# BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION GIRLS COUNTY CUP 2023 500 2024

2022/23 Winners: St Johns Juniors U16 Spirit Girls



### STRATFORD TOWN WOMEN & GIRLS U16 VS WORDSLEY WASPS U16 GIRLS

SATURDAY 13TH APRIL 2024 11AM BCFA EXCELLENCE ARENA STANDARD TICKET £5 CONCESSIONS £2







### COUNTY CUP FIXTURES & RESULTS 2023/24



### **WELCOME** 2023/24

A warm welcome to all the players, coaches, volunteers and supporters of both competing teams and also the match officials for this prestigious County Cup Final.

With over 1000 clubs with a combined total of 5400 teams and 82,000 players playing all formats of the game within our County boundary, every team that makes it to one of our 15 Cup finals should be rightly proud of their achievements.

We receive hundreds of entries across all of competitions so the winners of this and each final can proudly carry the mantle of County 'Champions' which also brings with it the kudos but added responsibility of playing and behaving in the manner that befits the title of Champions at their respective levels of the game for the next 12 months.



Kevin Shoemake Chief Executive Officer

It is also a big day for our match officials who have dedicated hours, and in some cases many years in the middle and on the side-lines at all levels of the game to have been selected to represent our 1563 Birmingham County FA officials at a final. This is a testement to their own development and a reward for their own performances during the current and previous seasons.

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank the thousands of volunteers for all the work they do throughout the season to simply help administer and improve their clubs and teams - more often than not unpaid and into the early hours and across many evenings. Without the range of volunteers at every level of the game and at every Club and League, then the game as we know it would not exist, especially at grassroots level. As part of the post-match celebrations, we will be presenting a volunteer award which each finalist has nominated as a thank you from those at each club.

I'd also like to thank my colleagues at Birmingham County FA for all the work they do, and the support they offer participants in order to promote, govern and develop the game and deliver 15 fantastic finals and create memories for those who play, coach, officiate and watch their friends, family and loved ones compete.

Enjoy the game and celebrate your achievements before and after the game, whilst at the same time recognising and respecting the achievements of the opposition and their efforts in making the final along with those of the match officials on a special day for them too.

Play well and play fair and enjoy the memories and friendships that the fixture brings.





## MEET THE OFFICIALS 2023/24



Amanda Woolley

Yasmin <mark>Ak</mark>htar

Referee: Molly Kavanagh (3W) Assistant Referee: Alison Gray (4W) Assistant Referee: Amanda Woolley (4W) Fourth Official: Yasmin Akhtar (4W)

Number in brackets indicate Referee Level (Women's Pathway)



### **BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION GIRLS COUNTY CUP** History of Winners

- 2001 / 2002 Aston Villa Girls 2002 / 2003 - Birmingham City Ladies Jnrs 2003 / 2005 - Wolverhampton Wanderers Girls (2) 2014 / 2017 - Coventry City Ladies Juniors (3) 2005 / 2006 - Leafield Athletic Girls 2006 / 2007 - West Bromwich Albion Girls 2007 / 2008 - Leafield Athletic Girls 2008 / 2009 - Sporting Club Albion Girls 2009 / 2010 - Coventry Girls 2010 / 2011 - Knowle Girls 2011 / 2012 - Warriors Girls
- 2012 / 2013 Warwick Juniors Angels 2013 / 2014 - Stourbridge Juniors Girls 2017 / 2018 - Solihull Moors Girls 2018 / 2019 - Coventry City Girls 2019 / 2020 - (Fixtures not ran due to COVID) 2020 / 2021 - (Fixtures not ran due to COVID) 2021 / 2022 - Wordsley Panthers 2022 / 2023 - St Johns Juniors Girls



