



# WOODLANDS FC

Season 2023-24 Handbook

[www.woodlandsfc.club](http://www.woodlandsfc.club)



## Club Overview

As a club our aim is quite simple – to give women the opportunity to play and enjoy football regardless of their skills and experience. All of our players have the opportunity progress through all age ranges and on to senior ladies football within our club structure. We're incredibly proud of all of our current and past players.

Having been founded in 2007 we are now in to our 16<sup>th</sup> season with our aim for the 2023-24 season is to support all of our teams to play attractive competitive football that is played in the best spirit. With nine teams from under 9 to open age and our future stars programme growing we continue to be the leading women's only club in Derbyshire.

Respect is an integral part of this and we expect all involved will support this behaviour. We are proud to continue to have our home at Woodlands School and are working closely to improve and expand the facilities that we can offer to the club.

## Club Ethos

Each team is also supportive of player development both on and off the pitch and we are developing our player pathway to provide skills that all players can use outside of football.

All teams will endeavour to give all players the opportunity to play football on a regular basis either in competitive, friendly or training matches where possible. This may include rotating positions and playing time as appropriate. Team managers will support all players with their development and progression through the season.

There is significant work currently underway to provide further opportunities to our members interested outside of playing football within the wider game including coaching and refereeing – more details will be released closer to the time.

As a committee all we ask of everyone involved in the club;

- Players – play with a smile and in the best spirit
- Parents – support and encourage all of our and opposition players
- Coaches/Managers – Keep our football fun and enjoyable

## Safeguarding

The wellbeing of all our players is the most important part of the club and as such we all play an active part in ensuring this is everyone's responsibility.

Stacey Adey has joined the club as our welfare officer for the 2023-24 season and can be contacted either via the club website using the "Raise a Concern" link on the homepage or by email [cwo@woodlandsfc.org.uk](mailto:cwo@woodlandsfc.org.uk).

If you have any concerns, these can be reported by using the below contacts in the order below;

- Team Manager/Coach (as appropriate)
- The Club Child Welfare Officer ([cwo@woodlandsfc.org.uk](mailto:cwo@woodlandsfc.org.uk))
- Derbyshire FA ([jenny.blewitt@derbyshirefa.com](mailto:jenny.blewitt@derbyshirefa.com))
- NSPCC ([help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk) / 0800 800 5000)

All issues raised will be dealt with in a confidential manner and we will involve external parties as and where available to resolve the issue. Should a child be in immediate danger you must contact the emergency services on 999.

In line with FA guidelines and best practice manager/coaches and club officials have a minimum standard of training that they must adhere to including relevant DBS checks, safeguarding and first aid training when working with our players.

Over the course of the season, we have several initiatives that we hope parents/guardians can support these which will benefit all our players and teams. Additionally should there be any changes in information provided at registration relating to medical or personal issues please advise your team manager at the earliest opportunity.

To support and further enhance our welfare team within the club we are looking to support Stacey with an assistant welfare officer, if this role is of interest – please contact her directly for more information.

*Stacey*





## Respect

Woodlands expect that all players, officials and spectators representing the club adhere to the following applicable codes of conduct to ensure that everyone is given the opportunity to play football with the highest standards of behaviour from all involved.

Please be advised that the Derbyshire FA or FA may impose additional sanctions to the individual or to the club for any breaches in addition the above

## Young Players

### **On and off the field I will;**

- Always play to the best of my ability and for the benefit of my team
- Play fairly – I won't cheat, dive, complain or waste time
- Respect my team-mates, the other team, the referee or my coach/manager
- Play by the rules, as directed by the referee
- Be gracious in victory and defeat – I will applaud/cheer or fist bump the other team and referee at the end of the game
- Listen and respond to what my coach/team manager tells me
- Understand that a coach has to do what is best for the team and not one individual player
- Talk to someone I trust or the club welfare officer if I'm unhappy about anything at my club

### **I understand that if I do not follow the code, any/all of the following actions may be taken;**

- Be required to apologise to my team-mates, the other team, referee or team manager
- Receive a formal warning from the coach or the club committee
- Be dropped or substituted
- Be suspended from training
- Be required to leave the club

## Adult Players

### **On and off the field I will;**

- Adhere to the Laws of The Game
- Display and promote high standards of behaviour
- Promote Fair Play
- Always respect the match official decisions
- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials
- Never engage in offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Never engage in bullying, intimidation or harassment
- Speak to my team-mates, the opposition and my coach/manager with respect
- Remember we all make mistakes
- Win or lose with dignity. Applaud/cheer or fist bump with the opposing team and the referee at the end of every game.

### **I understand that if I do not follow the code, any/all of the following actions may be taken;**

- Be required to apologise to team-mates, the other team, referee or team manager
- Receive a warning from the coach
- Receive a written warning from the club committee
- Be required to attend an FA education course
- Be dropped or substituted
- Be suspended from training
- Not be selected for the team
- Be required to serve a suspension
- Be fined
- Be required to leave the club

## Club Officials / Team Coaches / Managers

### On and off the field I will;

- Use my position to set a positive example for the young people I am responsible for
- Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators
- Adhere to the laws and spirit of the game
- Promote Fair Play and high standards of behaviour
- Respect the match official's decision
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Be gracious in victory and defeat

### When working with players, I will:

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning
- Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying
- Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance
- Ensure all activities I organise are appropriate for the players' ability level, age and maturity
- Co-operate fully with others in football (e.g. officials, doctors, physiotherapists, welfare officers) for each player's best interests

### I understand that if I do not follow the code, any/all of the following actions may be taken;

- Required to meet with the club, league or County Welfare Officer
- Suspended by the club from attending matches
- Suspended or fined by the County FA
- Required to leave or be sacked by the club.

