



**HAVANT RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**  
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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Havant Rugby Club Minis Celebrate Success at New Milton Festival**

Havant minis have continued the success of last season, winning the U10s and U11s age groups at the New Milton Festival yesterday. It was a double celebration for the U11s, winning both the main festival and the B festival for less experienced players.

New Milton Festival is one of the most prestigious festivals within the New Forest area seeing teams travel from Bournemouth, Southampton and around the New Forest area itself.

Players from as young as 7 travelled from Havant to take part, the competition spanning the minis age groups, U8s to U12s. All the teams from Havant made it from the groups to take part in either the cup or plate competition. An additional smaller 'B' festival took place on the same to encourage emerging players.

"We are delighted with the way our minis played," said Youth Chairman, Gill Gray. "They showed an incredible amount of spirit and skill, and we are delighted to see silverware this early in the season. Just as importantly, it was great to see so many young rugby players having so much fun! Credit must also go to the coaches who work so hard with the kids, igniting a passion that should last a lifetime."

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#### **Notes to Editors**

Havant Rugby Club is the South Coast's premier team, enjoying a national league ranking and providing some of the most exciting and competitive senior team rugby in the area.

This national platform has enabled a framework to develop one of the largest and most successful minis and junior sections within the region. Believing in excellence and sportsmanship, the club provides weekly training and matches for players of all ages and abilities, as well as the opportunity to mentor young players through the pitfalls of the game as they progress.

Within Hampshire, Havant RFC has the highest number of youth players from any one club in the London Irish Academy.