



**HAVANT RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**  
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**Solent Sirens enjoy Success**  
**- and they're just halfway through their first season!**

The newly formed Solent Sirens have already plenty to shout about. The team initially formed from the Havant and Petersfield squads are sitting pretty - second in the U18 Surrey Youth League, and nine players have just been selected to play for the southern region, including England U20 Vickie Cornborough.

The Sirens came together at the beginning of the rugby season, when Havant and Petersfield rugby clubs combined to field a 'cluster team' for U15 and U18 girls in the South of England leagues following an initiative from the Hampshire RFUW. The Sirens are open to any girl aged 12-18 living in the South and East of Hampshire, and regularly include players from the Havant, Petersfield, Gosport, Portsmouth, Southampton and Winchester areas. The Sirens formed with some well established players - including England player Vickie Cornborough and Havant stalwart Katie Sage, who started at Hooks Lane as an Under 7 and has now represented the South at Under 14, Under 17 and Under 18 level as well as trialling for England - have gone from strength to strength. Currently mid way through the season they are second in the U18 League.

A total of nine Sirens feature in the South's regional squad of thirty girls, following trials yesterday that included players from across Hampshire and Surrey. The Sirens contingent comprises Vickie Cornborough (prop), Kate Parker (hooker), Charlotte West (prop), Georgia Welsh (second row), Laura Cowrick (second row), Annie Brown (centre), Katie Sage (wing), Charlotte Smith (wing) and Leah Thompson (fullback).

Any girl aged over the age of 12 is welcome to join the Solent Sirens. Training takes place each Sunday morning at 11am at either Havant or Petersfield Rugby Club. Details are listed on Havant's website, [www.havant-rfc.co.uk](http://www.havant-rfc.co.uk). An open afternoon is planned for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at Havant Rugby Club, between 1pm and 3pm, for girls aged 15 to 18 years. Complete novices or seasoned players welcome. A fun 10 a side competition will be held on the day, with teams chosen on the afternoon.

For more information on the Solent Sirens and the open afternoon please contact Viv on 0751 3315242.

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**Notes on Havant Rugby Club**

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.

For further information on the club including up-to-date news and results, please go to [www.havant-rfc.co.uk](http://www.havant-rfc.co.uk)