Wychwood FC
Chairs report 2024-25

Altogether this season has been successful for all teams and the season has been completed with interruptions due to heavy rainfall and frost.
All teams were in the Witney and district league. Every team has proven that they are competitive within their leagues. With some teams completing large sections of their season unbeaten!

The committee has been stable and committed throughout the season with Chris Townsend as chair, Rob Arnold, as vice chair Paul Kelly as secretary, Adam Arnell as treasurer and Shaun Coombes as welfare officer. However, Shaun Combes stepped down from the role of Welfare officer mid season and Luke Percy took over the role. The committee has generally met on the first Tuesday of each month at the Milton Sports Club. It would be good for the club to appoint a deputy Welfare officer going into the next season.

The club is very grateful to the individuals and companies who have sponsored the teams kits this year. The contribution made by the sponsors allows us to provide team kit to the players free of charge. Pendle sport have provided our club kit. There have been some issues with the quality of the kit.

The clubs finances remain sound. Membership fees for 24-25 season will be fixed at the AGM. It would be great if they could be the same as last year.
Perhaps as the club has grown significantly the amount that we try and keep in the club account should be higher than the previously agreed £3000?

We were pleased to be able to hold our annual awards day at the Milton Sports Club on Saturday 7th June. The event was a success despite some rainfall. It was well attended and people commented that they enjoyed the less formal format. Perhaps next year we introduce an activity/s for teams to do before and after their awards. Weather pending!! (inflatable Football dart board, Game of football rounders?) The MSA did us proud by putting up a marquee, providing an affordable BBQ and opening the bar. Good bridges have been built this season with the MSA.

The club has grown again this season and looks set to grow again next season with the introduction of the next Acorns teams! We now have 8 teams registered to play in the league next year. Perhaps a target for the next few seasons is to not have any year groups missing a team?

In conclusion I'd like to say thanks to the players who have given a good account of themselves throughout the season and have represented the club well, in conduct and respect.
Thanks must be extended to all the parents and helpers that have assisted the coaches this season. A little help goes a long way!
Thank you to all the Wychwood Coaches for all your hard work and dedication to your teams this season! You are all stars! That provide a very valuable community asset. You are much appreciated…

Finally, I'd like to say a huge thanks the executive committee namely Paul, Adam, Shaun, Rob and Luke who have made my tenure as Chairman for the last 3 years very easy.

It has been an absolute pleasure to work with you all and I have enjoyed watching the club grow with your enthusiasm and commitment for youth football.

Christopher Townsend Wychwood FC Chairman