#### **Current Holders** 2022/23

#### **St Johns Juniors** Girls



### "MY COACH WAS JUST SO POSITIVE AND INFECTIOUSLY ENTHUSIASTIC ALL THE TIME!

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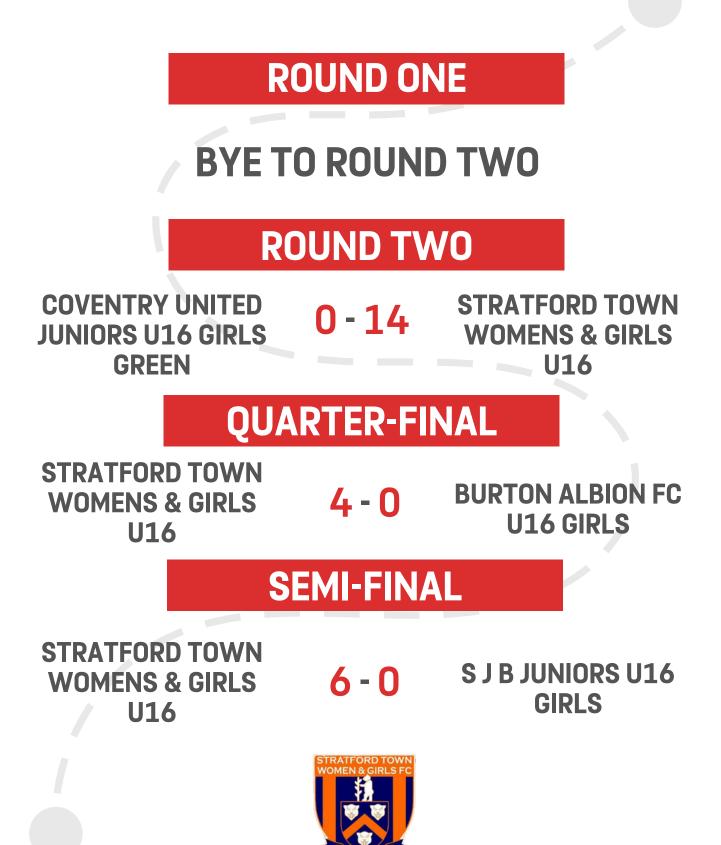
At every age, football Should be about enjoying the game?? -Martin Esme's Grassroots Coach

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## GIRLS COUNTY CUP STRATFORD TOWN ROUTE TO THE FINAL





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# SAVE TODAY, PLAY TOMORROW

<u>Save Today, Play Tomorrow</u> the first of its kind sustainability programme in the UK that looks to pioneer the ambitious goal of creating a low carbon greener game. As the regional governing body, BCFA recognise the need to act now to ensure the beautiful game significantly reduces its environmental impact, whilst helping to educate those involved in football at all levels to make informed decisions that will shape how much future generations will be able to enjoy and sustain the game in the long term. As such, this award winning and unique initiative underpins all BCFA do and is their 'one big ambition'.

The programme has 4 workstreams that are aligned to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals or SDG's, these are Health & Wellbeing, Positive Education, Climate Action & Reconnecting Football with Nature (Biodiversity).

The overall aim of Save Today, Play Tomorrow is to achieve a more environmentally sustainable game by empowering, educating & engendering football clubs of all sizes with over 20 products & services, partnerships and initiatives that deliver measurable climate positive outputs. Look at what your club could get involved in:

Carbon Literacy for Grassroots Football Course – A bespoke education course that gives learners the fundamental basics about climate change and how the grassroots game can be part of the wider solution through practical & cost-effective changes. Right now, you can become Carbon Literate qualified for £10! By registering <u>here.</u>



Green Energy Product – A 100% REGO certified renewable energy product specifically created for the grassroots football market, providing market competitive prices for clubs to begin their Net Zero journey. Register your interest <u>here</u>.

Sustainability League – Join the first ever climate positive football league and your club could WIN £500 per month towards its operating costs.

Football Rebooted – Aiming to keep 1 million pairs of pre-worn boots out of landfill and in circulation for longer using 60 of our grassroots clubs as local collection & distribution hubs. To join them register your interest <u>here</u>.





# SAVE TODAY, PLAY TOMORROW

Liftshare – Using the Liftshare digital platform we encourage car-pooling to football, reducing the individual financial cost of travel as well as harmful emissions damaging the environment and affecting people's long-term health. Over 800 individuals are now part of the BCFA lift share community accumulatively saving almost £30,000 on fuel and over 22 tonnes of CO2 emissions have been avoided. You can register <u>here</u> \*over 18's only.

Weare8 / Green Innovation Fund – Launching in early April this partnership with the social media platform WeAre8 will see funds generated through advertising being paid forwards directly back into the grassroots game to support green innovation projects. Follow the Save Today, Play Tomorrow our social channels to find out more on how you and your club can get involved!

BCFA were proudly accepted as participatory members of the UN's Sport for Climate Action Framework, the first County FA to do so, using the power of sport to normalise conversations, promote athlete advocacy at all levels, share best practice and implement innovative solutions to combat the increasing threat and negative impact of climate change on the beautiful game.

Project Lead Richard Lindsay says of the programme "Climate change is arguably the greatest challenge of our generation. While grassroots football is not the cause; most clubs are SME sized, often loss-making, volunteer led enterprises with a microscale carbon footprint, we know there is an appetite for change with 86% of BCFA clubs believing the game should do more to reduce its environmental impact.

Save Today, Play Tomorrow offers huge potential for engagement, as the scale on which people share a close affinity with their community club is perhaps unparalleled in any other sport".

