



The Buzz

**Harborough
Town
FC**

What's Happening at The Hive

AUGUST 2019

WELCOME BACK!

I'd like to extend a very warm welcome back to our junior teams and hope you are all looking forward to the season ahead

For our senior teams the season is well under way with pre-season matches in July and the league season commencing the first weekend in August

For the eagle eyed you will see a few changes have taken place at the club during the summer

- The members bar has been fully refurbished and looks fantastic.
- We have built a dedicated Physio room and have installed new security lighting and CCTV

All of this was possible through a Community Fund Grant from Mick George Limited

The club also has new signage at the front of the ground and inside the main ground. The club are indebted to the Directors of Brooke House who have provided all of the signage.

The next project is to refurbish the old artificial pitch which will cost in the region of £250,000. This is a massive undertaking for the club and if the club is to achieve this it is vital that everyone connected with the club supports the club by attending matches, purchasing food and beverage, the club shop and the fund raising activities of the social committee

The club is also looking to enhance the facility by building a dedicated viewing facility for disabled spectators and will be looking to raise funds for as quickly as possible so that we can commence the works

Clubs at our level of the game depend on volunteers, and we are no different. Like many voluntary organisations we are desperately short of volunteers.

If you would like to get involved please drop an email to Maz Hayton htfc.marionhayton@gmail.com

These are very exciting times on and off the pitch for Harborough Town and every year we are continuing to develop an amazing community football club that offers football for all

It is your club and we really hope will join us on the next chapter of the exciting journey we are on

Enjoy your football

Laurence Jones

**Chairman
Harborough Town Community Trust**

Senior Section - Fixtures

First Team Fixtures

Saturday 24th August vs Cogenhoe United	(HOME) KO 3pm
Saturday 31st August vs Burnham FC FA Vase 1 1st Qualifying Round	(AWAY) KO 3pm
Tuesday 3rd September vs Wellingborough Town	(HOME) KO 7.45pm
Saturday 7th September vs Shepshed Dynamo	(AWAY) KO 3pm
Friday 20th September vs ON Chenecks	(AWAY) KO 7.45pm

Club Admission 2019/2020

Adults	£6.00
Concessions (Over 65)	£3.00
U16s	£1.00

Reserves Fixtures

Saturday 31st August vs Bourne	(HOME) KO 3pm
Saturday 7th September vs Potton	(AWAY) KO 3pm
Saturday 14th September vs Bugbrooke	(AWAY) KO 3pm
Saturday 21st September vs Huntingdon	(HOME) KO 3pm

Your support as always is very much appreciated #UpTheBees

**SEASON TICKETS
NOW AVAILABLE!**

Tickets for all matches will be pay on the gate and **Cash Only**

Senior Section - News

News from the Seniors.....

By the time this newsletter has gone out to press the First team and the Reserves will be well into their respective seasons. Both teams are looking solid with a few new signings, old faces returning and strong backroom staffs.

Pre season went very well for both teams and the excitement of a new season is one that all players, managers and staff really look forward to.

Third game back in for the first team saw the extra preliminary round of The Emirates FA Cup return to the Harborough Town Community Football ground with the visit of fellow UCL side Deeping Rangers, which resulted in a 2-1 loss. The score line however didn't reflect the performance with the Bees hitting the post twice, the visiting keeper making a string of fine saves and an obvious penalty not being awarded in our favour, a decision that VAR would have given!

The club has also been busy off the pitch with the new members bar and the excitement surrounding the development of the purpose-built physio room.

Through Elite Physiotherapy & Performance Ltd the club has access to a qualified sports Therapist in Grace Westbury. Grace has been with the senior section for the last 18 months and has been a huge asset to the playing side and around the club during that time. She has great experience in

diagnosing sports injuries, setting up recovery plans, regular treatment plans, running fitness classes, massage and even dry needling (acupuncture).

As this is a separate business to the football club we are pleased to have Grace based out of the new physio room and part of the deal is to offer our members reduced rates for any treatments, so please do enquire with Grace on email; grace@elitephysioltd.com or contact her directly on 07722 209 427.

I hope that you are all excited for the new season with the Junior teams kicking off on the 1st September, I would like to wish you all an enjoyable season with the best of luck and remember, enjoy the football, respect your coaches and the match officials and who knows you may even bring some silverware into the Football club. Good luck to you all!

