

This is my first year in the role and my eyes have been opened to the number of opportunities there are available to improve the quality of football for boys and girls in our area. With the help of our football partners i.e. the Herts FA and School Sports Partnership we can maximise these opportunities and work towards achieving our 5 YEAR PLAN.

Initiatives that have been completed this year are as follows:

The year started off with a SOCCER PARENT evening in September, which was attended by 30 BTYFC parents who all enjoyed an informative presentation by Alan Ackrell from the Herts F.A. I am hoping this will become an annual event on the BTYFC calendar.

In January, we set up in conjunction with the Herts F.A, and the Knights Templar School Sports Partnership, a Level 1 Coaching course for BTYFC coaches and local school students.

I am delighted to say that as a direct result BTYFC now has an additional 14 qualified coaches and the local area has a number of newly qualified Level 1 school students.

Also, in January in conjunction with our partners, we commenced the F.A. 3 LIONS FC girls coaching programme.

This involved a number of taster sessions in 7 local schools, a girl's football festival in March and a weekly coaching programme throughout April, May and June.

As a result we now have 25 girls signed on to play for our two new teams in the Brigg Sports Mid Herts Rural Minors League starting in September.

As you will know, work has commenced on the new all weather pitch which is a great success story for the club and will be a wonderful facility for the boys, girls and Adult players to enjoy. A lot of hard work has gone into achieving this development and well done to all those involved.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the managers, coaches and helpers who make it possible for the boys and girls to play regular football.

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