



**Burton Youth Football Club**  
**Hants FA Club**



**CHARTER STANDARD  
CLUB**

Dear Parents/Guardians/Supporters

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Phil Coffin and I am the appointed Club Welfare Officer. This role is important as football has a clear responsibility towards young people.

I have two key roles:

- Be informed and aware of the league or club's responsibilities when running football activities for children and young people. For example:
  - \* Ensuring these responsibilities are well understood by others
  - \* Developing best practice processes.
- Helping club personnel understand their 'duty of care' towards children and young people. For example:
  - \* Ensuring all relevant people complete The FA's 'Safeguarding Children' training programme
  - \* Managing the roll out of FA CRC Checks.

We are fully signed up to the FA's Respect Campaign for a number of years now. Respect is the collective responsibility of everyone involved in football to create a fair, safe and enjoyable environment in which the game can take place. There have been a number of positive outcomes as a result of the campaign including increased referee recruitment, marked improvement in discipline and improvement in experience of the game. We also adhere to the FA Code of Conduct for Players, Managers and Spectators which we expect your conformity.

Youth football is going through its biggest change in thirteen years where a new child centred programme designed to focus on more enjoyment and development has been introduced from two seasons ago. Called the Player Pathway it affects the Under 7-Under 12 age groups. In summary more appropriately sized teams, pitches and goals plus child friendly competitions. In addition we aim to give children as much football as possible (within FA & health guidelines) and our ethos is about inclusion. Written into our Club Constitution we have a Fair Play Policy. More information at:

<http://www.thefa.com/my-football/player/youth-football/youth-development-review>

If you would like more information about the FA Respect Campaign then please visit:

<http://www.thefa.com/TheFA/Respect/>

In addition as a responsible club we do have our own Child Protection policy and this can be viewed at:

[www.burtonyouthfc.co.uk](http://www.burtonyouthfc.co.uk) or <http://burtonyouthfc.weebly.com/>

If you ever need to speak to me about an issue or report a concern then you can do so in confidence on the following number - 077730-368851. My details are also on the club website.

Yours in Football

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