



Longstanton Colts Football Club

Report to Longstanton Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 25th April 2016

Longstanton Colts is a local youth football club based on the Longstanton Recreation Ground. We currently run 9 teams across the following age groups:

- Under 6 Development Squad
- Cambridgeshire Mini Soccer League
 - Under 7 – 5 a side
 - Under 8 – 5 a side
 - Under 9 – 7 a side
 - Under 11 – 9 a side
- Cambridge and District Colts League
 - Under 12 – 9 a side
- Hunts Youth League
 - Under 15 – 11 a side
 - Under 16 – 11 a side (2 teams)

We have a total of 121 players registered at the club with 84% based in the village and the remainder in surrounding villages (Swavesey, Willingham, Over, Fenstanton, Bar Hill).

This year the club were awarded the Football Association Charter Standard Status thanks largely to the work of Louise Gamon (Club Treasurer). FA Charter Standard status is a clear demonstration to all parents, sponsors and the public, that a club:

- Is well-organised, safe and offers opportunities for all
- Has FA-qualified coaches as standard
- Adheres to FA Respect Policies and Codes of Conduct
- Prioritises Child Welfare
- Maintains appropriate levels of discipline
- Has access to the County FA and FA regional workforces

The Charter Standard is reassessed on a yearly basis to ensure the club continues to develop and we are currently going through our first reassessment.

In addition to Charter Standard status, we have been accepted onto the Cambridge United Partner Club Program again demonstrating the standard to which the club aspires.

We currently have 11 FA qualified Coaches/Managers shared across the teams and are actively working with 2-3 other potential coaches to get them FA qualified.

Next year with all the ages moving up we will be running an extra two teams with a new Under 6 development squad and the Under 15 team will split into an Under 15 and a new U16 team (several of the U15 are currently playing a year above their age group).

On the field we have achieved significant success with The Under 9 and 11's reaching the Quarter Finals of their cup competitions. We are likely to have one of our Under 15's take up a scholarship

place at St Ives Football Club and 7 of our players are in the Youth Development Squads at Cambridge United and Norwich City.

The club has established links with Hatton Park Primary and have funded the purchase of a new set of goals for the school as well as donating another set for their use.

This year we have struggled with the state of the playing surfaces when the weather has been wet. In total we have been forced to cancel 29 games and with the extra teams next year we believe this will become more of a struggle as the draining continues to be a problem.

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