, schools and the development of their local communities.

RFL BENEVOLENT FUND

Charity Number: 1109858

Trustees: Tim Adams, Geoff Burrow, Philip Clarke, Gary Hetherington, David Hinchcliffe, Emma Rosewarne

Objects: For the relief of people (and their dependants) who play, assist, or who have played or assisted in the game of rugby league in the United Kingdom or for a team affiliated to an association primarily based in the United Kingdom and who are in hardship or distress as a result of injury through playing or training for the game of rugby football league or when travelling to or from a game or training session.

RFL FACILITIES TRUST

Charity Number: 1129134

Trustees: Jonathan Hyland, Philip Jones, Karen Moorhouse, David Gent, Ralph Rimmer, Dave Woods

Objects: To improve the environment in which the sport of Rugby League is played and thereby improve the experience of customers and stakeholders.

RFL NATIONAL MUSEUM, HERITAGE & ARTS FOUNDATION

Charity Number: 1115283

Trustees: Stephen Ball, Tony Gartland, David Gent, David Oxley CBE, Nigel Wood

Objects: For the benefit of the public at large, to advance the education of such persons in all matters relating to the heritage, history and development of rugby league and its antecedents in particular (but not exclusively) by:- 1. Establishing, maintaining and operating a museum open to the public for the permanent exhibition and preservation of rugby memorabilia and other items of educational, artistic and/or historic value or significance; and 2. Collecting, collating and archiving documents or other materials (in whatever medium) of educational, artistic and/or historic value or significance which shall be made available in the public domain and promoting the perusal and use of such material for research purposes.

DONATIONS

Donations can be made to any of the charities by cheques payable to the relevant charity and sent to The RFL, Red Hall, Red Hall Lane, Leeds, LS17 8NB.
To include Gift Aid please download the application form from our website www.rfl.uk.com

Past Life Vice Presidents of the RFL

T. FOSTER, T. MITCHELL, R. WAUDBY, E. ASHTON MBE, T. SMITH

Past Chairmen of the Council

1897-97	H.H. WALKER	Brighouse Rangers
1897-98	J.E. WARREN	Warrington
1898-99	D.F. BURNLEY	Batley
1899-1900	J.H. SMITH	Widnes
1900-01	H. HUTCHINSON	Wakefield Trinity
1901-02	J.H. HOUGHTON	St. Helens
1902-03	J. CLIFFORD	Huddersfield
1903-04	R. COLLINGE	Rochdale Hornets
1904-05	F. LISTER	Bradford
1905-06	J.H. SMITH	Widnes
1906-07	J.B. COOKE	Wakefield Trinity
1907-08	H. ASHTON	Warrington
1908-09	J. NICHOLL	Halifax
1909-10	J.H. HOUGHTON	St. Helens
1910-11	J.W. WOOD	Leeds
1911-12	G. TAYLOR	Wigan
1912-13	W.D. LYON	Hull
1913-20	J.H. SMITH	Widnes
1920-22	W. FILLAN	Huddersfield
1922-23	J. COUNSELL	Wigan
1923-24	J.H. DANNATT	Hull
1924-25	R. GALE	Leigh
1925-26	J.F. WHITAKER	Batley
1926-27	E. OSBORNE	Warrington
1927-28	C. PRESTON	Dewsbury
1928-29	F. KENNEDY	Broughton Rangers
1929-30	W.J. LINGARD	Halifax
1930-31	F. MATTINSON	Salford
1931-32	E. BROWN	Millom (Cumberland)
1932-33	W. POPPLEWELL	Bramley
1933-34	W.M. GABBATT	Barrow
1934-35	J. LEWTHWAITE	Hunslet
1935-36	T. ASHCROFT	St. Helens Recs.
1936-38	A.A. BONNER	Wakefield Trinity
1938-40	G.F. HUTCHINS	Oldham
1940-42	A. TOWNSEND	Leeds
1942-45	R.F. ANDERSON	Warrington
1945-46	R. LOCKWOOD	Huddersfield
1946-47	W.H. HUGHES	Salford
1947-48	W.A. CROCKFORD	Hull Kingston Rovers
1948-49	T. BROWN	Liverpool Stanley
1949-50	H. HORNBY	Bradford Northern
1950-51	A. WIDDESON	E. Lancs. Am. Rep
1951-52	SIR EDWIN AIREY	Leeds
1952-53	B. MANSON	Swinton
1953-54	C.W. ROBINSON	York
1954-55	J. HILTON	Leigh
1955-56	G. OLDROYD	Dewsbury

