



Football Futures Blog – Autumn 2018

Welcome to the Football Futures Blog, where young leaders can showcase the fantastic work they have been doing to give themselves a platform for opportunity.

In this edition, the youth council members tell us their role with #NorfolkFootball and what their aspirations are for the coming season!

Ben Woodruff

I Chair the Norfolk FA Youth Council, and have done for the past season and a half. As well as this I play for Aslacton and Great Moulton FC, work as a football coach, run a Wildcats centre at Tasburgh United, and manage an Under 9s team there. I like to get as involved as possible in #NorfolkFootball to help people, and for the pure enjoyment of it! I am looking forward to seeing what the 2018/19 season brings for the Youth Council, and cannot wait for you to see the work we do to support Norfolk Football! If you have any ideas for us please feel free to get in touch, we're here to support you.



Harvey Newstead, 17

I am a Norfolk FA Referee in the National FA Centre of Refereeing Excellence Programme and I am a FA National List Level 2 Futsal Referee. In Norfolk, as well as my Youth Council role, I hold many other voluntary roles, including the Norfolk FA Young Referees Group Chairman, NCYFL Referee Officer, Norwich RA vice Chairman, and I am a Norfolk RA Committee Member. I am also a County Referee Coach/Mentor. After winning the Referees' Association Joel Richards Young Volunteer of the year 2017/18, I am now on the National RA-FA Youth Council as an East Regional Representative. This season, my main aim is to gain promotion to Level 5 Senior County Referee as well as promotion in Futsal to Level 1 Select Group Referee. My aspirations for the season are to ensure the work I do is developing and improving myself and, continue to make a positive impact on young leaders, coaches and Referees in Norfolk Football.



Tom Rampling, 17



I have had the pleasure of serving on the Youth Council for the last season and a half and look forward to continuing to develop Norfolk Football, as the Male Participation Officer on the Council. With my new role on the Norfolk Combined Youth Football League, the opportunity to develop the leagues key events is one I intend to grab with both hands. I would like to build on my success of winning the Norfolk FA Youth Volunteer of the Year award last season by gaining a place in the National FA Centre of Referee Excellence group this season, as well as gaining a high standard of results in my A-level examinations next summer.

Charlotte Savage, 21

This season, I'm hoping to really dive into my safeguarding role and ensure all Youth Council events are run with the safety of the participants at the forefront. I'll do this by ensuring that all Youth Council members working at events know what to do in certain situations and what signs to look for in people who might feel uncomfortable or shy and how to work with them to bring them out of their shell. Personally I'm hoping to get involved with disability coaching and also improve my own ability at playing the game as I have just joined a football team.



Gracie East, 15

My role is support officer for Norfolk FA youth council, covering disability, male, and female football. My aspirations and aims for this year are to be able to continue promoting female participation both playing, coaching and refereeing, I would also like to learn more about disability football as I feel this would be both for filling and rewarding.



Sam Hilling, 18

Currently I have multiple roles in Norfolk Football. I am the Coach Officer on the Norfolk FA Youth Council, where I help make other young coaches better who are a part of our Football Futures Programme. I also work across the Football Development Centres in Norfolk. In Open Academy I help support the delivery of the Transition Festivals and Coach Development Days. In Bowthorpe and Flegg I coach Birthday Parties aimed at the Foundation Phase of players (5-11-year olds). I have recently began working with a grassroots club, Bure Valley Wildcats under 13s Girls.

I have one main aim long term to become a professional football coach abroad because I think that this target will require a colossal amount of effort and experience that will take place over a very long period of time. I think that achieving this target will benefit and broaden my experience in different cultures and different philosophies and attitudes.



Andy Moncur

I am the Referee Officer on the Norfolk FA Youth Council. My main role in #NorfolkFootball is a referee but I am also a committee member on the Norfolk Combined Youth Football League. I am a Level 7 Referee and a Level 3 Futsal Referee. This season my aspirations are to achieve promotion as a futsal referee and to help develop young referees in our county.



Matt Hanrahan, 19

As the new season gets underway, I will be continuing in my role as deputy chair of the youth council. After attending the FA Leadership Academy in the summer, I look forward to an exciting season ahead. I am also leaving Norfolk this season to go to university in Loughborough. I am looking to use my experiences of football elsewhere to aid my work here in Norfolk. It should be great fun, and I'm confident we'll be successful.

