

COMMUNITY GEARING UP FOR INTER-CITY DERBY

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Some of the clubs who will be there on Friday night include Allan Glen's, who run a bus to every Warriors home game, Dumfries, who will be taking a bus to their third game this season and Oban who are attending the pre-match coaching clinic, which includes a ticket to the game, for the third time this season.

As a thank you for their support, the Warriors players will run out with a mascot nominated from each club attending the game.

The Champion Warriors ambassador for Allan Glen's, Jim Adams, said: "The kids really enjoy going along to Glasgow games and it's great to give them something to aspire to.

"It used to be mainly adults from the club going along to the games, but now with increasing numbers of kids wanting to come along, the adults are having to take cars and taxis because there's no room left on the bus."

Dumfries' Champion Warriors ambassador, Darren Cruickshank, added: "It's great for the kids to go up to Glasgow to see the professional players. It really helps motivate them when they come back to the club.

"It also means a lot to them to support the professional team that represents their district."

The Warriors will also welcome Young Possil Futures to the game on Friday. Young Possil Futures are a youth group from Possilpark, just round the corner from The Arena, and this will be their first Glasgow game.

All the way from England, Derby's under-15 team will also be at the game as part of a three-day-tour of Glasgow. The team are the current Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and Derbyshire champions and will be participating in the pre-match clinic before taking in the big game.

Champion Warriors clubs attending Friday night's game: Allan Glen's, Cartha Queen's Park, Cumnock, Dumfries, East Kilbride, Helensburgh, Irvine, Lenzie, Oban Lorne, Waysiders Drumpellier

Friday night's inter-city derby clash against Edinburgh will also determine the destiny of the 1872 Challenge Cup.

The game kicks-off at 8pm and tickets, priced £15 for adults and £5 for concessions, can be purchased in advance by calling the Ticket Hotline on 0844 800 3490 (open 9am-5pm, Monday – Friday) or by clicking here.