Past Chairmen of the Council

1956-57	H.E. RAWSON	Hunslet
1957-58	C.E. HORSFALL	Halifax
1958-59	F. RIDGEWAY	Oldham
1959-60	W. CUNNINGHAM	Huddersfield
1960-61	J.S. BARRITT	Bradford Northern
1961-62	T. MITCHELL	Workington Town
1962-63	W. SPAVEN	Hull Kingston Rovers
1963-64	DR H. ROEBUCK	Liverpool City
1964-65	A. WALKER	Rochdale Hornets
1965-66	A.B. SHARMAN	Leeds
1966-67	J.B. HARDING	Leigh
1967-68	J.N. SMALLWOOD	Keighley
1968-69	J. JEPSON	Featherstone Rovers
1969-70	J.J. DAVIES	Widnes
1970-72	H. LOCKWOOD	Huddersfield
1972-74	R. SIMPSON	Castleford
1974-76	G.B. SNAPE	Salford
1976-78	H. WOMERSLEY	Bradford Northern
1978-80	S. BAXENDALE	Wigan
1980-81	J. MYERSCOUGH	Leeds
1981-82	W.B. OXLEY	Barrow
1982-83	J. GRINDROD	Rochdale Hornets
1983-84	J. BATEMAN	Swinton
1984-85	R. PARKER	Blackpool Borough
1985-86	J. SEDDON	St. Helens
1986-87	J.D. WIGHAM	Whitehaven
1987-93	R. ASHBY	Featherstone Rovers
1993-02	R. M. WALKER	Wakefield Trinity

Past Presidents of the RFL

1988-89	L. J. BETTINSON	Salford
1989-90	S. ACKROYD	Halifax
1990-91	H. JEPSON OBE	Leeds
1991-92	M. P. LINDSAY	Wigan
1992-93	C.C. HUTTON	Hull Kingston Rovers
1993-94	R. WAUDBY	Hull
1994-95	R. TEEMAN	Bramley
1995-96	K. HETHERINGTON	Sheffield Eagles
1997	W. J. MASON	Hunslet
1998	T. SMITH	Widnes Vikings
1999	W. GARRETT	Warrington Wolves
2000	R. CALVIN	Whitehaven
2001	M. WHITE	Swinton Lions
2002	R. TAYLOR	Rochdale Hornets
2003	T. FLEET	Widnes Vikings
2004	G. HETHERINGTON	Leeds Rhinos
2005	P. HINDLE	Castleford Tigers
2006	S. WAGNER	Featherstone Rovers
2007	G. LILES	Hunslet Hawks
2008	K. NICHOLAS	Batley Bulldogs
2009	C. HAMILTON	Oldham
2010	B. RISMAN	
2011	J. WHALING	Sheffield Eagles

Hall of Fame

Inducted 1988

Billy Batten
 Brian Bevan
 Billy Boston MBE
 Neil Fox MBE
 Alex Murphy OBE
 Jonty Parkin
 Gus Risman
 Albert Rosenfeld
 Jim Sullivan
 Harold Wagstaff

Inducted 2000

Vince Karalius
 Roger Millward MBE
 Tom Van Vollenhoven

Inducted 2005

Eric Ashton MBE
 Douglas Clark
 Ellery Hanley MBE
 Martin Hodgson

Roll of Honour

2003 Frank Myler	2009 Peter Fox
2004 Tommy Sale MBE	Fred Lindop MBE
Johnny Whiteley MBE	Ron Earnshaw
2005 Harold Swift MBE	Vic Wakeling CBE
Bev Risman OBE	2010 Neville Smith
Maurice Oldroyd	2011 Martin Coyd
2007 Tony Gartland	June Kennedy
Douglas Hird	Raymond Fletcher
Stan Wall	
2008 Hilda Hardy	
Ray French MBE	
Mike Stephenson	

The Mike Gregory Spirit of Rugby Award

2008 Mike Gregory	2010 Ray French MBE
2009 Steve Prescott MBE	2011 Harry Jepson OBE

Operational Rules Tribunal

Mr J Atkinson	HH Judge R Grant
Mr I Butt	Mr G Hallas
Mr R Bridge	Mr J Hamer
Mr D Campbell	HH Judge L Hull
HH P Charlesworth	Mr B Lilley
Mr C Clarke	Mr N McAvoy
Mr P Dixon	Mr A McInnes
Mr R Evans	Mr M Pike
Mrs F Everson	Mr D Poulter
Mr G Fairbairn	HH Judge J Spencer
Mr D Fox	Mr N Turley
Mr W George	Mr J Wells

