



Cornforth United A.F.C Youth

Welcome Pack





Welcome - Introductions



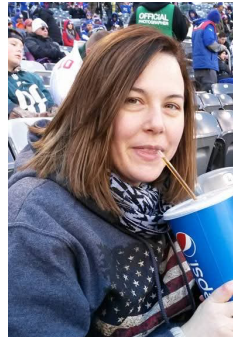
Adam Lowe

Chairperson, Coach, Acting Welfare Officer and FA First Aider

Adam is a teacher and loves the game of football. Growing up he was in football clubs himself where he learnt his personal techniques.

He loves to teach football and see how the children progress under his coaching. He says "It's not about winning (Although winning would be nice), it's about having a safe, easily accessible place the children can come and not only improve their football skills but also to learn valuable life lessons (including respect, fair play, team spirit, and inclusivity), making new friends and HAVING FUN!

Unfortunately, Adam is a Leeds United fan, but don't hold that against him. Ha-ha



Hayley Broadley

Vice Chairperson, Club Secretary and Treasurer

Hayley is an organiser and volunteer. She sees Adam's passion for teaching the children a game he loves and wanted to get involved to help make the club a success.

Hayley said: "Adam's passion in seeing the children learning is fantastic. You can see he prides himself in helping the children develop and that it's not just about a win.

Even to the point of letting a child know when it's time for them to leave the club and move up the leagues as it would benefit the child more, as it's about the children at the end of the day.



About the Club – Mission, Vision & Values

Mission

More than just a football club, we are a hub for the community.

Our mission is to create a safe space for children to not only hone their football skills but also to learn valuable life lessons and forge lifelong friendships. We are proud to operate with an ambitious commitment to developing our coaches, volunteers and children, always meeting the highest FA standards. The respect, fair play, team spirit, and inclusivity we promote are the foundation of our club, and they are what will truly make our sporting achievements meaningful.

Vision

The club vision is to start with an U12 mixed team. We hope to have the same coach staying with this U12 team when they become the U13, U14 etc. The vision is to then have another coach to start an U10 or U11 team in the next season who again will stay with that team as it moves up the age brackets. This is our hope/vision! Growing the club gradually.

Values

1. **Respect:** We treat all people with courtesy, dignity, and respect at all times.
2. **Passion:** We have a deep love for the game and are committed to always trying our best.
3. **Positive Environment/Inclusivity:** We are responsible for creating a safe, dynamic, and positive space for everyone and we hold ourselves accountable for including everyone in our training and matches.
4. **Hard Work:** We give maximum effort in every training session and game to achieve our club's goals.
5. **Personal Growth:** We are dedicated to continuous learning and improvement, both as a team and as individuals.
6. **Discipline:** We show unwavering respect to all players, management, and officials.
7. **High Standards:** We take pride in setting the highest standards of excellence in everything we do, every day.





Club Facilities – Training & Matches

Home matches and outdoor training will take place at:

West Cornforth Community Centre
Thrislington Villa
Station Road
Cornforth
DL17 9LA



Nearest A & E Facility
University Hospital of North Durham
North Road
Durham
DH1 5TW
Tel: 0191 333 2333



Membership Fees & Kit Details - Overview

Membership Fees

We are a non-for-profit football club who look to reinvest monies paid in via subscription and membership fees back into the club.

Players have to be registered with our club or they won't be able to play on match days. All registered players will be guaranteed at least 60% game time in each match.

Membership fees will be £25 per month.

This will be reviewed at regular intervals to account for rising costs. At least a months notice will be provided of any changes to price going up or down.

The Club's finances are available for anyone to see on request, as we want to run an open and transparent club.

Please see below bank details for membership fees and donations to be transferred to.

Account Name: Cornforth United AFC Youth
Account Number: 74262467
Sort code: 51-61-33

Kit Details

Below is a brief policy outlining the expectations and procedures relating to the issuing, use and return of player kits at Cornforth United AFC Youth.

