

# Walcountian Blues Lacrosse Club

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## Walcountian Blues Lacrosse Team European Club Champions

Walcountian Blues ladies lacrosse won the South East 2021-22 premiership this season and went on to play Stockport in the national finals where they won 23-2.

As a result of winning nationals, the Blues ladies went to Barcelona to compete in the Ken Galluccio cup (European clubs tournament) on the weekend 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> September. In the group stage the team played and beat Belgian 14-0 and then the Austrian national champions who they beat 21-1.

After winning the group they went onto the knockout stage where they played the Norwegian national champions, who gave them a physical contest but they went on to win 12-5.

The semi-finals were against the Czechs and this was a tough match up with a lot of their team being part of the National Czech side but the ladies dug deep and won 9-6.

Finally, the final was against Edinburgh and this was a much more free flowing game, with 10 different scorers from the Blues ladies which showed the depth they have built over the last season. The final score was 19-4 and Walcountian Blues Lacrosse Ladies are now European club champions.

**Laura Beaman, Walcountian Blues Ladies captain said:** *“We were so pleased to have won the league this year, as we haven’t since 2006, that going to nationals seemed like the icing on the cake. However, when we won nationals and were given the opportunity to go and compete in the European Clubs Competition we redirected our focus and went with only one mission, to win!*

*“We’re delighted that the team’s hard work has paid off and are grateful for the support of the Walcountian Sports Club to help us towards such an amazing achievement. Roll on next season”*

**Victoria Peregrine, Blues Player:** *“This season’s success is testament to the hard work, camaraderie and positivity we see year on year at Blues Lacrosse Club. To win the European Club Championships at the first attempt is a huge achievement and the current team would like to thank all their former players and the wider WSC club for all their support.”*

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Above: Walcountian Blues Ladies Lacrosse winning nationals



Above: Walcountian Blues Ladies Lacrosse team talk before a group game at Europeans





Above: Walcountian Blues Ladies Lacrosse with the European Clubs Championship Trophy



Above: Walcountian Blues Ladies team celebrating winning the European Championships

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### **About Walcountain Blues Lacrosse Club**

Walcountian Blues Lacrosse Club or more simply "Blues Lacrosse" was formed in 1982 albeit under a different name. We changed to our current name when we moved to our current location in 1999.

In 2007 Purley ladies joined with the mens section to become Walcountian Blues and from then it has gone from strength to strength. We currently field 1 men's teams who are in the South East Premiership and 2 ladies' teams both in the South women's league. One in the premiership and one in the 1st division. The men's fixtures get played on a Saturday and women's on a Sunday and training for both sections is on a Tuesday night on a floodlit pitch.

Every year we host 41 teams at the club for a mens and womens lacrosse tournament. Teams come from across Europe to enjoy playing against, university, club and scratch teams. In addition to this, it is an opportunity for teams to socialise together and enjoy the clubhouse facilities whilst they camp onsite. The club is proud to have a number of players representing in a range or age brackets for Wales, Scotland and England.