



Hertfordshire Football Association

Competitions' Committee Report for Annual General Meeting 2018

On behalf of the Committee, I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report:

At the time of writing, we have just one more County Cup Final (The Charity Cup) to complete out of the 23 Competitions played this season. These Finals take up a full three months to complete, so we are not far off starting the 2018/2019 Cup draws.

I reckon each one of us is glad to have a break for a while from football, but as soon as we start that break, we can't wait for the next season to start!

Running this number of Competitions requires a lot of effort from a number of people, and I would like therefore to thank Keith Hicks, Michelle Madell and Martin Bayliss for their tireless work in administering and controlling 20 of these Competitions (Sunday, Youth and Senior) throughout the season.

I should also like to thank Gemma Smith who joined us right at the start of this season's cup finals. Gemma has settled in and done a magnificent job. Also thanks go to our Chairman John Burlison for his guidance and advice but mainly for the tremendous input in producing the programmes along with Ben Southby.

I should also like to thank those Council members who gave up so much of their time spending Saturday mornings and Sunday mornings and afternoons, and half a dozen or so evenings, at the County Ground attending the Finals and working so hard to ensure the off-field smooth running of the events. We also should not forget the ladies Sue, Bev and on occasions Anne. These ladies attended virtually all of these matches working hard providing the hospitality for our guests.

We have had many challenges this season but have managed to overcome most of them through the hard work of the team. We usually get at least one spell of inclement weather prior to Christmas but this season we were caught out as the bad weather came in March and April causing us to have to reschedule 5 cup finals. In fact it is the worst cup final period I have encountered in my 15 years of running County Cup Competitions.

This season again we have had to move finals away from County Ground due to the ground and floodlights not being up to the standard our Senior clubs expect.

Hence we moved again this year our four Senior Finals out of Letchworth using Hemel Hempstead Town FC. I would therefore like to thank Dave Boggins, Chairman of Hemel Hempstead Town and Dean Chance and their wonderful teams for the magnanimous way they accommodated our finals.

As is now regular practice, we have also had a Council member appointed to attend selected matches throughout the season (nearly 100 of them in fact), so thank you to those members who accepted their appointments so readily. I think the Clubs appreciate having a visit from our members, and we mutually enjoy visiting them.

Outside of County matters, Hertfordshire has had a reasonable amount of success this season with Borehamwood reaching the Play off final in the National League Premier Division, Hemel Hempstead Town and St Albans City for maintaining their place in the National League Southern Division.

Also Potters Bar Town being promoted to Step 3 Isthmian League and Berkhamsted and Welwyn Garden City being promoted to step 4 Southern League East.

Finally this being another annual report I have written I hope that I have not missed out anything of any consequence or anybody who thinks they should have been mentioned.

Finally a big thank you to our two acting CEOs George Wells and Karl Lingham, our Football Services Manager Lauren Halsey and all the office staff who have supported us this season.

Regards to all,

Paddy Donovan
Competitions Secretary