

Burton Youth FC

WELCOME TO BURTON YOUTH FC



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Special points of interest:

- All training here at "Winkton Field" from 10:00-11:30
- Our Summer fun day in July has become an excellent feature in the calendar. We have fun and raise money! See the website for updated information.
- Tell your friends! Children like to play football with their mates.
- Encourage – as youngsters they like praise rather than barking.
- Help – since we are all volunteers, anything you can do to help is appreciated! Your ultimate team manager will probably be a parent, they will require assistance and support.
- Coaches – if you'd like to be the manager or coach, we will arrange for your FA course and also have our experienced coaches help for a period of time for guidance purposes until you begin coaching.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I would like to welcome you to Burton Youth Football Club and hope you will have a long and enjoyable time with us. Burton Youth Football club was formed in 1992 by Steve Elliott and a small group of parents, entering one team in the Dorset league. Ten years later Steve stepped down after guiding the club through remarkable growth and development.

The club currently runs 9 teams mostly in the Bournemouth leagues. We have over 120 players signed on and operate with a management and coaching team of over 40 parents and friends, some of whom have been with the club for over 14 years.

The aim of the club is to provide football for the young people of the village in a secure, structured and sporting environment. We are, for example extremely proud that our U16 team which has recently left us played all eight seasons without a single booking and that seven of the boys started with the U7team! Our move to set up girls football in 1997 was innovative and groundbreaking in the Bournemouth leagues. Although the Homefield FC Girls set up their own club we are happy to have been associated with their development. As part of our development we wish to restart our girls programme anew.

The welfare of the youngsters in our charge is of paramount importance. We have always operated Code of Conduct



Phil Coffin took over as Chairman in May 2012 after six years as Welfare Officer

Policies for managers, parents and players and are in the process of renewing our **Charter Status** by the FA! This means all of our Coaches and volunteers have taken over 40 hours of training in coaching, child protection, first aid and that we are recognised for our excellent club organisation and management.

We are even more proud to win the Fair play award, one in the 13 (out of 400) clubs in all of Hampshire. We greatly value our associations with Burton School, Burton Scouts, AFC Burton and other local organisations. The support of local schools during our growth is deeply appreciated. The club has an excellent reputation and we work hard to continue to develop our club on and off the pitch for the benefit of the young people of Burton.

We also look forward to attaining Development

Status with the FA which is the next step in our journey and awards us for putting plans in place to reach the next level of community involvement. This includes helping schools with football coaching, improving facilities, solidifying links with other local village groups and organising sponsorship programmes. The club has an excellent reputation both on and off the pitch for the benefit of the young people of Burton.

We welcome you and hope your involvement with our club is a long and enjoyable one.

Phil Coffin
Chairman

A new 9v9 format for the Under 11 age group will mean more touches of the ball on appropriately sized pitches and goals. This will further develop skills and good habits.

Burton Youth FC is renewing its Charter Standard Status. Our volunteers receive training in coaching skills, child protection, first-aid and other areas related to childrens football



WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

Starting out with any club or organisation requires following rules and some regulations. Burton ascribes to the ethics of grassroots football as laid down by the FA. This means that :

Protection of children is the utmost goal of football.

Children should have fun playing football.

Parents should support their children positively to help them develop a lasting love for the game

and the physical exercise it provides.

Everyone should get a chance to play football.

We also have developed our club around volunteers therefore, we also ascribe to:

- Make football affordable for local children.
- Operate professionally through volunteers
- Perpetuate the club through a solid financial and management base.

- Always strive to improve the club
- Interface with other youth organisations to achieve common goals.



Coaches and volunteers relax after our two day tournament

MINI FOOTBALL – FIRST TWO YEARS

In 2000 The FA changed some rules around competitive football with a further change starting this season for 6-11 year olds. At Burton the first two years are set aside for training to allow for better development of skills in younger players. Within FA rules festival 'soccer jumbles' can take place where no score is kept or published. Again this decision is seen by

Burton as a good one and allows for a longer skills development time to allow children to develop at their own pace without the pressure of winning and losing becoming an issue.

It is the pressure of coaches and especially parents which is the reason most children give up football. Expectations become unreasonable and as the fun goes out of the game most children lose

interest. U6 and U7 teams usually develop players and gather their team during this period as some players graduate from leisure centre style football to outdoor grass play.

We aim to have at least 15 training sessions and a few festivals for our U6 team and a number of friendly matches and festivals or U7 tournaments throughout the season.

FOOTBALL 8-10

From U8-U10 'league style' play commences with 5 per side for the U8's and 7 per side for the U9's and U10's. Emphasis on short timescales and small pitches. Burton plays in the Bournemouth league and if numbers allow will enter teams in the Dorset league. The age groups are determined by their birthdays where most leagues class the age group as born from September 1st through the year until August 31st. The 7 per side leagues usually consists of 2

divisions of 14 teams (therefore 26 matches) from September to March or April. The full league completes May 1st.

