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## Lovell's sporting gesture kits out young Skipton rugby players



A young Skipton rugby team are running out in brand-new kits sponsored by local housing developer Lovell.

The under-9s rugby side at Skipton Rugby Football Club have been kitted out by the company as part of its commitment to supporting community organisations and local groups. The players, some of whom live very close to the new Lambert Hills housing development which Lovell is building in Skipton, are now running out in a new red and black strip.

Skipton Rugby Football Club clubhouse manager and under-16s coach Bernard Flatley says: "We rely on this kind of support as new kit can be really expensive and the cost would otherwise fall on parents or the club. We're extremely grateful to Lovell for helping out and enabling the under-9s side to have its first new strip for a number of years.

"Having a new strip raises the team's profile and makes the whole side look more professional. It helps the players really feel that they are part of the club."

Lovell contributed £540 for the team's new sports kit. The company's regional director Simon Medler says: "We got involved after we were approached by one of the local subcontractors we're working with in Skipton. The rugby football club is a big part of the community locally so we're really pleased to have been able to give them our backing and support. We hope the under-9s team are enjoying wearing their new kit and look forward to following their progress."

Lovell is building a mix of three- and four-bedroom houses and one- and two-bedroom apartments at Lambert Hills. The 57-home development, at the site of the former Craven District Council offices, will include affordable homes and homes for open market sale.