Secretary to the Operational Rules Tribunal

Mr M Dixon

Life Members

Mr R Ashby	Mr M P Lindsay
Mr L Bettinson	Mr M J Lumb
Mr R Calvin	Mr D S Oxley CBE
Mr R S Davis	Mr R Parker
Mr T Fleet	Mr J Seddon
Mr W Garratt	Mr R Teeman
Mrs K Hetherington	Sir Rodney Walker
Mr D J Howes	Mr M White
Mr C C Hutton	Mr J D Wigham
Mr H Jepson OBE	
Mr G A Keith	

Man of Steel Winners

1977 David Ward (Leeds)
1978 George Nicholls (St Helens)
1979 Doug Laughton (Widnes)
1980 George Fairbairn (Wigan)
1981 Ken Kelly (Warrington)
1982 Mick Morgan (Carlisle)
1983 Allan Agar (Featherstone Rovers)
1984 Joe Lydon (Widnes)
1985 Ellery Hanley MBE (Bradford Northern)
1986 Gavin Miller (Hull Kingston Rovers)
1987 Ellery Hanley MBE (Wigan)
1988 Martin Offiah MBE (Widnes)
1989 Ellery Hanley MBE (Wigan)
1990 Shaun Edwards (Wigan)
1991 Garry Schofield OBE (Leeds)
1992 Dean Bell (Wigan)
1993 Andy Platt (Wigan)
1994 Jonathan Davies (Warrington)
1995 Denis Betts (Wigan)
1996 Andrew Farrell (Wigan)
1997 James Lowes (Bradford Bulls)
1998 Iestyn Harris (Leeds Rhinos)
1999 Adrian Vowles (Castleford Tigers)
2000 Sean Long (St Helens)
2001 Paul Sculthorpe (St Helens)
2002 Paul Sculthorpe (St Helens)
2003 Jamie Peacock MBE (Bradford Bulls)
2004 Andrew Farrell (Wigan Warriors)
2005 Jamie Lyon (St Helens)
2006 Paul Wellens (St Helens)
2007 James Roby (St Helens)
2008 James Graham (St Helens)
2009 Brett Hodgson (Huddersfield Giants)
2010 Pat Richards (Wigan Warriors)
2011 Rangi Chase (Castleford Tigers)

The RFL Customer Charter

The RFL is committed to providing excellent service to all its customers. This Charter sets out the RFL's policies.

Mission Statement – The RFL is committed to managing, developing and promoting Rugby League in order to provide excellent, high quality customer services for the whole Rugby League family.

Object – The objects of the RFL as set out in the Articles of Association are:

- (i) to acquire and undertake the assets and liabilities transferred to the Company by and to carry out the powers, obligations, duties and general objects of the present unincorporated association known as the Rugby Football League and to indemnify the Rugby Football League, its officers, members, members of its board and its council and any other committees and its employees against all costs, claims, demands, actions and proceedings relating to those assets and liabilities and the undertaking of the Rugby Football League and in respect of all liabilities, obligations and commitments (whether legally binding or not) of the Rugby Football League transferred to the Company and also in respect of the costs and expenses and outgoings from or attributable to the transfer of assets and undertaking;
- (ii) to foster, govern, develop, organise and manage the game of rugby league football ("the Game"), in respect of all age groups, at all levels and for both sexes, in Great Britain and Ireland;
- (iii) to develop and manage the playing of the Game at an international level;
- (iv) to make, adopt, vary and publish bye laws, regulations and conditions for the management and/or governance of the Game and its competitions and matters relating thereto, and to take all such steps as shall be deemed necessary or advisable for enforcing such bye laws, regulations and conditions;
- (v) to organise and administer competitions for the playing of the Game in Great Britain and Ireland by Clubs and those others invited to participate in such competitions;
- (vi) to promote, provide for, regulate and manage all or any details or arrangements or other things as may be considered necessary or desirable for, or ancillary to, the comfort, conduct, convenience or benefit or players of the Game and of the public or of any other persons concerned or engaged in or associated with the Company;
- (vii) to assist and co-operate with any organisation having similar objectives;
- (viii) to exploit and sell and enter into contracts and other arrangements in relation to, and to take action to protect, all rights in or relating to Matches and other intellectual property rights of the Company insofar as those rights are vested in or are managed by the Company;
- (ix) to discipline players, Clubs and members for breaches of any bye laws, rules or regulations or the Laws of the Game and to adjudicate in respect of disputes between Clubs;
- (x) to do all such other acts or things, to enter into contracts and undertakings with others and to take such other steps as may in the opinion of the Company or the Board be conducive to the attainment or furtherance of the objects of the Company; and
- (xi) to commit to the principles of equal opportunities and to ensure that the culture, philosophy and processes within the Company and the Game are free from bias and discrimination.

