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We are the Active Lancashire Spotlight Club for November!

After Active Lancashire's exciting visit last month Keidokwai JC has been named Spotlight Club for November! A seven page article has been produced which delves into the history of the club, first impressions from our visitors and club practices that impressed! Also a separate 'Best Practice In Action' feature was produced (See left) which goes into more detail on our Club noticeboard and how it's utilised. If you want to read the article, it can now be found on our website (see bottom left).

Editor's Letter: Daniel Hankinson (Head Coach)

It has been another exceptional month for Keidokwai. So much so that this month we've needed to double the size of our newsletter to keep track of everything that has happened over the course of November! It's an exciting time to see our club grow not just via new gradings and competitively, but also by the recognition that we are receiving from the wider Judo & sporting community. I want to take this opportunity to thank Chris who has taken on the role of Club Welfare Officer and absolutely run with it, with at least two features in this Newsletter the direct result of the work he has put in over the last couple of months. I also want to thank John for creating and updating our new website



keidokwai-judo-club.netlify.app. In the new year we will be excited to ask for your memories & photos to add to our History page as we look towards our 84th birthday!



British Judo Annual Technical Conference – Shinji Hosokawa 8th Dan

Early in November we took part in the BJA Annual Technical Conference, with sessions taught by Sensei Hosokawa (Olympic Gold & Bronze medalist), coach of three times Olympic Gold medalist Tadahiro Nomura. These sessions provided incredible technical insight for all in attendance. We also took part in lectures for Mon, Kyu & Dan grade updates as well as the BJA AGM.

Finding your Feet

Chris and Dan take part in Finding Your Feet course in Leeds!

On Sunday 23rd November Chris and Dan took part in the updated version of the Finding Your Feet course, which empowers older and less able participants to learn to fall safely, along with improving balance, coordination and strength. We will be working to provide our own Finding Your Feet sessions within the club as a way to reach a wider audience and give back to the community in 2026.





Amber Leads Keidokwai's Female Team to Double Gold Victory!

Our female players led the charge over the weekend of 15/16th November with Asyia and Leah earning great experience at the SKK Judo Club Competition in the U8 and O8 categories respectively.

Amber then traveled to Kiddiminster and competed at the Samurai JC Green & Under Competition coming away with two gold medals!

Amber fought in the U16 & Senior Categories, winning all of her matches by Ippon! The future looks very bright for our Female Team!



Keidokwai Judo Achieves Safeguarding Code for Martial Arts Award!

We are very proud to announce that we have been awarded the Safeguarding Code for Martial Arts!

The Safeguarding Code in Martial Arts recognises clubs and providers in England who have demonstrated that they have reached and maintained good safeguarding standards.

The scheme empowers parents/carers and educational establishments to make informed decisions when selecting a club or provider for their child(ren), young people or adults in their care.

The Safeguarding Code has been developed through close consultation between Sport England, representatives from martial arts governing bodies and those with years of expertise in safeguarding.

Support was also provided by the Child Protection in Sport Unit, the Ann Craft Trust and NWG Network. It is funded by the National Lottery and was launched by the Sports Minister in early 2018.



UK Coaching Awards 2025 Finalist Success for Head Coach Dan!

Dan has been named a Finalist at this year's UK Coaching Awards, in the Community Coach of the Year - Children & Young People Category.

"The UK Coaching Awards are the most prestigious celebration of coaching excellence in the UK. They highlight the dedication, passion & transformative power of coaches who go above and beyond to enrich lives and communities."

There has been an article released via various news outlets including the Blackpool Gazette, Lancashire Evening Post and Coastal Radio DAB, which goes deeper into Dan's story. This article is available to read on their websites as well as our own.

Congratulations to all of the finalists in this year's awards! We are looking forward to seeing who will be the winners at the Awards Ceremony at the Queens Hotel in Leeds on the 4th December!