## Spectators

### I will;

- Remember that children/players play for FUN
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success
- Respect the Referee's decisions even when you don't agree with them
- Appreciate good play from whatever team it comes from
- Remain behind the touchline and within the Designated Spectators' Area
- Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials
- Support positively and offer players encouragement not criticism
- Never engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour

### I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken:

- Issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official
- Required to meet with the club, league or CFA Welfare Officer
- Required to meet with the club committee
- Obligated to undertake an FA education course
- Obligated to leave the match venue by the club
- Requested by the club not to attend future games
- Suspended or have my club membership removed
- Required to leave the club along with any dependents

#WeonlydoPositive



**RESPECT**

For All

## Fundraising

The club is fully funded by subscriptions and fundraising initiatives and with the current cost of living challenges we have strived to maintain costs at last seasons levels without passing this on to the players.

To support the increased running costs of the club and to provide an opportunity to invest in the further development of the club to benefit all current and future members we have launched a 200 club for the 2023/24 season.



The 200 club works as a lottery with a monthly draw (held on the 15<sup>th</sup>) that will provide the following prizes (subject to numbers, the prize fund will reduce);

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize – up to £150
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize – up to £75
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize – up to £25

The payment options are one of the following;

- One off payment of £60
- Two payments of £30
- Six payments of £10

We do hope that where possible, players and their wider family/friends could support this initiative. More information is on the website or you can email [info@woodlandsfc.org.uk](mailto:info@woodlandsfc.org.uk) with any questions.

## Club Updates / News

Updates will be provided by the team in any of the below formats;

- Locally by team channels (WhatsApp / Spond etc)
- On the club site [www.woodlandsfc.org.uk](http://www.woodlandsfc.org.uk)
- Club social media (Facebook)
- Via email from the club centrally

Should you wish to opt out of any direct communication please email [info@woodlandsfc.org.uk](mailto:info@woodlandsfc.org.uk).

## Club officials

The current club committee consists of the below contacts;

Chair	Mark Adey	<a href="mailto:mark@woodlandsfc.org.uk">mark@woodlandsfc.org.uk</a>	07967 647 541
Vice Chair	Ben Bellamy	<a href="mailto:ben@woodlandsfc.org.uk">ben@woodlandsfc.org.uk</a>	07460 579 816
Secretary	Claire Patterson	<a href="mailto:secretary@woodlandsfc.org.uk">secretary@woodlandsfc.org.uk</a>	07767 707 030
Treasurer	James Clark	<a href="mailto:treasurer@woodlandsfc.org.uk">treasurer@woodlandsfc.org.uk</a>	
Welfare Officer	Stacey Adey	<a href="mailto:cwo@woodlandsfc.org.uk">cwo@woodlandsfc.org.uk</a>	07855 097 826

Team managers are as the below;

Future Stars	Quiyi	<a href="mailto:quiyi@woodlandsfc.org.uk">quiyi@woodlandsfc.org.uk</a>	07421 453 355
Under 9	Huw	<a href="mailto:huw@woodlandsfc.org.uk">huw@woodlandsfc.org.uk</a>	07788 778 859
Under 10	Nick	<a href="mailto:nick@woodlandsfc.org.uk">nick@woodlandsfc.org.uk</a>	07970 696 729
Under 11	Mick	<a href="mailto:mick@woodlandsfc.org.uk">mick@woodlandsfc.org.uk</a>	07415 797 500
Under 12	Paul	<a href="mailto:paul@woodlandsfc.org.uk">paul@woodlandsfc.org.uk</a>	07734 058 869
Under 13	Adam	<a href="mailto:adam@woodlandsfc.org.uk">adam@woodlandsfc.org.uk</a>	07818 589 347
Under 14	Mark	<a href="mailto:mark@woodlandsfc.org.uk">mark@woodlandsfc.org.uk</a>	07967 647 541
Under 15	Dan	<a href="mailto:dan@woodlandsfc.org.uk">dan@woodlandsfc.org.uk</a>	07300 932 919
Under 16	Kyle	<a href="mailto:kyle@woodlandsfc.org.uk">kyle@woodlandsfc.org.uk</a>	07846 900 405
Open Age	Ben	<a href="mailto:ben@woodlandsfc.org.uk">ben@woodlandsfc.org.uk</a>	07460 579 816

The committee will happily support with any queries that the club managers are unable to support with.

## Club Affiliations

The club are proud to be a charter standard club and or affiliations to the Derbyshire FA, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Girls and Ladies Leagues



## Volunteers

The success and continued development of the club is dependant on our team of volunteer coaches, managers and those working on roles behind the scenes which are not always visible.

As a club we want to thank all individuals that are involved in the club and the support and time that they provide to the development of all our players and the club.

If you would like more information on supporting the club as a volunteer, please get in touch and we will happily discuss roles available.

## Sponsors

As a community club we strongly require the support of businesses and individuals within our local area. We have a number of sponsorship packages to any potential sponsors across the current teams or as a central club sponsor.

All of our current sponsors are listed below as well as on the club website and we are grateful of the support that they have provided to the teams and club in general.

Where possible we ask if you can support any of the club sponsors in any way in your personal or professional life.

