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Momentum builds for local club to bring Wheelchair Rugby to East Anglia

Woodbridge Rugby Club has announced that the first of its three wheelchair rugby taster sessions was a huge success! The sessions are to gauge interest in the Club's plans to be the first club in the Eastern Counties to offer wheelchair rugby.

Sunday's taster session attracted a large group of wheelchair users from far and wide, including three London-based league players and two Ipswich-based league players who were excited by the opportunity to train and play closer to home.

Among the spectators were local man and Paralympic Sailing Gold Medallist, Kevin Curtis, as well as Terry McEntee from Suffolk Sport and Graeme Anderson from Optua. Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby was there in force - bringing with them support, coaches and equipment including eight purpose-built wheelchairs for use at the taster sessions.

The event, organised by Woodbridge Rugby Club - in conjunction with Suffolk Coastal District Council - was the first of three. Future events will take place at The Dome at Woodbridge School, Burkitt Road, Woodbridge, IP12 4JH on 3rd March and 10th March, 10.30am until 1.30pm.

Joy Elias a chair user from Woodbridge, said: "This is really great way to have fun, socialise and exercise with like-minded people. I've had such a good time. I really hope we can generate the interest required for Woodbridge [Rugby Club] to offer this sport."

Mark Gray, who came along to check out the sport for the first time, said: "I've tried wheelchair basketball before but never rugby. It's awesome! I'll definitely play again."

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