



Issue 1— Autumn 2008

WELCOME & AGM

Welcome to the First Edition of AC Hoylake News.

As well as publishing this information on our website: www.achoylake.com, we thought it would be useful to provide you with 'hard copies' of the information so that you can review and digest at your leisure over a cup of tea.

We would like to thank all parents and players for their continued support this season, in what can only be described as winter conditions during the first 6

weeks of the new season. Lets hope the conditions improve in the coming months!

We will be holding our AGM on 25th November at West Kirby Social Club, Banks Road, starting at 7.30pm. All parents and guardians are welcome to come along to the AGM were we will be electing the Management Committee for the next 12months and agreeing various elements of the clubs rules and policies.

Please note that this meeting can only be attended by adults and unfortunately children are not able to attend.

If you are interested in being considered for any of the Committee positions please inform Club Secretary—Rich Magee, by 1st November 2008, all expressions of interest require proposal and second from any parent.

FA CHARTER STANDARD

As a club we are now working towards the FA Charter Standard, which is a best practice guide that sets standards of coaching, administration and child protection for clubs working with young people. As a benchmark for quality it will improve the playing experience for all . We all believe that as AC Hoylake has grown over the past 7 years that the time is right

for the club to move on to that next level and your Committee and coaches are all working to that end.

The FA Charter Standard is a kite mark award which looks to provide recognition to those affiliated clubs who demonstrate they meet:

- Required Standards
- Raise Standards
- Reward Quality

There are only 32 clubs in the Cheshire FA area with the FA Charter Standard and only a small handful of these are in Wirral

In addition by attaining FA Charter Standard this will allow your club to access new funding for kit and equipment from the FA.

Your Coaches

Ever wondered what it takes to be a coach with AC Hoylake? It's simple—an understanding of the game of football, a desire to provide a platform for our youngsters to enjoy the game at any level, passion and commitment.

Most of our coaches have become involved because they had a child or relative who wanted to play football. The time and effort put in at the training pitches and on match days, as well as 'behind the scenes', is all given by their own goodwill.

As well as the general understanding of the game all our coaches are supported by the club to achieve the FA Level 1 coaching course, which as well as including skills and techniques also covers FA Safeguarding Children and FA Emergency Aid. We also have coaches who have progressed to the FA Level 2. In addition and in accordance with league regulations all coaches are FA CRB checked.

AC Hoylake Management Committee (2007/08)

- **CHAIR**—PAUL HOLMES
- **SECRETARY**—RICH MAGEE
- **TREASURER**—KAREN WILLIAMS
- **CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER**—ALISTAIR EDWARDS
- **ASST CLUB SECRETARY**—PAUL WILLIAMS

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A BIG THANKYOU

We would all like to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Alistair Edward who will be stepping down from his role at AC Hoylake at this years AGM.

Along with our Chair, Alistair was instrumental in the formation of AC Hoylake some 7 years ago and has helped develop the club to where it is today, with over 150 children in 10 teams playing both mini soccer and 11 a side youth football, as well as the new Under 6's age group .

AC Hoylake was formed to give youngsters in the area chance to play football with existing and new friends as there was a lack of opportunities for children to partake with some clubs already having full membership and unable to accept new members.

From all current and former players, coaches and parents we would all like to pass on our thanks to Alistair and wish him well in the future—THANKYOU

SPONSORSHIP & FUNDRAISING

At AC Hoylake we have always tried to keep to the traditional values of Football and concentrate on the playing rather than the commerce.

However in today's changing environment we are now looking to offer the chance for you to sponsor the club in a range of ways and all sponsorship will be used by the club to improve kit, equipment and to increase involvement in tournaments both locally, nationally and if funds permit internationally.

We are committed to not having sponsors names on our Match Day kit, but we would

welcome your sponsorship at any time for any of the following:

- Kit—Match Day & Training
- Tournaments
- Presentation Events
- Equipment

All sponsors will receive free advertising on the AC Hoylake website, team pictures with your company details (where appropriate) and as much publicity as we can give you.

If you or your company are interested in sponsoring your

club, contact Rich Magee, Paul Williams or your team coach for more details

In addition we hope to be arranging a series of fundraising events in the near future such as social evenings, sponsored walks, all to support the club. If you have any suggestions for events—let us know

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**SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR
DETAILS OF TRAINING KIT
AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP
AND PURCHASE**

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SOMETHING FOR THE WEEKEND?

Ever stuck for something to do on a Saturday or Sunday?, then jump in the car or hop on a bus and come down to support our teams.

Full details on all fixtures can be found on our website and you will be most welcome, this will keep your children entertained for an hour or two and you never know they may learn something. There will always be others around so don't feel embarrassed and **COME ON DOWN**

At AC Hoylake we want to ensure that all children who are involved both playing and watching enjoy themselves, so no matter which team you are watching—remember to:

Let the Children Play, Coaches Coach, Referees Ref and the Manager pick the team.

FUTURE EVENTS

AGM—25th November

**CHRISTMAS PARTY—14th
December, 1-4pm, Sacred
Heart Club, Moreton**

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