This policy aims to ensure that all players are equipped with appropriate kit while maintaining fairness and accountability across the team.

Once a player has joined the club, they will be issued a kit for the season. This will include a match shirt, shorts and socks. Kits are the property of the club and are provided on a loan basis for the duration of the season.

A £20 deposit will be required from each player when the kit is issued. This deposit serves to encourage the return of kits in a good condition at the end of the season. The deposit will be returned in full upon the return of the complete kit in an acceptable condition.

In the event that a player requires a replacement (e.g. due to growth or damage during a game) they will be issued a new one by the club (at no extra cost to the member).





Fixtures & Communication

All parents/carers will be added to a team Whatsapp group which will be updated with key information.



You will also be sent an invite to download the Heja app. On this app you will be able to see details of all upcoming fixtures and training sessions, and be able to mark if your child is available or not for each session.



In the near future, we will also be launching our website, which will have a live, up to date calendar, and a news section with any updates also posted on there.





Code of Conduct - Coaches

All coaches, Team Managers and Club Officials sign the FA's Code of Conduct at the start of each season.

In addition, all coaches are required to have an in date accepted FA DBS before coaching. This is part of our safe recruitment policy where coaches are also required to attend an interview with the committee.

An alleged breach of a code of conduct will result in the individual/s being approached by the club to explain their actions, in addition further sanctions may follow depending on severity.



*Set the standards
for a great game.*

*Use your position to set a
positive example for the people
you're responsible for and lead
a better game for everyone.*

Play Your Part
(Code of Conduct)

**Coaches, Team Managers
and Club Officials**

**Play your part and support
The FA's Code of Respect:**

On and off the field, I will:

- Always show respect to everyone involved in the game
- Stick to the rules and celebrate the spirit of the game
- Encourage fair play and high standards of behaviour
- Always respect the Referee and encourage players to do the same
- Never enter the field of play without the Referee's permission
- Never engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive behaviour
- Be aware of the potential impact of bad language on others
- Be gracious in victory and defeat
- Respect the facilities home and away

When working with players, I will:

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything
- Never tolerate any form of bullying
- Ensure all activities are suited for the players' ability and age
- Work with others (e.g. officials, doctors, welfare officers, physiotherapists) for each player's best interests
- I will make myself familiar with safeguarding practices & review guidance on **physical contact (5.6) & Acceptable Behaviours When Working With Young People (5.7)** documents on the safeguarding section of EnglandFootball.com

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, I may be:

- Required to meet with the club committee, league or CFA Welfare Officer
- Suspended by the club from attending matches
- Suspended or fined by the County FA
- Required to leave, lose my position and/or have my license withdrawn

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*we ONLY
do Positive.*





Code of Conduct – Players

When joining the club, and at the start of each season, each player will be asked to agree to the code of conduct which we will provide.

As a club we pride ourselves on being respectful to all officials and coaches, as well as our opponents and we ask our players to be aware of this both while playing and on social media.



*Play your best.
Be your best.
Make sure you and everyone
around you has a good time
on and off the pitch.*

Play Your Part
(Code of Conduct)

Young Players

**Play your part and support
The FA's Code of Respect:**

When playing football, I will:

- Always play my best for the benefit of the team
- Play fairly and be friendly
- Play by the rules and respect the Referee
- Shake hands with the other team - win or lose
- Listen carefully to what my coach tells me
- Understand that a coach has to do what's best for the team
- Talk to someone I trust or the club welfare officer if I'm unhappy about anything at my club
- Encourage my team mates
- Respect the facilities home & away

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, I may:

- Be asked to apologise to whoever I've upset
- Receive a formal warning
- Be dropped, substituted or suspended from training

we ONLY do Positive.

 **RESPECT**

Building society with mutual respect





Code of Conduct – Spectators & Parents/Carers

When joining the club, and at the start of each season, we ask a parent/carer of every child at the club to agree to the code of conduct which we will provide.

