



## WELCOME TO YOUR LANCASHIRE FA NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY 2023



### AGM

In January, we held our Annual General Meeting which was well attended by clubs, leagues, societies and other football organisations in Lancashire. They had the opportunity to raise any concerns with our Chairman David Flory, the Board of Directors, our CEO Simon Gerrard and the senior leadership team at Lancashire FA. Thank you to all who attended.



### We're Recruiting

Lancashire FA is looking to fill three new roles which include a [Facilities and Investment Officer](#) and two apprenticeship roles: [Referee Operational Officer](#) and an [Education and Training Administrator](#).

To apply, [click here](#).

Applications for these vacancies close at midnight on February 12.

We're also looking to recruit two [Disability Football Ambassador](#) roles for 50 hours over the course of the remaining 2022/23 season on a casual worker contract. They will support clubs to create and implement Disability Football Game Plans to provide more club-based opportunities for disabled people to play, coach and volunteer.

To apply for this role, [click here](#).



### Apprenticeship Programme - Opportunities for Businesses

Lancashire FA is a 'Main Provider' on the Register of Apprenticeship Training Providers (RoATP) and we have six exciting Apprenticeship Training Standards to upskill current or new members of staff.

Local Authorities or private providers delivering sport, sports clubs, Leisure/Fitness facilities, Nursery/Primary or Secondary Schools, or Children's Centres or Play Groups can access these six standards.

These options can also be underpinned by accessing additional qualifications, such as 'Multi-Skills' (Level 2), Level 2 Qualification in Community Sports Leadership, 1 Day Emergency First Aid at Work and Mental Health Awareness courses.

More information [can be found here](#).

Take a look at the benefits of using Lancashire FA as your training provider by [watching this video](#).



**SOCIAL INCLUSION FOOTBALL SESSIONS**

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Through a combined love of sport, people from all backgrounds will be encouraged to support one another in a welcoming and inclusive environment.

The first session takes place on January 25 2023.

Where: County Ground, Thurston Road, Leyland, PR25 2LF

When: Every Wednesday - 1.30pm-2.30pm

Recommended Cost: £2

To sign up, please contact Leigh Jeffrey at [Leigh.Jeffrey@lancashirefa.com](mailto:Leigh.Jeffrey@lancashirefa.com)

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For more information get in touch with Leigh Jeffrey by sending an email to [info@lancashirefa.com](mailto:info@lancashirefa.com).



**MEET OUR SAFEGUARDING TEAM**

**NEIL YATES**  
HEAD OF SAFEGUARDING

**CHRIS DOHERTY**  
DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Contact [safeguarding@lancashirefa.com](mailto:safeguarding@lancashirefa.com) or call Neil on 01772 954232 and Chris on 01772 94423.

If a child or young person is in immediate danger ALWAYS call 999

## Safeguarding Update

Sadly, we are currently having to suspend coaches in youth football because a DBS has expired, and no action has been taken to renew in time. This creates difficulties for their clubs and is a great frustration to them too. Please help us to avoid this by ensuring your Club Welfare Officers are renewing coach DBS certificates three months before expiry. In addition, can you please make it clear to coaches and managers that failing to engage with the CWO, or delaying unnecessarily, will undoubtedly lead to suspension.

Following our survey of Welfare Officers earlier in the season, we are about to feed back on the results along with some proposals to try and address the concerns raised and suggestions made. Watch this space!

Meanwhile, earlier this week our Head of Safeguarding, Neil Yates, delivered an Adults in Junior Football Safeguarding Session for parents at Clitheroe Wolves.

If you have a safeguarding query and your club welfare officer isn't available, contact our Safeguarding at [safeguarding@lancashirefa.com](mailto:safeguarding@lancashirefa.com).



## WEURO2022 Legacy Project

Following the success of England's Lionesses last Summer, Lancashire FA is involved in creating new opportunities for women to play recreational football through the UEFA Women's Euro 2022 Legacy Project.

Recreational football opportunities can include soccercise, walking football and non-competitive small-sided games that are delivered to increase levels of physical activity and improve health and wellbeing for female aged 16+

For more information, please contact Katie Wells at [info@lancashirefa.com](mailto:info@lancashirefa.com).

## Applications now open for new Weetabix Wildcats and Squad Girls Centres

Weetabix Wildcats are looking for new applications to host sessions, six months after the Lionesses' inspiring Euro 2022 win. If you're a club or organisation looking to provide a fun way



for girls to get involved in non-competitive football, [apply to become a provider here](#).

Squad Girls are also on the hunt for new applications to host recreational football sessions to girls aged 12-14. The aim for this programme is to help develop themselves as much as their football skills in a safe, inclusive environment. If you're interested in becoming a new centre, [apply here](#).

Deadlines for applications to become a centre for both Weetabix Wildcats and Squad Girls is Tues 28 February.

For more information and support, please contact Michael Nadal at [info@lancashirefa.com](mailto:info@lancashirefa.com).



## Stay Accredited

Calling all clubs! This is a reminder that clubs are required to complete their accreditation renewal via the Club Portal before April 30.

For more information relating to the renewal process, [see our guidance here](#) or email us at [info@lancashirefa.com](mailto:info@lancashirefa.com) for any support needed and we will help you through the requirements.



## Competition Winners!

The winner of our Samba/John Harrison January Competition is Emily Lumsden on behalf of Darwen Junior Football Club's U12 Yellows!

We were also pleased to launch a new competition with our partner The Ref Stop and the very first winner is Hugh Fish!



## County Cup News

The first County Cup final for the 2022/23 season is just over a month away and eight teams have already booked their big day out at the County Ground.

FSOA U18 Girls Youth Cup – Fleetwood Town Juniors U18 Anchors Girls vs Shevington U18 Girls

U16 Girls Youth Cup – Bury FC Foundation U16 Tigers Girls vs Fleetwood Town Juniors U16 Lionesses Girls

U15 Girls Youth Cup – Bolton Wanderers Girls FC U15 v Euxton Girls U15 West

U13 Girls Youth Cup – Haslingden Ladies & Girls U13 Cyclones v Bolton Wanderers Girls FC U13

For more information on our County Cups, [click here](#)



## Utilita Football Rebooted Collection Point

Ahead of Green Football Weekend this weekend, here at Lancashire FA we've installed a boot box for players to drop off their old football boots which we will then distribute to other who need them.

Not only will this help those struggling to keep up with costs in this difficult time but it's an environmentally friendly and sustainable alternative to throwing your old boots in the bin.

Although the box is here at the County Ground in Leyland for now, we are planning a 'pop-up' tour of the box around the county, visiting clubs and

venues so keep an eye out for locations on social media in the coming weeks.



## Looking ahead - February

Over the next month, we have a number of awareness days and events we'll be covering including Children's Mental Health Week from Feb 6-12, and Safer Internet Day on Feb 7, as well as plenty of County Cup coverage.

Finally, this #heartmonth, why not take a look at the brilliant [resources](#) provided by North West Ambulance Service about CPR and other lifesaving skills

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