Contact with the RFL

BY POST	-	Feedback, RFL, Red Hall, Red Hall Lane, Leeds LS17 8NB
BY PHONE	-	0844 477 7113
BY FAX	-	0844 477 0013
BY E-MAIL	-	feedback@rfl.uk.com
BY WEBSITE	-	www.rfl.uk.com

We will try to respond to any letter, fax or e-mail within 7 working days of receipt of such communication. If it is not possible to provide a full response to the issue raised within that time, an acknowledgement will be sent and a detailed reply will follow within 28 working days of the original communication.

We will attempt to resolve all justifiable complaints within 28 working days. If, however, this cannot be done, we promise to keep the complainant updated on the progress of the complaint.

Misconduct Complaints

All complaints of alleged misconduct made about persons subject to the Operational Rules of the RFL will be forwarded to the office of the Compliance Manager. Complainants may be required to complete an official complaint form.

Staff Conduct

RFL staff will conduct themselves in a courteous and responsive manner in all dealings with customers. The RFL is committed to treating all persons equally. All complaints of misconduct made about member of RFL staff will be forwarded to the Human Resources Manager or the Compliance Manager as appropriate.

Consultation

The RFL is committed to consulting with recognized supporter and other customer groups.

Richard Lewis
Executive Chairman
March 2005

Equity and Diversity Statement

As the National Governing Body for Rugby League, the RFL is committed to ensuring that the culture, philosophy and processes within the organisation and wider game are free from bias and discrimination.

Equity is about fairness. The RFL is responsible for setting the standards, vision and values that should apply throughout the organisation and game. Our vision for equity is to ensure that discrimination in sport is tackled, barriers identified and overcome and current inequalities in participation across the game are addressed.

Rugby League is a game for everyone to enjoy equally and as an inclusive and welcoming organisation we respect and value the rights, dignity and worth of every person.

The RFL affirms its commitment to achieving equal outcomes whatever their gender, gender identity, disability, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, age, marital or civil partnership status, pregnancy, maternity/ paternity, social background, political affiliation or any other visible or non visible difference.

The RFL is committed to everyone having the right to enjoy Rugby League in an environment free from the threat of discrimination, intimidation, harassment or abuse

Our actions - the actions of all employees - are governed by our Aims, Values and Behaviours. Our core values, **fair, care, share and dare** set a tone of integrity for the governing body - one that is reinforced consistently at all levels and by all staff.


The management of RFL will respond effectively and appropriately to any instances of discriminatory behaviour or practices according to the published rules, policies and procedures of the RFL.

RFL will take positive action:

- (i) to redress and eliminate individual and institutional discrimination
- (ii) to comply with statutory and legislative objectives
- (iii) to make equality and management diversity core to the development and delivery of policies, initiative and services to staff, volunteers, members and partners.

Sarah Williams
RFL Equality & Diversity Manager

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List of Clubs

SUPER LEAGUE

Bradford Bulls
Castleford Tigers
Catalan Dragons
Huddersfield Giants
Hull FC
Hull Kingston Rovers
Leeds Rhinos
London Broncos
St Helens
Salford City Reds
Wakefield Trinity Wildcats
Warrington Wolves
Widnes Vikings
Wigan Warriors

THE CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP

Batley Bulldogs
Dewsbury Rams
Featherstone Rovers
Halifax RLFC
Hunslet Hawks
Keighley Cougars
Leigh Centurions
Sheffield Eagles
Swinton Lions
York City Knights

THE CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP 1

Barrow Raiders
Doncaster RLFC
Gateshead Thunder
London Skolars
North Wales Crusaders
Oldham
Rochdale Hornets
South Wales Scorpions
Whitehaven
Workington Town