Pete Dougan
Chairman Senior Football HTFC

Senior Section - Other News

Senior Section Awards

The club were winners off the pitch this season.

The Senior Teams were awarded by the United Counties League (UCL) Fair play award for the Premier and 1st Division, the Referees Hospitality Award, The Best Match Programme and also The Respect Award.

It is nice to have our efforts acknowledged and we would like to thank all the players, staff and volunteers who helped to gain these



THANK YOU

Andy and Pauline Winston

2019 Harborough Town Golf Day



Get involved with the action as the annual club golf tournament swings into action once again.

Participating golfers will compete in an exciting, tournament in teams of four! Sponsors will be given the opportunity to sponsor a hole or donate raffle products so check out those opportunities below! This is a great way to support the club, even if you are unable to attend!

Players will also enjoy a two course meal upon completion of their rounds. This will be taking place at Harborough Golf Club. On **Friday the 27th September at 12:30pm**

Entry Fee: £200 for a team of four

If you are interested to enter a team please send team entries, or would like to sponsor a hole please contact Peter Dougan or Chris Church

Peter.dougan@traffco.co.uk or 07834 706 053

Or

Cristopher.church@sky.com or 07419 325 906

Craig Robinson Memorial Matches

Over the past 8 years the Robinson family have organised a small tournament between four teams. Each team will play each other and the winner hold the trophy for the next twelve months.

Due to the loss of the Clipston team we have invited The Royalist to take their place; this is particularly poignant due to the sad loss recently of one of their players (Mike Smith)

- Family Robinson
- Little Bowden
- Harborough Town Vets
- The Royalist



The tournament will start around **12.30** on **Sunday 1st September** and matches will be 30 min each match, all teams will play each other and we aim to get the final match completed by 6pm

There will be a raffle and players are invited to donate prizes for the draw to be made when the winning team collect the trophy – all proceeds will be donated to good causes.

Everyone is invited to come long, meet old friends and enjoy the afternoon

Junior Section - News

News from the Youth.....

Welcome back to the new season 2019/20, which we all hope will be enjoyable for all our younger members of the club, in an environment, where they continue to develop, learn and refine their footballing abilities. In advance of the start of the season thank you to all the Coaches, Assistant Coaches and team administrators, who give their time freely and of course the parents and carers that ensure the players are where they need to be, when they need to be.

Talking of giving time, over the coming weeks you will see two very important messages from the club. Two new groups will be formed from volunteers that want to not only help the club, but also help shape its future.

Firstly a **Youth Forum** which will consist of our youth members, players of the club, who as a collective group will meet to discuss their thoughts and views of the club. It will be their group, their agenda to discuss which I suspect would cover what is great, what is less so, what they would love to have, what they would like to have, etc. Trustees will listen to what they say and look how these thoughts and views can be developed to help shape the future of their club as well as understanding exactly what they would like to see provided and seeing if there are any immediate to short term gains/ wins/ enhancements the club can deliver.



Secondly, a **Youth Committee**, very distinct and different to the Youth Forum. This group will be formed from adult volunteers, who will be asked to support the operational side of youth football. I am sure we have all seen how extremely busy the club is on weekends, in particular Sundays (match

days) and support is very much needed here as we are so reliant upon a few unpaid volunteers. In addition, this committee will work with our social committee, a small group of volunteers who work hard to raise funds to invest back into the club. This newly formed Youth Committee will help drive and increase greater support and commitment from the membership to support the delivery of events such as Christmas Raffle, Children's Christmas party, Youth Presentation Day events to name just a few, all of which fall solely and heavily upon the social committee team and they need help if these events are to continue.

Watch out for updates and requests for both of these, however in the interim if you wish to register any interest than please drop [Lucie Coe](mailto:LucieCoe@luciechtfc@gmail.com) an email at luciechtfc@gmail.com

Whilst our season is about to begin, the seniors have already started and has seen already fantastic results achieved. I know my view is shared that the FA Cup game recently played saw the 1st team very unlucky not to get a result from -they were the better team and will have given the opponents a lot to think about for when they meet in their league fixtures . Come along and support the teams on a Saturday afternoon – they would be very appreciative and welcome of that as gate numbers have been increasing. We all wish the senior teams a successful and fruitful 2019/20 campaign

Thank you for your continued support and please enjoy the season ahead

Best,

Ivor McTighe
Chairman – Youth Section

Youth Player Membership Fees 2019/20 Season Now Due

Since the start of August you will have seen an email dropping into your Inbox from the club (via Love Admin) providing the details of this seasons fees. (For U5s & U6s this request will be sent in September).

