

# KENT FOOTBALL



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**Welcome to our February newsletter, where you will find the latest news and updates for the Kent grassroots community.**



Earlier this month, on the 4th of February, Kent FA hosted the U12 Boys and U14 Boys FA Pokémon Futsal Youth Cup – a local qualifying competition for Kent. The U12 Boys competition kicked things off with six teams entering the competition and Langton Green CSA winning the age group. The U14 Boys competition also saw six teams compete, and Rusthall FC UTD held on to win and book their place in the regional stage of the competition.

The Girls regional qualifiers are next month, and we look forward to another great day of futsal.



## **Book now: Kent Female Volunteer Forum, Monday 6th of March**

Join us this March for an inspirational evening with a fantastic panel of women involved in Kent football. The event will be hosted by Charlotte Richardson, and our very own Rebecca Moore will take us on a journey to be empowered, inspired and united. Find out more, head over to our website, [www.kentfa.com](http://www.kentfa.com).

**Special Offer! For a limited time only, become a member of our Coaches Club for just £10 and enjoy a host of benefits. Head over to our website to find out more.**



# ENGLAND FOOTBALL ACCREDITATION



Congratulations to these Kent clubs who have worked hard to renew their England Football Accreditation status in January 2023.

The 30th of April deadline for clubs to renew their England Football Accreditation is rapidly approaching!

## TOBY ELGAR FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER (YOUTH & MINI SOCCER)



### Priority of School Football Activities over Club Football

"We have been asked to remind clubs of the rules around the priority of schools football activities over club football by our friends at Kent Schools FA. A relatively small but increasing minority are disregarding the FA Rule that gives schools football activities priority over club football. The rules state the following:

- C157 Priority must at all times be given to school or school organisation's activities in accordance with the recommendations of the "Memorandum: Children of School Age and School Games" whilst a pupil is in Full-time Education.
- C158 All Clubs and Competitions, excluding those whose matches are played on Sundays, must include in their rules a requirement that the availability of a pupil must be consented to by the head teacher.

"Regarding the rules quoted above, Kent Schools FA say for the most part, schools are happy to work on the basis that permission will be granted without the need to seek it, but they do expect clubs to respect the priority part of the rule. It is there to safeguard the interests of all involved, especially the players."

## SHAPING THE FUTURE OF YOUTH FOOTBALL WEBINAR

The FA has scheduled a webinar for Monday, 27th of February at 8.00 pm, which is looking at the future of Youth Football and is open to all stakeholders involved in the youth game, whether you are a club, league or volunteer. All club secretaries and club chairs should have already received a link to this webinar, but if you would like the link again please email [development@kentfa.com](mailto:development@kentfa.com).

## SILENT SUPPORT WEEKEND IS BACK THIS FEB

The Silent Support Weekend will return on 25th & 26th of February 2023, giving another opportunity for the players to do the talking, with parents and supporters showing their support from the side-lines through applause only.



## A group of people, mostly men, are seated in a room with wooden flooring and a drop ceiling, facing a presentation screen. The screen displays the title "Are The Challenges of Winter Training?" and lists several challenges: "Body temperature", "Lack of engagement", "Lethargy/Tired", and "Motivation". A presenter in a blue shirt is standing near the screen. The room has a wooden wall on the left and a display case on the right. The audience is seated in rows of chairs, and some are wearing jackets with "Anchorline" branding.

## GRASS PITCH IMPROVEMENT SERIES PREPARING FOR THE CLOSE SEASON

## A video thumbnail for the Kent FA Crossbar Challenge. The image shows a man with glasses and a beard, wearing a dark jacket, looking towards a football pitch at night. In the background, a goal is visible with a red ball on the grass. The Kent FA crest is in the top left corner, and the text 'CROSSBAR CHALLENGE' is overlaid in large white letters at the bottom. A small 'Kent FA' logo is also visible in the bottom right corner.

- Enter our crossbar challenge
- Submit your Goals of the Month
- Share your club or league news

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## KENT FA PARTNER OFFERS

At the Kent FA, we have some fantastic partners who care about our football community as much as we do.

To support your grassroots journeys, they have special offers for the Kent football community. All the offers can be found on our website partner page.

Discounted ferry travel with DFDS

Discount rates for team and individual GPS player data analytics with PlayerData

Discounted print costs for upcoming tournaments materials with Darenth Print & Design

Discounts on camera technology with VEO Camera

Discounted 3G maintenance and line marketing with Technical Surfaces

Discounted first aid supplies with KoolPak



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## KEY DATES



**Kent Female Volunteer Forum,**  
Ashford International Hotel,  
Monday 6th of March 2023

**Female Focus Referee Course**  
Kent FA HQ  
Monday 6th of March 2023

**CPD Event - Developing On The Pitch (Female coaches only)**  
The Victory Academy, ME4 5JB  
Thursday 9th March 2023

**Pitch Improvement Series**  
Virtual  
Monday 13th of March 2023

**The Merit Youth County Cups kick-off**  
Sheppey United FC  
Sunday 19th of March 2023

**CPD Event - Optimizing Your Matchday Environment**  
Online  
Wednesday 22nd of March 2023

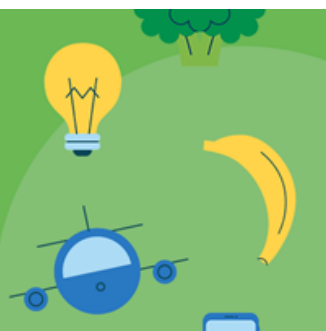
**DFDS Kent County Cups (adult) kick-off**  
Maidstone United  
Sunday 16th of April 2023

## FREE FUNDING - NOW THATS UNEXPECTED!

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**Unexpected ways  
to raise free funds  
for your club**



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