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ACROSS THE FIELD



Celebrating the Legacy of Dwarf Sport
Honouring Our History and Inspiring the Future.

Staff, trustees, ambassadors, supporters and Paralympians from Dwarf Sports Association UK (DSAuk) attended the launch of A History of Dwarf Sport: Birmingham and Beyond, celebrating the people and achievements that have shaped dwarf sport and the wider para sport movement.

The exhibition highlights how determination, resilience and inclusion have helped challenge barriers and create opportunities for future generations.

DSAuk would like to thank the National Paralympic Heritage Trust for co-creating our online exhibition, alongside Birmingham Central Library and everyone involved in making the project possible. The project is supported by The National Lottery Heritage Fund and the Esmée Fairbairn Collections Fund, delivered by the Museums Association.

More Sports, More Opportunities Across the Regions

Our regional teams have been incredibly busy, hosting a fantastic variety of events across the country, including watersports, inclusive fitness, golf, sailing, skiing and much more! 🏌️⛵🏂

Keep an eye on our website and social media for upcoming events in your area. If you have any questions or ideas, don't hesitate to contact your Regional Coordinator or Tom.

We're always looking to expand our activities, try new sports and create more opportunities for our members to get involved, have fun and try something new! 💙







🌍 Representing DSAuk on the International Stage



Mike recently attended the International Achondroplasia Forum in Marseille, joining doctors and healthcare professionals from around the world to discuss the care and treatment of people with achondroplasia and hypochondroplasia.

The forum provided an opportunity for open and honest conversations, sharing knowledge, experiences and perspectives to help improve understanding and support for the dwarfism community.

We hope this marks the beginning of a greater role for DSAuk in these important discussions, ensuring that the voices and experiences of our members are heard.

Boccia Tournament 2026

DSAuk hosted its annual National Boccia Tournament at Aldersley in October, welcoming over 100 athletes of all ages for a fantastic weekend of competition! 🎯 Athletes competed in singles, pairs and team events, showcasing their skills, determination and sportsmanship.

We were delighted to welcome the Mayor and Mayoress of Wolverhampton, who met our members and experienced first-hand the positive impact of accessible sport and the opportunities DSAuk provides for people with dwarfism. 👏

A huge thank you to AllforJoe for sponsoring the 2026 tournament, and to Steve and Vicky for joining us and supporting the event. 💙 It was wonderful to see Joe's legacy continuing to make a positive difference through sport.

Congratulations to all our athletes, and thank you to everyone who helped make the weekend such a success! 🥇 🥈 🥉







🌐 Explore the National Paralympic Heritage Exhibitions Online

You can continue exploring A History of Dwarf Sport: Birmingham and Beyond online through our digital resources:

🎬 Watch the exhibition video to discover the stories behind dwarf sport.

🎧 Listen to the full gallery audio description for an accessible guide to the exhibition.

🏛️ Explore DSAuk's interactive virtual gallery and discover the people, achievements and history that have helped shape dwarf sport.



National Shooting Tournament Entry Open 🎯

Join us at Aldersley Shooting Centre on Saturday, 14 November for a day of rifle and pistol training, followed by a friendly competition!

- Training: 10am–12 noon, with DSAuk staff on hand to offer advice.
- Competition: 12pm–2pm, with medals for top athletes and certificates for all.
- Eligibility: DSAuk full members aged 10+.
- Cost: £10 per person (40 spaces available).

Entries close: 9 November at 3pm. Places are limited, so book early! For help with booking or further information, contact tom.mills@dsauk.org.

💙 October Fundraising Heroes!





October was a fantastic month for fundraising, and we'd like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who went the extra mile to support Dwarf Sports Association UK!

💪 James and Alex took on the tough 15K Tough Mudder challenge, tackling obstacles and pushing themselves to the limit in support of DSAuk!

🚶 The Bright Horizons New Church Road team also got involved with their very own sponsored walk, bringing people together to raise money for a great cause.

We're incredibly grateful to James, Alex and everyone at Bright Horizons for their amazing efforts and support. Every pound raised helps us continue providing sporting opportunities and activities for people with dwarfism across the UK.

Thank you for being part of Team DSAuk! 💙👏

🎄 Support DSAuk for FREE with easyfundraising

With Christmas around the corner, sign up to easyfundraising and raise FREE donations for Dwarf Sports Association UK every time you shop online, at no extra cost!

With over 8,000 retailers taking part, your festive shopping can make a real difference.

🎁 Sign up today for the chance to win one of four £250 donations for DSAuk!

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Thank you for your support!

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