As a club we want to provide the best possible environment for your child to have fun and learn. To do this we need your help and to follow the expectations listed of spectators and parents/carers.

You will find a designated spectator RESPECT barrier alongside the pitch at all youth games which you are asked to stand behind.

Winning is great but it isn't everything! We expect our parents/carers to positively support their own and others children and respect coaches and officials at all times.



If we behave positively during practice and matches, our children will too.

By setting a good example, we'll help build a supportive environment in which everyone can enjoy themselves.

Play Your Part
(Code of Conduct)

Spectators and Parents/Carers

Play your part and support The FA's Code of Respect:

- Have fun; it's what we're all here for!
- Celebrate effort and good play from both sides
- Always respect the Referee and coaches and encourage players to do the same
- Stay behind the touchline and within the Designated Spectators' Area (where provided)
- When players make mistakes, offer them encouragement to try again next time
- Never engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, I may be:

- Issued with a verbal warning or asked to leave
- Required to meet with the club committee, league or CFA Welfare Officer
- Obligated to undertake an FA education course
- Requested not to attend future games, be suspended or have my membership removed
- Required to leave the club along with any dependents and/or issued a fine

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Leagues & Cups - Affiliation

The club is affiliated with the Durham FA.

With us starting this season late our options are limited somewhat but we do still have several opportunities.

We can join a Spring League in February/March, and I believe taking this option will give us enough time to build a team and get them ready for more competitive games. Up until this point we will schedule regular friendlies and a couple of tournaments to give the kids match experience, aid their development and make sure it stays fun.

The long term aim is to compete within the Russell Foster League system.





Safeguarding & Welfare

Our Club Welfare Officers have completed the FA's Safeguarding Children workshop and Welfare Officer workshop.

Their role is

- To be clear about the club's responsibilities
- Communicate these to other club members
- Work with the league and County FA welfare officers
- Promote the various FA programmes
- Help club personnel in their duty of care to children

Cornforth United AFC Youth have policies and procedures in place to deal with a concern about the welfare of a child or young person. The Welfare Officers are clear about what procedures to follow and will act quickly upon any concerns raised. Equally, it's important that all players, parents, and officials know how to raise a concern and to whom. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact the club or, County FA Welfare Officers.

Our local FA Safeguarding Officers are Neil Churcher and Richard Hughes, and their details are to the right.

Neil Churcher – Designated Safeguarding Officer

Neil.Churcher@durhamfa.com

0191 387 2928 (Option 1)

Richard Hughes – Designated Safeguarding Officer
(Tuesday to Thursday)

Richard.Hughes@durhamfa.com

0191 387 2928





Fundraising, Sponsorship & Volunteer Support – Get Involved!

As a grassroots club, sponsorship and fundraising is essential in ensuring the club is sustainable and has the funds to develop.

At present we have multiple local businesses who have provided financial assistance to help the club get off the ground. We thank them for helping this community club!

If you have any ideas as to how the club could fundraise, please contact the Chairperson or Club Secretary.



As a club we operate with volunteers as staff.

As we start up, and throughout the season, we will always need additional volunteers to support with the sustainability and running of our club. The club will help fund FA Coaching courses for those who want to progress their coaching knowledge and mentor new volunteers.

If the coaching side isn't for you there are other important roles like Social Events/Marketing etc where your skills can help the club. If you would like to find out more about volunteering opportunities, please contact the club Secretary or Chairperson.

We also want to provide volunteering opportunities for the players, so if your son or daughter would be interested in Coaching or Refereeing, we can support them with arranging courses and opportunities within the club. Please get in touch!

We are working with Darlington College to help their students, who are undertaking sport courses, with practical training.



Welcome Pack - Communication

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Facebook – Cornforth United A.F.C

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Thank you for your support.

Together, lets make this team
a success!

