

Hemsby Football Club - February 2012

There are currently 13 teams playing for Hemsby FC and we are a Club with ambition. We have nine youth teams, starting at age Under 8 going through to Under 14, plus four adult teams.

Our youth teams play in the Norfolk and Suffolk Youth League and we are hopeful of some silverware at the end of the season. Within our adult section we are looking to build on the success of the Saturday first team who have been promoted in each of the last three seasons in the Anglian Combination Football League. Of our two Sunday Teams, who both play in the Great Yarmouth Sunday League, we are determined to gain promotion with one of them, and things are on track to achieve this ambition.

However we are not simply about winning trophies. We are a Football Association Charter Standard Club which means that taking part is just as important as winning in youth football. Our aim is to provide football opportunities for all ages, all standards and from all aspects of the game. Each of our teams is managed or trained by an F A qualified coach and all adults who hold official positions working with our younger players, are CRB checked. Likewise we boast at least one, more often two, 1st Aid certificate holders with each team at both matches and training. The Club funds all training in recognition of the fact that all those involved are volunteers and we demand, and indeed maintain, very high standards in all we do. We have also funded several individuals to become referees, to do our bit in addressing a national shortage of these vital elements of the game.

We boast use of some of the best facilities in Norfolk with 6 pitches - two for mini soccer, a youth three quarter size and three full sized adult pitches, plus floodlit training areas together with 8 recently built changing rooms in the Pavilion at Waters Lane, that are the envy of many other clubs. Last season over 180 matches were played in Hemsby and there is plenty of scope to increase this further.

Our annual Youth Tournament is thought to be the second largest in Norfolk but considered by many to be the best organised of them all. It attracts teams from near and far. Teams from Norwich, Peterborough, Southwold, Wisbech, etc. as well as the more local teams from nearby villages return year after year and often send us very positive feedback on their experience.

We are always looking for more players and most importantly new managers to run our teams. If you would like to get involved as a manager, coach or trainer, or have a son or daughter who may be interested in playing football with Hemsby FC then please contact the Club secretary, Mick Tingley, on 01493 730594 we would like to hear from you.

You may wish to visit the Club website on www.hemsbyfc.co.uk