'League format' play helps develop enjoyment, team work, sportsmanship and organisation.

From May until August there is a healthy schedule of 6 a-side tournaments to choose from. Each team is responsible for entering and funding their own way through these tournaments. Except for our own tournament (first weekend in May after

Bank holiday) which is free for club members and is a great way to end the season in a fun relaxing environment.

Youth football in this country is going through its most radical change in 12 years. Called the "Player Pathway" it aims to increase enjoyment whilst further developing skills. This will affect the Under 6 to Under 13 age range. More details throughout the season and what it will mean for you and your child from season 2013/14.

OUR MINI TOURNAMENT

Some years ago our Club started a 5-a-side tournament both to raise money and to bring together our youngest teams to end their seasons.

Over the years there have been other local clubs entering our tournament on a regular basis, thereby developing good



Our U10 team during the 2005 tournament

relationships locally as well as developing healthy rivalries.

Our Under 6 tournament was one of the first in the area in 2004 and has become a hit as well as a first shot at team play against other clubs for our youngest group. In keeping with the FA guidelines all players get a trophy and come out of the tournament feeling like FA Cup winners!

Over a period of two days usually in the first week of May our volunteers, like you, share the work which leads to both financial as well as praise awards from

all the people attending.

The tournament work starts usually in January, sending letters of invitation, and is usually filled by the end of March!

We always enjoy the day and enjoy coming up with new attractions such as Bouncy Castles, Penalty kick competitions not to mention the barbequed food, the sweets, and drinks served. Overall our children, parents and family members love the opportunity to see their children playing football and having fun on the day and we all have fun organising it!

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Jeff Leonard,
ex chairman &
committee member

FOOTBALL 11-14

This season sees our Under 11's playing the new 9 v 9 format as part of the new FA changes mentioned earlier. Essentially still Mini soccer but with offside it involves new sized pitches and goals.

Next year we will have our U11 & U12's playing 9 v 9 and we have secured the

goals already so we are ready for this.

One of the greatest challenges today is for players to learn the offside rule!" The Under 12's-14's play 11 v 11 adult rules and also include Cup competitions mainly within Hampshire (our affiliation FA) or Dorset.

Leagues range in size from 8-13 teams usually with two divisions per age group.

Unfortunately we do not have U15 & U16 this year but with the constant influx of Under 6's each year it will not be too long before we are back to a full compliment of teams from Under 6 to Under 16.

PRESENTATION EVENT

Early in June the Club has a presentation night organised for the younger section of the Club at the Burton Recreation Ground using the Scout venue for individual and team presentations where each player gets an individual trophy commemorating their commitment to the club and for playing in their team.

League awards are also made here. A slide show

and or videos made by parents are shown.

The club also has an informal BBQ and a Picnic atmosphere surrounds the area. The older teams have the option to join the overall presentation or have their own presentation at a local restaurant or park. Each year the situation is reviewed and ways to improve are suggested and taken on board.



U11 2010-2011
Burton Tournament winners!

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DATES, TIMES, FORMS & SUBSCRIPTIONS

Event times:

Training

U6 – U14: 10-11:45 Saturdays
U13 & U16: Alternate Wednesday
evenings 6:30-7:30

Matches (Sunday)

U8-U11: Morning (usually 10.30am)
U12-U14: 14:00 (except cup)

Forms required:

- Birth Certificate
- Consent & medical form
- Annual enrolment form
- Signed Codes of Conduct
- League form (8-14)

Subscriptions per Annum:

£10 – Annual Enrolment fee with enrolment form included in overall subscription (*see below*)

£2.00 per session for week night training only

U6 & U7 & non league registered other age groups **£60 or**

£120 – League Subscriptions or **£60 x 2** per year



CLUB OFFICERS

The Club is made up of a management committee, a general committee of managers and other sub-committees for ground issues, kit & equipment, development & sponsorship, tournament committee etc. We are always looking to add to those committees and or to accept anyone who might complete projects which improve the club!

Each team manager is in charge of organising his team, submitting match reports to our Secretary and communicating general information to team members. In some cases the manager is also the coach, therefore, as parents your help is appreciated at any level.



Mini football

Chairman – **Phil Coffin**

Vice-Chairman – **Andy Barr**

Treasurer – **Paul Groves**

League Secretary – **Claire Sherred**

Mini Secretary – **John Bailey**

Kit & Equipment – **Phil Downer**

Trophies – **Paul Groves**

Child Welfare – **Lynn Barr**

Tournament – **Gary Rafferty & Martin Sherred**

See website for age group managers

www.burtonyouthfc.co.uk

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