

# Willingham Wolves Annual Parish Council Report 2023

Everyone associated with the football club is extremely grateful for the wonderful support we receive from the parish council; without their continued support we would not be in the position we are today in providing grassroots football to over 300 players.

This season the weather once again has caused flooding issues on the recreation ground that has meant many matches being postponed or cancelled. The football season was due to be completed by the first week of May but now concludes May 27<sup>th</sup> in order to fulfil the matches hampered by the weather. The bottom recreation ground has suffered significantly due to the poor drainage and number of matches being played every week, the senior pitch alone has 3 teams using this pitch and next season this increases to 5. We look forward to working with the Parish Council on a solution that not only provides pitches that can withstand significant rainfall but an open space that can be used by the village when football is not being played.

This season we had 14 teams competing in competitive leagues across the county, Mini League, Colts, Girls, Ladies and Mens. It's great to see on a Saturday morning lots of children enjoying their football on the recreation ground being cheered on by their families and other supporters.

In their second full season back the men's Saturday team have had a good season, new players coming in as well as a new manager has seen their second half of the season fortunes produce some impressive results. They look forward to next season and challenging for promotion.

Our girls and ladies' section continues grow with over 120 players, 3 teams competing in competitive leagues, and we are looking to increase that to 6 next season. The success of the Lionesses together with the FA will only further grow participation in football, 3 seasons ago we had less than 20 girls playing football! Our Ladies team in their second full season look close to doubling their points tally from last season which is a fantastic achievement considering many of their opposition are established teams.

In June we hold our annual football tournament, this is a major source of income for the club along with our valued sponsors. Last years event saw over 250 teams from across East Anglia compete over 4 days including our first ever girls' event, that's over 1,500 children. This year our event in June is almost full, although we have restricted the number of teams that can enter, we expect around 228 teams at what is now recognised as one of the best tournaments in the county. We are very grateful to all the volunteers that help make this event a success.

Finally, we would like to express our gratitude to our sponsors, as a club we invest significant amounts of money each season into providing equipment and kit to all our players. Our aim has always been to provide grassroots football to anyone who wants to play, without the support of the parish council, our sponsors, and the football tournament our annual fees would not be some of the lowest around.

Jamie  
Secretary  
Willingham Wolves FC

Draft accounts as of January 2023 – Final audited accounts are published at Annual General Meeting

<b><u>As of January 2023</u></b>	
Balance BF	4,250
<b>Income</b>	
Registration Fees	12,500
Sponsors	8,400
Tournament Profit 2022	9,258
Player Fines	180
Kitchen	2,150
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b>36,738</b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>	
Affiliations & Comps	1,200
Playing Kit	16,700
Equipment	5,870
Ground maintenace/paint	650
Player Fines and Admin	180
Kitchen	1,032
Subscriptions/DD	1,450
Ref Fees	423
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b>27,505</b>
<b><u>Balance</u></b>	<b>9,233</b>