



## STOWUPLAND FALCONS FC PARISH COUNCIL AGM REPORT 2022

Firstly, on behalf of SFFC I would like to formally apologise to the Parish regarding the two incidents reported to us regarding the behaviour of teams on the Village Green. The teams involved and the whole club have been reminded of the values and standards expected of them by the club and Parish and their responsibility to also inform opposition teams of these.

The football club's 2021 to 2022 season has run fairly smoothly with few interruptions from the COVID-19 pandemic unlike in the previous two seasons. We currently have 22 teams, approximately 300 players, ranging from U7's to Veterans of both male and female, participating in Saturday and Sunday leagues. Our Saturday morning club, both male and female, continues to be ever popular, especially now the new housing developments are populated. Free coaching sessions are provided by our FA qualified coaches to boys 4 to 7 years old and girls 4 to 10 years old with upwards of 50 children attending weekly.

The youth boys section currently have 14 teams from U7's to U18's. The U7's to U11's teams compete in non-competitive leagues, which means their results are not published and teams are not placed in a league table. The focus is on developing their football skills and allowing inclusivity to all no matter what their level and abilities are. This is an important part of the FA's and SFFC philosophy in allowing inclusivity to all who wish to take part in our game. All our teams have made huge steps in their development, producing some excellent individual and team performances throughout the season with the future looking very promising for the player development of the club.

From U11's to U18's all leagues are competitive with each team being positioned in their league dependent on results, with promotion and relegation occurring. The U14's and U15's both won their respective leagues with the U18's coming runners up. The U13's Blue, U14's and U15's all reached the finals of their league cup, but unfortunately lost in the final.

We currently have four female teams from U11's through to our adult woman's team. They have all had a great season especially as this is the first season for our Women team who have progressed from the youth system into adult football. The U16's finished runners up in their league after having a number of players out with injuries. We are focused on continuing to develop female football within the club and will have a new girls' team at the start of next season, put together from girls from our Saturday morning club.

We have 4 adult male teams, which have had mixed fortunes throughout the season. Our first team, under the wise guidance of their manager, Mark Dye, finished a respectable third in their league

with things looking promising for next season and hopefully promotion. For the second year running they also managed to reach the final of the Suffolk County Junior Cup and after a thrilling match at Colchester United's ground we victorious winners and retained the cup. Fingers crossed they can do it again next year and win it three seasons in a row.

Our club focus is to continue to progress and develop the club, both on and off the field. On the field we are looking at reintroducing our disability programme and the set up of a walking football team for the over 50's. We are in provisional talks with Stowupland High School over the possibility of developing a 3G facility and fully support the Village Hall in their plans to redevelop facilities for all users.

Thank you.

Darren White

SFFC Committee Member