



ABBOTS YOUTH FC

N E W S L E T T E R

Autumn 2021

WELCOME TO THE NEW SEASON!



Supporting youth football in Abbots Langley for 50+ years

Here at Abbots Youth we are a community youth football club for young people from the age of 5 - 18. Our aim is to promote participation in football to the young people of Abbots Langley and the surrounding areas. We currently have 240 players registered who train and play on a weekly basis across 19 teams supported by 60 volunteer coaches and assistants.

Football is a great way for young people to exercise, socialise, have fun

and get fit while working together as a team.

We are currently looking for Coaches to run an additional U7 team and a U9 team - please get in touch if you can assist with this.

Thank you to all our Coaches, helpers and parents for their time and effort in supporting youth football. Enjoy the new season.

Tim Denyer
Chairman

Assistant Referees & Match Day Delegates

Flag wavers and hi viz wearers training day

On match days we are required to assist the referees allocated to our matches by appointing a match day delegate and a club linesman/assistant referee (for older age groups).

Saturday 25th September

- 09.30 – 10.00 match day delegate workshop
- 10.00 – 10.45 club assistant referee workshop

Meet at the Manor House cricket pavilion to learn more about what is required and essential tips. Free tea/coffee will be provided!

GET INVOLVED!

Increasing involvement across our local community

We would love to expand our club to include girls' teams but we need players and volunteers.

So if you would like to get involved with women's football come and talk to us and let's see what we can do!.

WELCOME BACK

Best wishes to our newly formed adult team 'Abbots Wanderers'. It's great to welcome back many ex-Abbots Youth players who have returned to local football after university.



'We Only Do Positive'

We are strong supporters of this FA campaign (<http://www.thefa.com/get-involved/respect>) and we want to encourage all our parents, supporters and coaches to have a positive impact through our behaviour, comments and unconditional support.

Research has shown that 9 in 10 children played better with positive encouragement, while negative experiences not only had serious adverse effects on their enjoyment of the sport, but also on a child's footballing ability.

"When trying to help young people to improve and reach their full potential, it's more important to find things people do well and highlight those, than it is to find fault in performances."

Gareth Southgate

Supporting your child *positively* from the sidelines is a great way of showing them how proud of them you are - so let's all only do positive.



#Weonlydopositive

Where do my membership fees go?

AYFC is a community club that is run "not for profit" so fees are kept as low as possible. A decision was made to increase fees at the start of the 2021/2022 season, this was the first increase in 4 years. A brief overview of what fees are spent on is below:

- Insurance for all players
- West Herts Youth League fees
- Pitch hire at Manor House Grounds, Leavesden Country Park, Futures Academy Watford
- Referee / Match official fees
- Team kit and training equipment
- Safeguarding / First Aid training
- End of season trophies and awards
- Affiliate membership of Abbots Langley Cricket Club

The Boot Room and AYFC Club Shop

AYFC has a Boot Room where parents can purchase pre-loved boots for a recommended donation of £5. [The Abbots Youth FC Boot Room](#) is a very popular way to get a pair of boots quickly whilst raising funds for the club. If you have boots that you would like to donate, please hand these over to your coach.

We also have a fantastic new [Abbots Youth FC Club Shop](#) where you can buy AYFC branded hoodies, joggers, hats and many other things.

Thanks to Jason G for setting this up!

QUIZ NIGHT!

Date for your diary - Saturday 6th November

We are pleased to confirm our Autumn Quiz is back!

Tickets are £5 per person and can be booked through your team coach. Be warned this is a very popular event and booking tickets now is advisable.

The bar opens at 7pm, questions from 7.30. Bring your own nibbles.

Come along for a fun evening that raises essential funds for the club.

AYFC BBQ

This was a fantastic social event to kick off the 2021 / 2022 season. The club usually hosts a presentation day in June to close the season, unfortunately Covid restrictions meant that this couldn't be done.

It was great to see so many at Manor House and thankfully the weather was kind to us all.

Thanks to David and Luke (U11 Yellows dads) and to Nick, Mark and Tony (U8 Whites dads) who managed the BBQ. This event raised £190 for the club.

Player welfare

If you have any concerns about the welfare of a player at Abbots Youth at any time please contact our Club Welfare Officer – Gordon Wilson, on 07931 541535 or email [AYFC Welfare Officer](#)

For details of our safeguarding policy, Covid risk assessments and codes of conduct please refer to the documents section of the AYFC website.

Contact us

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