



Hampsthwaite & Birstwith

Junior Football Club

2016 / 2017 Newsletter

Welcome to the new 2016-17 football season at HBJFC. It's great to see so many returning players and new ones in the under-7's. Thanks to all who registered at the end of last season, this allows us to get off to a great start on 10th September. A big thank you goes to Jamie Pearson for managing the registrations which means we will have a good ratio of children to coaches and a chance for all players to get quality match time.

I encourage everyone to visit www.hbjfc.co.uk for all key club information such as the latest updates on the rolling banner e.g. next match info, a training & fixture calendar and the Nidderdale Junior Football League Rules & Ethos. Here are the updates for each team for the coming season:

Under 11's This season **Mark Aspinall & Andy Johnston** will move up to coach the eldest age group in the club.

Under 10's **Allan Underwood & Duncan Carter** will be running the u-10's team

Under 9's **Tom Rhodes & Jamie Bashall** will be assisted by **Sean Parker** to coach the year 4's.

Under 8's **Hugh Phillips-Baker** and **Iain Murray** will be stepping up to coach the u8's alongside **Gareth Mills**.

Under 7's Leading the u-7's once again will be **Mark Rhodes**, and we welcome **Jon Ward**. New players joining are not required to pay any subs until the end of September when we know they have settled in and want to keep coming back.

Training Saturday morning training takes place on the Hampsthwaite Feast field and commences at 9.15am sharp so please make sure your child is at the field no later than 9.10am. The sessions finish at 10.30am. All children should bring a drink and a snack with them to Training and Matches to keep those fluid and energy levels up during the sessions.

Matches The fixtures will be listed on the club website <http://www.hbjfc.co.uk> when available and the coaches will inform all players and parents/carers selected for matches, meeting and kick-off times and the arrangements for travel to away games. See the Nidderdale Junior Football League - Ethos and Rules on the website for details of how the matches are run. As per last year's arrangements, we will operate a mixed ability approach for all matches as agreed by all the Nidderdale league clubs.

The coaches are happy for all parents to vocally support and encourage their children and team in matches but please don't shout tactics or positional instructions, it's hard enough for the players to try to understand the coaches! Please respect the RESPECT barriers. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding.

Club Officers Chair – Mark Aspinall
Secretary – Jamie Pearson
Treasurer – David Willis
Child Protection & Welfare – Andrew Hailwood
Parent Representative – Allison Pearson

Committee Members
Club Officers
Coaches
Equipment/Kit Manager – Jamie Bashall
Fixtures & Website – Jamie Pearson

NEW CHAIR & WELFARE OFFICER required for the club in 2017-18

Mark & Jamie Pearson son's move up to u-12's in 2017-18 so will be leaving the club. **Hugh Phillips-Baker** has volunteered to become the Club Secretary and will shadow Jamie this season. We need a volunteer for the Chair role for Mark to handover during the season. As a founder of the club, Andrew Hailwood has been involved from the start so we are now looking for a volunteer for the Child Protection & Welfare officer role. Please contact Mark Aspinall if you are interested in either of these the key roles to ensure the smooth running of the club.

Pitches As per last year's arrangements, we have an agreement with Hampsthwaite Sports Club to use the Cricket pitch outfield for the u-8's and u-9's matches. This means that for home matches, we will run two separate pitches, any help setting up and taking down these pitches before and after each game will be very much appreciated by the coaches.

Parent Help Match days involve a lot of activities for coaches and we would appreciate any help from parents with setting-up and packing-up goals/pitches & washing kits. Please let your team coaches know if you are able to help out, it would be much appreciated.

Coaches We are always looking for more coaches for this and future seasons to ensure HBJFC can continue to provide a good experience for all the players on Saturday mornings. If you are interested in becoming a HBJFC coach, please contact Mark Aspinall or any of the team coaches, for info on how to become a coach or visit www.wrcfa.com. The club will fund anyone who would like to achieve the FA Level 1 Coaching qualification which is required to become a coach and I think all the coaches agree was a great learning experience.

Players Kit HBJFC tangerine football shirts will be provided for matches, players should wear their own black shorts and the club will provide tangerine socks, please see your coach if you need socks. **Shin Pads** must be worn for all training sessions and matches, players will not be allowed to take part without shin pads. In order to maintain your child's welfare and interest/enjoyment as we head into winter, please ensure all players have appropriate warm clothing. Hats, gloves and training tops are a must on cold days. We will shortly be ordering more club hoodies, look out for announcements.

Medication The coaches need to be made aware of any medical conditions that your child may have experienced and any medications required. If your child is affected by asthma and they carry an inhaler it is vital they bring this with them on Saturdays.

Parent Help To help training and matches run smoothly, the coaches always needs help on training and match days to set up and pack away equipment and with kit washing. We have recorded who has offered to help on match days but please make yourself know to the coaches if you can help, especially on match days.

Match Day Refreshments

A big thank you to **Allison Pearson** and all those parents who helped out to provide match day refreshments last season, not only does it provide a warm welcome to the visiting team but it also generates funds for the club. We do need offers of help again for the new season so if you would be willing to help out please speak to Allison asap.

Portakabins We continue to have the use of the Feast Portakabins, all left items such as training tops, boots for re-use will be left on the coat pegs and by the main door. Toilets are available for use but we do need to make sure they are kept clean!

On behalf of the committee, we are looking forward to a great season and we hope all the players and parents enjoy Saturday mornings with HBJFC.

Mark Aspinall
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