Football x Climate Quiz

1.How much co2e in tonnes did BCFA affiliated clubs collectively pledge to save during last season's Sustainability League? A: 6.1 B: 7.1 C: 8.1

2.How many pairs of boots have BCFA clubs saved from landfill through the Football Rebooted scheme so far? A: 1000 B: 3000 C:9000

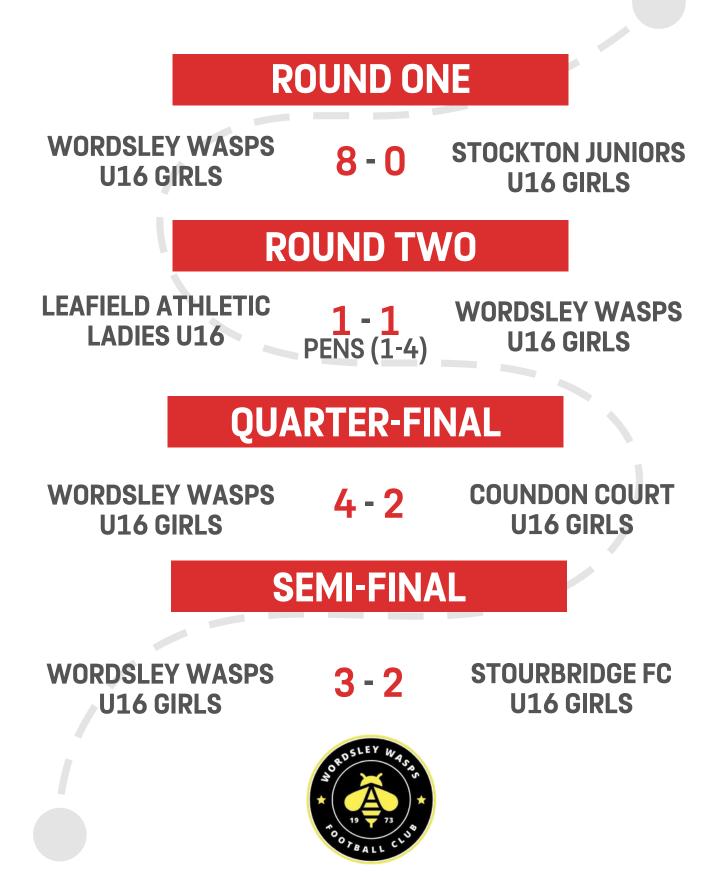
3.In thousands how many miles have BCFA registered players avoided by using the Liftshare app to travel to games?

A: 99,000 B: 103,000, C; 107,000





## GIRLS COUNTY CUP WORDSLEY WASPS ROUTE TO THE FINAL



## GIRLS COUNTY CUP VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Each of our finalists were asked to nominate a Volunteer from each Club to win a 'Volunteer Award'. This is to recognise the contribution made by individuals who have made a positive impact at the club.

These awards will be presented after the match along with the player medals.



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#### STRATFORD TOWN WOMENS & GIRLS U16



#### WORDSLEY WASPS U16 GIRLS

Sophie Olivia Aston Simran Bansal Lily Blackham Ruby-Rose Bradley Summer Claridge Tori Colley Lucy Dale Imogen Edwards Lily Fellows Roxy Hughes Crysta Loveridge Phoebe Nock Evie Sharp Sihaan Kaur Somal

**Coaching Staff:** Jonathan Claridge - Manager Jamie Aston - Team Secretary

#### Kit Colours:

Yellow shirt, Black shorts, Yellow socks GK Shirt - Pink

#### Jessica Ashfield Amelie Barton Charlotte Boak Jessica Bryer Tamzin Bunting

Tamzin Bunting Scarlet Burkitt Ava Coombes Sophie George Niamh Geraghty Megan Howells Chloe Jones Sophie Lester Sophie Newby Ella Noble Eleanor Pullman Alannah Swift Amelia Thompson-Clack Rosie Troughton Olivia Wronska-Stokes Clara Zaffiqnani

#### Coaching Staff:

Gab Zaffignani - Manager Rob Burkitt - Assistant Manager

**Kit Colours:** Orange shirt, Black shorts, Black socks GK Shirt - Blue

#### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Molly Kavanagh Assistant Referee: Alison Gray Assistant Referee: Amanda Woolley Fourth Official: Yasmin Akhtar

#### **TROPHY PRESENTED BY**

Vicky Mitchell - Vicky is the BCFA Football Development Officer for Girls and Women's Football. Vicky has been instrumental in the rise of female football across our County to more than ten thousand players. Vicky has dedicated much of her time to create an inclusive, safe and fun environment for female football players and is a fantastic advocate of the game.