Thank you to everyone who has dealt with this so far – it's very much appreciated.

We understand that at this time of year so many other matters take our focus, especially the holidays, or how will I entertain my children this week whilst it's raining! We understand therefore that our email asking for money may have been overlooked.

Automatic reminders will be sent 14 days after the original request and if you haven't yet looked at these emails we would ask you do so as the start of the season is upon us. As well as payment you will need to update very important information, such as medical history, Respect Code Acceptance and similar matters.

Thank you for your support on this and any questions or queries should initially be sent to [Lucie Coe](mailto:LucieCoe@luciechtfc@gmail.com) at luciechtfc@gmail.com

**IT'S TIME TO
RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP!**

Other News

All Weather Footwear Policy

For age groups **up to and including the U10s**, Astro boots/ trainers can be worn by players in both dry and wet conditions. Please note that should a player wear Astros in wet conditions, which remains in the view of the trustees as unsuitable, this is at their own risk.

For **ALL teams at under 11 and over** the current boot policy will apply at all times.

Please note that if the pitch is subject to heavy rain or extreme wet conditions there may be occasions when Astro boots/ trainers will not be permitted at all irrespective of age group.

The footwear policy is not just player related, it applies to all coaches, assistant coaches, match officials that enter the All Weather Pitch irrespective of age group and therefore the policy including use of Astro Boots / Trainers only in dry conditions must be observed.

There is no reason for non-compliance of the footwear policy. The club have loan boots which are available in a range of all sizes.

  			
HARBOROUGH TOWN COMMUNITY FOOTBALL GROUND			
Boots you CAN and CAN'T wear			
ARTIFICIAL GRASS (AG) Specifically for 3G RECOMMENDED	FIRM GRASS (FG) Round/Hollow studs RECOMMENDED	WET GRASS (WG) Ideal on 3G and grass RECOMMENDED	ASTRO (AG) Dimpled soles ONLY WET DRY
			
✓	✓	✓	✓
METAL STUDS (MS) Causes damage to pitch BANNED	MIXED STUDS (MS) Can cut the surface BANNED	BLADES (Metal or Plastic) Limited movement CAN CAUSE INJURY	TRAINERS, TUTTALS & INDOOR Flattens the pitch NO GRASS
			
✗	✗	✗	✗
Best football boots for artificial turf/3G Rounded FG studs or a for-purpose AG soleplate Reduce your risk of injury AND prolong the quality of the pitch THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION			

Trustees will be undertaking random checks throughout the season and any team found not to be enforcing the policy will be asked to leave the pitch.

The trustees reserve the right to suspend teams from using the All Weather Pitches in the event of not upholding the footwear policy.

Sin Bins!

This relates to all affiliated football U7s – adults, including Disability Football

This season sees a New football rule which aims to tackle bad behaviour.

The Football Association (FA) has introduced temporary dismissals, known as sin bins, to help tackle inappropriate behaviour in grassroots football games.

Referees will be able to send players off the pitch for up to 10 minutes as punishment for dissent

What is Dissent?

‘Dissent’ is a challenge to the referees authority, whether this be using inappropriate language and/or gestures or other verbal offences.

Sarcastic clapping or comment of a referee’s decision and throwing the ball down after a decision are examples of dissent by action or comment.



Leicester City FC In the Community

Harborough Town FC was the host for a 3 day football camp held by Leicester City FC Community. Head coach Andy Gilroy wanted to get involved with the club as he felt the club could offer the right environment to host one of their 9 venues across all of Leicestershire.

Andy Gilroy, head coach for LCFC Community gave HTFC the thumbs up!

On behalf of all the coaches I wish to thank Maz Hayton for her support over the past few months, as a team LCFC and Harborough Town FC provided an excellent three day camp and 1 day camp for girls enjoyed by everyone.

Please pass on our grateful thanks to all parents and families.

Kind regards

Andy

Community Coach

Leicester City Football Club in the Community

The first LCFC camp saw over 55 boys and girls on the first day of the camp. The club is looking forward at setting up another camp during the October half term.

