



Longstanton Football Club – 2018/19 Annual Report

17th April 2019

Dear Parish Council,

This last year has been yet another year of unprecedented growth for Longstanton Football Club with the club fielding 11 teams ranging from Under 5's to Senior Teams. The club now has well in excess of 200 members with over 30 volunteers assisting in the successful running of the club.

To be a witness to the enthusiasm of all the coaches and volunteers, and to see the excitement of our young and old players this past year, inspires us all to renew and strengthen our efforts to be part of this family orientated sporting opportunity, in our village. We acknowledge the work done by our coaches and mentors.

A measure of our success, at this level, is our ability to keep our members involved in playing football with our club to a high standard. We are aware of the of the many competing demands upon our players and the dexterity displayed by our Managers, Coaches and Mentors, to bring it all together, is impressive. Your hard work and commitment to get the best from our players is impressive.

The club has had a successful year at competitive level this season, with the Senior Men's Team and the Under 12's winning their league. Up until the Under 12's football is played in an uncompetitive way so that the younger players have time to develop and practice their skills.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank the Parish Council and Brookfield Groundcare for their work on the Recreation Ground and the results of this investment is visible to all. As Longstanton Football continues to grow it highlights the issues around inadequate sports facilities in our village. In comparison to our neighbouring villages and South Cambridgeshire District Local Plan which sets out recommended sports facilities per capita we are seriously under resourced. We have been in communications with the Parish Councillors, District Councillors and County Council regarding this but unfortunately progress is painfully slow. We appeal again for our public representatives to make this one of their priorities.

Longstanton Football Club will be welcoming Real Madrid Soccer School to the Recreation Ground for a week-long training camp in the May half term. This open to both members and non-members and further information can be found on our website, twitter and facebook accounts.

Finally, the clubs end of season presentation and celebration will be held at the Recreation Ground on Sunday 2nd June. We would like to invite all Parish Councillors and Longstanton residents to attend and celebrate our season with us.

Regards

Brian O'Sullivan

Chairman Longstanton Football Club