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HTJFC NEWS

NEWSLETTER



Thought it only right that we include a picture of our great Easter raffle organised and run by our Fundraising Officer Maureen Clarke. Thank you to all who participated and congratulations to anyone that managed to bag a prize too!

Welcome to our April/May edition.

If you would like us to include any other news or updates please feel free to send us suggestions using the email address below:

htjfckelly@gmail.com

■ Dinner & Dance

Another one of our fundraising events took place in April as well. Thank you to everyone that joined us for a wonderful night of fun at Wrag Barn.

We had a great raffle with some great prizes donated by Lighting Bug, Baz and Fred, Tesco, Forest Green football club, Swindon Town football club, YouMe&Umami and Maureen for a lovely wine basket.

Well done to all of the winners!

Thanks to our event sponsor Coles Scaffolding. The amazing band, Borrowed and Blue and Wrag Barn for hosting us so well.



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WILDCATS

Highworth Town Juniors FC is proud to announce the launch of its first FA Wildcats Centre, offering girls aged 5–11 a fun, friendly, and confidence-building introduction to football. The programme will begin later this year and marks a major step forward in the club's commitment to growing girls' football within the local community.

FA Wildcats sessions are designed to be inclusive, enjoyable, and pressure-free, giving girls the chance to try football for the very first time or continue developing their skills in a supportive environment. With qualified coaches and a welcoming atmosphere, the new Wildcats Centre will help more young players discover the joy of the game.

This club will hopefully continue all year round and everyone will be able to book online using a new FA system.

More to come when we are ready to go.

NEW 3G Pitch

We are very pleased to confirm that the new 3G pitch has been approved and work has already started. The new pitch will be housed at the senior Highworth Town football club.

The trees along the fence have been removed ahead of any nesting and a digger has been spotted in place.

The new pitch will be available for us to use on set days which will hopefully enable us to use for winter training this year.



So far this year you have managed to raise £70.12 for the club and all you've had to do is shop as usual and you still managed to help the club. Thank you!

We now have 28 people so thank you to the 6 new joiners. Still think we can achieve more though so please make sure you check on the QR below and get shopping.

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FA Changes

The FA are making some changes next season these include:

FA rollout of FutureFit 3v3 - U7s will now start with 3v3 instead of 5v5. Benefits include:

- Under-7 football will move to 3-a-side as the entry format.
- No substitutes — all players are involved throughout.
- No goalkeepers
- No coaching, just facilitating
- Designed to maximise touches, decision-making, and confidence.

This change effects the entire pathway as all years are being pushed back by one year:

- 5v5 → now starts at U8
- 7v7 → now starts at U10
- 9v9 → now starts at U12
- 11v11 → now starts at U14 (previously U13)



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Put simply, we try harder for you and your members. We get you. And the better we know you, the better it gets.

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FutureFit

Tailoring youth football to fit even better, and mean even more for all young players in England.

THANKS TO HOWDEN

Tom is a coach for one of our teams and has helped us put a sponsorship deal together with Howden. Howden will donate money to the club for every policy taken out by our members, their relatives, companies they work at or run. We've already saved money but moving our club insurance to them so please reach out for any quotes that you have upcoming.

Message from Tom:



Letter from our Chairman

Supporting Highworth Town Juniors – Help Us Keep the Future of Our Club Secure

Dear Parents, Carers, and Supporters,

HTJFC has always prided itself on providing a safe, fun, and inclusive environment for children across Highworth and the surrounding areas to enjoy grassroots football. As we look ahead, we want to be open about the financial challenges we face and the vital role our community plays in keeping the club thriving.

Each year, the club requires approximately £83,000 to operate. At present, the only guaranteed external funding we receive is a decreasing annual grant of £4,035, which is allocated solely for pitch upkeep. Our main source of income continues to be player registration fees, which we work hard to keep as affordable as possible. Due to several teams folding this season, this income will total around £69,500.

This leaves us with £73,537 in guaranteed income, creating a shortfall of over £10,000 - and this does not include essential costs such as kit and equipment for our teams.

Attracting new players and forming new teams is also essential to the long-term future of the club. If you know any children who may be interested in joining, or if you can share our posts on social media to help us reach more local families, it would make a real difference. Every new player strengthens the club and helps us continue offering football opportunities to as many young people as possible.

This is why fundraising and sponsorship are absolutely crucial to the future of Highworth Town Juniors. Without the support of local businesses, team sponsors, and the fundraising efforts of our community, we simply cannot sustain the level of provision we currently offer.

We already have several fundraising events planned for the year and hope to add many more. Whenever you see an event advertised, we would be incredibly grateful for your involvement - whether that's attending, volunteering, or simply sharing posts on Facebook and other social media so we can reach more people. Every share genuinely helps.