Watch this Space!!



Then Now and Forever

We are really excited to announce that Harborough Town will be teaming up with Leicester City in the Community, Active Harborough District and Voluntary Action South Leicestershire to deliver a new programme called 'Then, Now & Forever'.

The concept of the first couple of sessions will be based around sporting memories and taking a look back at Leicester City Football Club's past.

These sessions will be starting on the below dates

Thursday 26th September 10am to 11:30am

Tuesday 1st October 1:30pm to 3pm

Sessions are free to attend but booking is essential so why not sign up???

Then, Now & Forever

Leicester City in the Community are teaming up with Harborough Town Football Club, Harborough District Council and Voluntary Action South Leicestershire to deliver a series of sporting memory sessions for the community in Market Harborough.

These sessions will be starting on the below dates.

- Thursday 26th September 10:00am to 11:30am
- Tuesday 1st October 1:30pm to 3:00pm

Where: Harborough Town Football Club, Northampton Road, Market Harborough LE16 9HF.

About the session: Leicester City in the Community are proud to deliver their community-based workshop promoting well being through reminiscence. In partnership with Sporting Memories, you are invited to take a trip down memory lane, hear stories of sporting legends and view a range of memorabilia amassed throughout the years.

Please book your place online at:

www.harboroughsport.org.uk/memories

Alternatively, you can contact the Sport and Health Team at Harborough District Council on

01858821286



HTFC Wildcat Centre



In partnership with the FA, Harborough Town FC has been selected to become a Wildcats Centre. This project is aimed to develop girls' football participation at the club to play football and take part in organised sessions in a fun and engaging environment created exclusively for girls.

The club is open to all girls from 5-11 years old.

The Wildcat Centres will provide a safe environment where girls with no football experience can ; have fun engaging with sport, develop fundamental skills, try a variety of sessions, learn new things and create foundations for a lifelong love of sport.

Starts: Saturday 24th August 8.30-9:30am

How to register:

<https://app.loveadmin.com/ThirdpartyRegistration.aspx?clubID=4b466e3b381f79a646209a34af356770>

Under team allocation type:

SSE Wildcats Girls Development Centre.

Club Shop

The club shop has received fantastic feedback and massive thanks to the Social Committee in particular Phil and Jayne for bringing the shop to life. The club has worked hard to become a Nike Partner Club and the relationship we have with Nike and MDH is very important to the club.



The Shop will be opening subject to volunteers being available from 9:30am until 11:30am on Saturdays, and when the First team are playing at home from 2pm.

If the shop is closed please speak to Maz or the cafe staff who will be able to assist with any purchases.

HTFC Christmas Raffle

Early reminder - Over the next four week we will be issuing all the teams with their raffle tickets. This year we have increased the top money prizes to **£750.00, £350 and £200** plus the normal list of other fantastic prizes

This is one of our main fund raisers and we would ask that **all** the teams make a concerted effort to sell their allocation.

If you have any queries please contact Phil Robinson at pgrobinson@aol.com



Harborough Lotto

Harborough Lotto is an exciting weekly lottery that raises money for good causes in the Harborough District

Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week. Each ticket has a **1 in 50** chance to win a prize each week, with a top prize of £25,000! That's a better chance of winning than the National Lottery or the Health Lottery!

Support Harborough Town Football Club
(Harborough Town Community Trust)

You could be a winner!



Volunteers Needed!



Without the time, dedication and commitment that volunteers demonstrate each and every week across our county, clubs and leagues would simply not exist

A football club or league is about more than just the players on the pitch. Volunteers are the ones that really make football happen, giving others the opportunity to enjoy playing the game and helping to create the next generation of sporting stars.

It's often the case that a few people at a club do a lot of the work – so new volunteers will be more than welcome.

There are lots of different roles that need to be done, so you don't even need to know all about the game to be a real help.

If you are able to help in anyway
Please contact Maz Hayton at
htfc.marionhayton@gmail.com

Thank you for
reading this
newsletter!

This is the members
newsletter so if you have any interesting
information about your team or upcoming
events please do let us know so that we can
tell everyone about it in our next
newsletter, for example, are you a coach
and your team has won a cup of league
competition?

One Club - One Goal



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DEVELOPMENT CLUB

