

Highbury Supporters Club

Warminster Highbury Youth is a thriving club that takes a lot of effort and commitment from all involved. We are always on the lookout for people who would like to do their bit for the club but do not wish to be involved at either coaching or committee level.

The Highbury Supporters Club was put together to establish a network of parents/friends of Highbury with the aim of being able to help the club in any small way.

If you feel able to use any of your hard earned spare time (no matter how small) in any of the following activities (or any others you feel may be beneficial to the club), please sign up on the website or contact club secretary (Mike Read).

- Helping out / organising external club activities
 - Carnival procession
 - Minster Christmas Tree festival
 - Turning on of lights
 - Armistice day parade
- Promotion of internal club activities
- Increasing club awareness on websites, forums etc
- Fundraising
- Quiz night organisation
- Reduced price printing/photocopying
- Plumbing
- Fencing
- Legal Representation

Warminster Highbury Youth FC is run on a completely voluntary basis for the benefit of the children and young adults of Warminster and surrounding villages. Please sign up and do your bit, no matter how small.

Warminster Highbury Youth F.C.



Welcome Pack



2010/2011 Season

Registered Charity Number: 1134455

Welcome

May I start by giving a warm welcome to both our new players for this season and also our returning players.

Highbury is a thriving and successful football club with a membership last season of over 280 boys and girls across the age range U6 to U18. As a club we aim to provide a high quality football experience to a wide range of children and young people. A large number of volunteers (Management Committee, Team Managers and all the other helpers needed to make the club work) give their time to ensure members get good quality training and the chance to play in football matches.

Last year we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the club and in addition successfully gained charitable status. The effect of charity status to our players is in essence that every £1 you as a tax payer pay to the club, we can claim back an addition 28 pence from the chancellor. This includes all membership, match, training and sponsorship. I would request if you have not yet, that you sign a Highbury Gift-Aid form as soon as practicable.

We are also an FA Charter Standard club and have been for over 4 years now. This status proves that Highbury is committed to the highest standards. It shows that: the Club is well run (with proper rules and an elected Management Committee), that the Team Managers are well qualified (FA Level 1 Coaching and above) and everyone with direct responsibility for children has been both CRB checked (Criminal Records Bureau check through the FA) and attended an FA Safeguarding Children course.

The application for Charter Standard took several years to complete and the appraisal process is very rigorous and we are very proud to maintain it. Part of the process has been to develop 'Codes of Conduct' for players, managers and spectators – these can be found later in this booklet - please take the trouble to read them.

If you have any comments or suggestions you would like to make with regard to this handbook or any other issues within the club, then we would welcome your attendance at the Annual General Meeting, details of which will be posted on our website nearer the time.

I would like to recognise the previous Chairman Chris Finch, who led the clubs transformation from a small football club to the large, successful, FA charter Standard professional organisation that it is today.

Finally, I would like to wish all Warminster Highbury Youth teams the very best of luck for the season ahead and also take this opportunity to thank all our parents for your continued support.

Regards

Mike Read (Chairman, Warminster Highbury Youth FC)

Website

Warminster Highbury Youth has a popular and current website that contains amongst other things; all the match reports as sent in by managers, news items relating to the club, events listings and contact details for all club managers, coaches and committee members.

The website is our primary method of communicating to all of our members and we advise you visit it frequently and/or sign up to the newsletter to receive automatic emails informing you of any updates to the site.

The site is updated usually 2 to 3 times a week in main season. If you have any suggestions on areas for improvement, please contact Highbury Secretary and webmaster Mike Read on (01985) 216351

www.warminsterhighburyyouth.com

Important safety notices

- ✓ Players must wear protective shin pads when training and during matches.
- ✓ Players who wear glasses on the pitch must ensure that they are suitable non-shatter type.
- ✓ Portable goal posts are potentially dangerous – people should not play **on** them (swinging, climbing, etc). They must be secured with metal pegs to stop them toppling over – please check that they are before use.
- ✓ Players and spectators must not enter gardens adjacent to Highbury pitch to recover lost balls or any other reason.

Code of Conduct for players

Players should aim to play to the best of their ability and to encourage others. They must play fairly and show respect for the game and the club. They should:

1. Attend regularly and be punctual
2. Play fairly at all times
Fair play includes:
 - Kicking the ball into touch when a player is injured
 - Giving the ball back to the opposition after above action has been taken
 - Helping players up to their feet after a heavy tackle
 - Being honest about refereeing decisions
 - Sticking to the rules of the gameUnfair play includes:
 - Diving
 - Time wasting
 - Shirt pulling
 - Feigning injury
 - Two footed tackling
3. Behave well at all times
Bad behaviour includes:
 - Swearing
 - Dissent
 - Spitting
 - Fighting
 - Dangerous play
4. Show respect at all times
 - Show respect to match officials, including your manager, and accept their decisions without protest
 - Show respect to other players (those in your team and opponents)
 - Show respect for all club authority, property and equipment
5. Encourage other team members

