



Hungerford Town Juniors FC Annual General Meeting 4th July 2024

Chairman's report

Hi all and welcome and thank you all for coming to the 23/24 Hungerford Town juniors football club AGM. On behalf of the football club, I thank you all for being here.

As this season has now come to an end except for a few tournaments and a little bit of training still we will be reflecting on what has happened not just on the pitch but also the hard work that has happened off the pitch and behind the scenes also.

We also have to look forward not just into next season which is already just around the corner but how this football club will be moving forward over the next number of years.

With the dedication and hard work of people within the juniors this club continues to grow each year which is reflected in the numbers of players that are signed on not just to play but also training only. The 23/24 season alone has again seen an increase in numbers to over 270 with a number of age groups having more than one team and still we have been getting inquiries from potential new players already for next season.

With teams expanding and numbers increasing we are already having to look into extra playing areas in the up-and-coming season

Before we move into the playing review of the season, we have had a number of fundraisers throughout the season from the online auction, the tea cabin and The Tuck shop and of course the joint tournament between the juniors and Hungerford FC.

A quick note on the tournament. This is the first one we have run for the best part of 10 years. Over 170 teams and the best part 2000 players playing in age groups from under 7 through to under 15s it was a huge success. I would just like to say a massive thank you to all the volunteers who gave up and dedicated their time over the Weekend. It's something I will always be grateful for especially when the funds raised will go straight back into the club to benefit all the Juniors.

If I'm honest I was a bit disappointed that we didn't get many other volunteers especially with the number of parents and other coaches, we have spread out throughout the Juniors.

There are areas that we know we need to work on to make our tournament even more successful and we will certainly work hard to make sure that happens for next season.

I would like to thank a number of individuals that continue work hard behind the scenes.

Lara and Matt, the amount of paperwork and organizing things before, during and after the season, I can't even imagine how much work there must be that you too do behind the scenes.

Matt, I feel I must mention about all the hard work you did and put in regarding the tournament. Without what you did the tournament I feel wouldn't have run as smoothly as it did. It was a great success not just for the juniors but also the football club also and a lot of that was down to all your hard work.

Our treasurer, Lou, who again the hours you put in behind the scenes, keeping our accounts in order is probably one of the hardest challenges especially when I want to spend it all.

Marc not only as a vice chairman but also as a volunteer at the last moment to ref games and run the line for teams even when you have a free weekend and once again for organizing the mascots on match days.

Leigh for all you have done regarding and child welfare issues be it organizing courses for managers and assistants to sorting out the number of issues that have arisen during the season. Hopefully next season with the extra volunteer the workload won't be as much.

I also want to mention Maria and your fund-raising team. You put your hand up, volunteered and came on board last year as our fundraiser extraordinaire. What you have done behind the scenes regarding fundraising can never be questioned. You have known what to do, where to go, who to talk to and of course whose buttons to push. You put a team together of volunteers who have all worked tirelessly throughout the season. Which has resulted in much needed funds for the club but also achieving grants which will help with the running and improvements of this club over the next number of years.

Our links with the 1st team continue to get stronger each season. The mascots and the large numbers of juniors there watching home games is very much appreciated by all involved within the club.

We have been informed that juniors and 1st parent will again get access free of charge for all league home games which is great to hear.

Thank you so much Chris and the 1st team.

I must mention Duncan and the hard work he has put into the new girls' team that is now up and running and will go into next season full of confidence and I will certainly look forward to coming to watch.

Season Review

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the managers and assistant coaches. You all continued give your time throughout the season, organising training and getting the teams to where they need to be for matches week in week out, so all these players have the opportunity to play football at some stage throughout the season. What you're doing and how you are doing it reflects and shows within your teams' performances, and that is something I'm sure you are all really proud of

I've had the pleasure of being able to attend and watch a number of games throughout the season I've even had the pleasure of refing some of them and I've been extremely impressed with what I have seen. Dedication, commitment, hard work, enthusiasm, teamwork; and hopefully along the way enjoyment also.

I have seen some fantastic individual performances:

- 1 resulting in a long-standing top goal scoring record being broken after 20 years
- One player scoring over 100 goals and has been attracting interest from both Southampton and Chelsea
- Another scoring over 40 goals
- Another player having trials for Bristol Rovers and is currently part of the Crystal Palace academy showcase team

There has also been a number of great all round team performances which has resulted in some great achievements:

- U15s league winners (winning with a game in hand)
- U14 crusaders league and cup winner and semi-finals of the Berks n bucks
- U14s Knight league runners up
- U12s (a new dawn) league runners up
- A successful u11s lionesses team playing in the 1st season in the league and being more than competitive

On a personal note, I would just like to say many thanks and good luck to Michelle and her backroom staff for all your hard work with your lionesses who unfortunately will not be running next season. I remember when you first started all those years ago with just a few girls playing development football and the odd friendly here and there, but you've moved forward over the following number of years to a point where you certainly put girls football

playing some really competitive football and you have certainly put girls football on the map at Hungerford Jr's football club, and that is something myself and the club will always be grateful for.

On behalf of the juniors thank you all for your commitment and dedication that you have shown again throughout the season.

I'm already looking forward to next season and the possibility of this club growing even more

Thanks