Our goal is to build a full calendar of regular, child-friendly community events that not only support the club but also offer enjoyable activities for families across Highworth. So when you see us advertising, please come and support us and have some fun. These events strengthen our club, bring people together, and help ensure that future generations can continue to enjoy football with Highworth Town Juniors.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we can keep the long-term future of our club secure and keep providing fantastic opportunities for young players for many years to come.

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EVENTS

We have now added a new page to our website so you can view our events in one place. Go to www.highworthjuniorsfc.co.uk/events-page

SATURDAY 30TH MAY

We are going to be holding our own Junior Football Tournament for age groups 8 to 11 and including U10 girls teams too. We are almost full which is amazing. Should be a great day for all to enjoy so do pop up and join in the fun even if you do not have children playing.

We will also need the help of many volunteers on the day to make sure it all goes smoothly so if you can help as your team is not within the age groups then please email htjckelly@gmail.com



SUNDAY 30TH MAY/28TH JUNE/26TH JULY/ 23RD AUGUST

Time for a Spring clean? Get your car booked in and make some money from all of the unwanted items.

We are hosting 4 car boot sales in 2026, we know there is demand in Highworth for these events so go to our website shop to book your car in (www.highworthtownjuniorsfc.co.uk/shop) or just add to your calendar as a date to come to the clubhouse and have a look around whilst drinking a hot chocolate or having a bacon sandwich from our kitchen!

31st May, 28th June, 26th July,
23rd August

Car Boot Sale



Highworth Town Juniors FC

Book your space by visiting our website shop at www.highworthtownjuniorsfc.co.uk or email htjckelly@gmail.com

£8 per car.

Fundraiser for HTJFC
= support your local club

10am to 1pm



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EVENTS

SATURDAY 6TH JUNE

After a full season of training and playing matches the kids deserve their time to shine. Bring them along to our End of Season Awards and invite relatives and friends to come along too.

There will be food, drinks and lots of fun things for the kids to do including an enormous inflatable obstacle course. Straight after the awards we will have a disco in the marquee - get on the dance floor and show the kids how it's done.

Starting at 10am and finishing LATE!

Team time slots will be as follows:

- 10am - U8H and U12H
- 10.30am - U16J
- 11am - U10T Girls and U10C
- 11.30am - U11H and U12J
- Midday - Hawks and U7 Girls
- 12.30pm - U7H and U14J
- 1pm - U9T and U10H
- 2pm - U10T and U10J
- 2.30pm - Ability Counts groups
- 3pm - U8T and U11T
- 3.30pm - U10H Girls and U13H
- 4.30pm - U13T and U7T
- 5pm - U15H, U15T and U16 T

2026_2027 FOOTBALL SEASON

We are already looking forward to next season so if you have any friends looking for teams please ask them to get in touch.

Sign on will open on 1st June 2026 - get in early to make sure of your place on the team.

Sign up link - <https://membermojo.co.uk/htjfc>

IF YOU NEED ANY MORE DETAILS FOR ANY OF THESE EVENTS THEN PLEASE GET IN TOUCH USING THE EMAIL BELOW:

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COME AND JOIN US

Looking forward to the 26_27 football season - we need new players and coaches!!

U7 U8 U9 U10 U11 U12 U13 U14 U15 U16

We have over 20 teams in the Highworth Town Juniors Club and are always looking to set up new teams to cater for as many local children as we can.

From ages 3 to 16 - so if you're looking to move to a local team

or would like to start playing for the first time, get in touch!

U7 U8 U9 U10 U11 U12 U13 U14 U15 U16

EMAIL US NOW - htjfcckelly@gmail.com

Matches played on Saturdays for girls and Sundays for boys.

Teams train mid-week or Saturdays.

Contact Us htjfcckelly@gmail.com
 Visit Our Website www.highworthtownjuniorsfc.co.uk

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SATURDAY 5th DECEMBER

I know it's too early but last year we were too late so we're getting in fast this year!

Saturday 5th December the kids can come and have breakfast with Santa. Nearer the time you can pre-order your breakfast choosing from a bacon or sausage bap with a hot chocolate (or coffee for the adults).

Then take your picture with Santa for the photo album.

Tickets will go on sale via our online shop after 1st June 2026.



DINNER AND DANCE 2027

Even earlier still - get on the waiting list for our 2027 Dinner & Dance. This years event was so much fun we are doing it again. Saturday 17th April 2027!

With hopefully even more tables and a bigger dance floor. Tables can accommodate between 8 to 10 people if you want to bring a group of friends.

Email htjfckelly@gmail.com to get on the waiting list. Tickets will be on sale from 1st June 2026 via our online shop.



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