Management Committee

Committee	Post	Please speak to your team manager to get contact details of your committee members, either at a Training session or on signing on night. Alternatively ring Club secretary Mike Read on (01985) 216351
Robin George	Honorary President	
Mike Read	Chairman + Secretary	
Jim Dufosee	Vice Chairman	
Alan Richardson	Treasurer	
George Rabczak	Welfare Officer	
Rob Nash	Trustee	
Rob McFerran	Trustee	
Bill Tyson	Trustee	
Jim Read	Trustee	
Nick Webster	Trustee	
Arlene Drysdale	Trustee	
Michelle Woods	Ex Officio	

Age Group Managers

Age Group	Age Group Manager	Contact No.	Mobile No.
U6	Paul Roberts	(01985) 211524	07846 925653
U7	Mark Pomeroy	(01985) 214408	07734 917376
U8	Rob Nash	(01985) 211622	07791 076553
U9	Bill Tyson	(01985) 300408	07947 018226
U10	Sean Bowden	(01985) 300472	07963 581187
U11	Rob McFerran	(01985) 215346	07743 701019
U12	George Rabczak	(01985) 211361	07780 520912
U12 Girls	Jay Bell	(01373) 471180	07817 443265
U13	Steve Richardson	(01985) 217180	07734 304278
U14	Steve Geddes	(01985) 213401	07770 542542
U15	Chris Prevett	(01225) 344987	07825 193375
U15 Girls	Gill Hocquard-Drake	(01985) 213718	
U16	Rob Conway	(01985) 219499	07718 364323

All details are also available on the club website

www.warminsterhighburyyouth.com

Code of Conduct for Parents/Spectators

Parents are expected to support their children and the whole team to compete fairly. They must ensure suitable arrangements are made for their children to be brought to and collected from training/matches. They should endeavour to give assistance in the running of the club in whatever capacity they are able. They should:

- Provide all children with positive remarks and actions, promoting fair play and good behaviour
- Not be aggressive, behave badly or have bad attitudes towards players, managers, club officials or other parents
- Allow managers and club officials to carry out their duties
- Avoid coaching children during a game
- Ensure their children are supplied with correct clothing for the weather conditions
- Provide transport help, sharing vehicles where appropriate and whenever able
- Attend training sessions and matches when and where possible
- Involve themselves with the club at what ever level they feel comfortable with
- Respect the Referee's decision
- Give praise to all players regardless of ability
- Applaud the opposition as well as Highbury's team
- Make prompt payment of membership subs
- Respect and adhere to the rules of the club

Additionally

- Highbury would prefer people, not to smoke. The interiors of all club buildings are designated non-smoking areas.
- No dogs allowed
- No alcohol to be consumed

Code of Conduct for Managers/Officials

Managers should lead by example. They should encourage all players to play to their full potential as part of a sporting team, accepting individual differences in ability. They should work with players, parents and the club to ensure suitable training and games exist for all players in their age group. They should:

- Lead by example and consistently display high standards of behaviour and appearance
- Place the well being and safety of each player above all other considerations, informing parents of any illness or injury which occurs while the child is in the club's care
- No adults should take part in competitive games and only managers and appointed coaches are allowed on the field of play at any time.
- Treat all children fairly, with respect and give encouragement. Give attention to each of the children involved in football, not just the most talented
- Provide structured training sessions at the correct levels specific to age group
- Encourage all players to assess their own performance and accept responsibility for their own actions
- Ensure clear lines of communication to players, club officials and parents
- Demonstrate fair play and respect to match officials
- Openly encourage parental involvement
- Reinforce and reward positive attitude and behaviour
- Give support and help to all (new ideas, complaints, and queries)
- Adhere to all guidelines laid down by the governing bodies
- Ensure club rules are adhered to and followed
- Not use or tolerate bad language
- Avoid smoking whilst coaching
- Achieve minimum manager's qualification as stipulated by the F.A.
- Attend minimum of four managers meetings per year
- (Additional information for managers and assistants is in the Managers Pack)

Training and Match Details

	Training		Home Matches	
U6- U8	10:00 – 11:30 Sunday mornings	Highbury	As arranged	Highbury
U9	7.00 – 8.00pm Tuesdays	Warminster School Astroturf	Saturday morning	Newclose
U10	6.30 – 7.30pm Mondays	Warminster School Astroturf	Sunday morning	Newclose
U11	7:00 – 8.00pm Mondays	Kingdown Astroturf	Saturday morning	Highbury
U12	6.00 – 7.00pm Thursdays	Kingdown Astroturf	Sunday morning	Sutton Veny
U12 Girls	6:00 – 7:00pm Tuesdays	Kingdown Astroturf	Saturday afternoon	Sutton Veny
U13	7.00 - 8.00pm Wednesdays	Warminster School Astroturf	Sunday afternoon	Highbury
U14	6:00 -7.00pm Mondays	Kingdown Astroturf	Sunday afternoon	Highbury
U15	7.00 -8.00pm Mondays	Kingdown Astroturf	Sunday afternoon	Sutton Veny
U15 Girls	6:00 – 7:00pm Tuesdays	Kingdown Astroturf	Saturday afternoon	Sutton Veny
U16	6:00 – 7:00pm Tuesdays	Kingdown Astroturf	Sunday afternoon	Warminster Town Ground