



Haughley United Youth Football Club

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The last year has been a very busy one for all involved at Haughley United youth. Sadly, we lost our under 18s team, who have either moved on to adult football or gone on to university. Many of these had been playing for us since the age of 7. We have gone from a club of 4 teams to a club of 7 teams, with the possibility of growing again next season. We now have more than 110 children ranging from 6 years of age to 16. Our Under 15s team are just one game away from finishing top in their league, a huge achievement from all the boys and coaches in the team.

We have been fortunate enough to be in receipt of a "Football Foundation pitch maintenance" grant, this means that our pitch space at Haughley has had and will continue to have lots of work to get it to a high standard over the coming years. The quality of the pitch makes a huge difference, especially with the volume of football being played, so this will have a positive effect on the children's football.

Alongside this we were also awarded a "Football Foundation Equipment" Grant, this has meant that we have been able to purchase portable flood lighting and a ride on lawn mower. The lights will mean that we will no longer have to pay extortionate winter training venue hire. The children will be able to train all year round and have the option of evening fixtures.

These grants are subject to us fundraising to contribute a percentage, so as well as the football we have been busy fundraising. We would like to take this opportunity to everyone in the community that has attended events and supported us with our stalls at community events. Also, to thank and acknowledge all the hard work from our very small, but dedicated committee. Without them none of these things would be possible.

We are hopeful that the club will continue to go from strength to strength in the coming years, we are always grateful of anyone who wishes to give the time and skills in running the teams and will welcome any new people that wish to be involved.

In the next few weeks, we are holding our end of season presentation day, a lot of preparation and hard work goes into this, but we are really looking forward to celebrating the children's achievements with their friends and family.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the local groups and organisations who have been so kind and supportive to us, we feel very privileged to be part of such a lovely community.

On behalf of

All at Haughley United Youth FC