



February 2026 Newsletter

Chesterfield Welcome Axholme Tanks

On the 11th of February, the club welcomed Axholme Tanks to our home venue for a friendly. Coming out of the blocks quickly, Chesterfield were able to show their quick offensive skills after some line-up changes from Coach Turner introducing three new players into the team and ended up leading the first quarter 16-14. Unfortunately, a barrage of successive points from Axholme's number ten saw us trailing 22 – 38 going into half time. Despite very close 3rd and 4th quarters, the damage

had been arguably done in the 2nd quarter which saw Axholme take the honours back to Scunthorpe with a 46 – 67 final score. An impressive performance on debut by Nathaniel Berge (below) gave him the Brae Transport game MVP award for the night.



Juniors Update

On Friday 20th of February, a club statement went out regarding our junior training sessions, in short, despite best efforts to find an alternative venue to provide more consistency to our junior training and whilst some problems were resolved, many more were created. As such, the decision has been taken to remain at Tupton Hall School on Saturday mornings for the foreseeable future.

Player in the spotlight:

Charlie Hobson



This month, we focus on Charlie Hobson who has been with the club since its launch in June 2025.

Charlie first found basketball in secondary school and really found himself enjoying the sport, but of course, being on rotation across the curriculum, he did not get to enjoy it for long before he had to then focus on other sports. Charlie and his mum had looked for ways he could be involved in basketball outside of school but there was nothing locally available until Chesterfield Basketball Club came along. They got in touch with the club and wanted to find out more. Charlie is high functioning autistic and has ADHD so confidence was a massive issue and concern for both Charlie and his mum and naturally, both wanted to ensure that Charlie

would fit into the club and be given opportunities as Charlie found big settings quite daunting and hard to settle into.

Moving forwards nine months and Charlie is more at home than ever. His passion for basketball has shined through, earning himself a spot on the senior team and becoming a social butterfly within the club, always welcoming any new players who join. The Charlie who joined the club and Charlie today are worlds apart and it's amazing to see how he has developed both personally and with his basketball ability. Charlie has himself admitted: "growing up through school and college was a rough ride, I suffered a lot of bullying, and this severely impacted my mental health and confidence. Since joining the club, everyone, especially Coach Jordan, has made me feel welcome, spent time with me and helped me grow as a baller and as an individual too". Charlie asks anyone who lacks confidence or is worried to come and give us a try and be part of an inclusive, fun environment that combines social and competitive elements together.

Away from the club, Charlie is a dedicated season ticket holder of Chesterfield FC and tries to attend as many Sheffield Sharks games as he can. Charlie enjoys playing and watching darts and poker as well as gaming (Do not challenge Charlie on NBA2K!)

We look forward to seeing Charlie grow within the club!



Sponsor spotlight

As always, we take the time to thank our club sponsors, **Brae transport Ltd**, **Millock Construction** and **Malhi Foodstores** as well as **Sport England** for our initial grant. Today we are giving a shout out our game MVP sponsor, Brae Transport Ltd.

Brae Transport Ltd has been operating for 40 years (established 1986) mainly transporting construction materials all over the UK & Europe. The company started off as just 1 man and an old second hand lorry. These days Brae still Transport a lot of construction materials throughout the UK & Europe but also Transport a lot of other things as well. Andy took over two years ago and the company still have the former director & owner come in one day week to help out (he's retired but can't help himself!)

The club is very grateful to Brae for their sponsorship by providing a game MVP trophy and contributing significantly toward our training facility hire.

Chesterfield Basketball Club
welcomes

Adheel Tahir

Adheel Tahir has joined the club to assist with our junior sessions on Saturdays.



Adheel is a basketball fanatic and those within the club will know Adheel as our rival on the court, being part of the Sheffield Friendly Basketball team set up. Rivalries aside though, we are very happy to welcome Adheel who brings a lot of playing experience and love for the game which we are sure will shine through with our juniors as well.



Membership



Finally, for this month's newsletter, we are excited to announce some new membership options which go live on the 1st of March, coming into effect from the 1st of April.

We will still be offering our Pay as you go option (PAYG), which will have two available choices, but we will also be launching a direct debit system (initially for our seniors on Wednesday nights) with the hope to roll this out to our

juniors when longer term stability is established with venue hire etc.

The following options will become available and we are encouraging all participants of the club to take note of the below as this will impact everyone in some way, shape or form.

PAYG options.

Our typical PAYG option will have a slight change in that all participants must pay a £10 membership upfront for the year. Doing this assists with insurance/safeguarding and other administrative costs the club faces. This £10 will only be paid once and then payment for each training session will be required at £6 for adults (Wednesday nights) and £4 for juniors (Saturday mornings).

The 2nd option for PAYG will be to pay a £35 upfront cost for adults or £25 for juniors (which will also only be made payable once for the year, for clarity, this is **not** in addition to the £10 in option 1). This will reduce the session costs each week to £4 for adults and £2 for juniors.

Direct debit

For the first time, the club is excited to offer its direct debit option which will be available to its adults on Wednesday nights. This will act as an all-inclusive option which will have a £15 initial set up cost followed by monthly payments of £25 (due 28th of each month). This will include, all training costs, game fees (subs) for those picked for the

competitive team and will also include the team's official away kit which will launch later this year. You will get this kit included in your membership which will include your name and number printing.

*Please note, a player license payable to basketball England is still due and players must take responsibility for this, the club will announce details and steps for this closer to the time of playing in any competitive leagues.

*Any player wishing to play in the competitive team, must have a home jersey to be eligible, these are available to purchase, please contact Jordan to order one.

The membership will launch on the 1st of March with a form to complete, please do endeavor to complete and pay as soon as possible.

After the 1st of April, there will be an additional £5 added to upfront costs of all membership options so the above is very much an "early bird" offer.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries and please keep an eye out as always on our social media pages and WhatsApp groups for any updates.

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