



**ENGLAND
FOOTBALL**

WOLDS SCHOOL SPORT PARTNERSHIP

At Caistor Grammar School

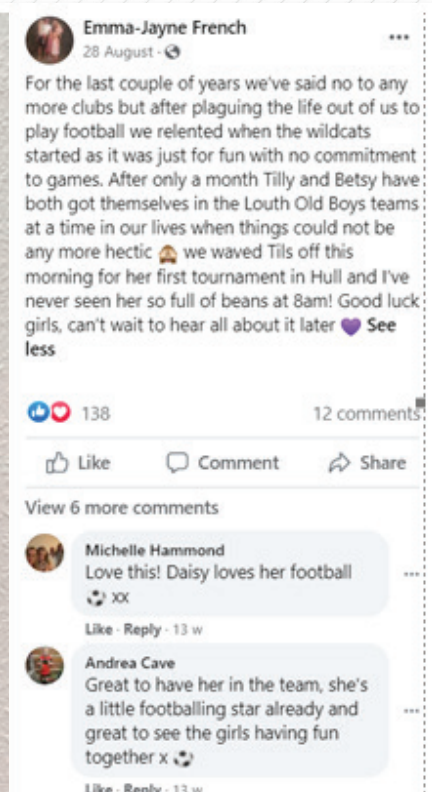


"We are the Wolds School Sport Partnership at Caistor Grammar School – we support 20 primary schools and 6 secondary schools to help them develop and offer as many sporting opportunities as possible to their students. We are a recognised Girls Football Partnership working with the FA/YST to develop girls football in our area. Part of this work is supporting local Wildcats providers by building clear pathways for girls to access football outside of school.

We have been working closely with Louth Old Boys this year to help them develop their Wildcats sessions. We also made a breakthrough recently in Market Rasen where plans for a new Wildcats session are underway at the new facility.

To help create the interest/demand for girls football in schools we are currently running teachers' CPD courses for both primary and secondary schools. This will help schools create more girls only football clubs and offer football on the curriculum to more girls age groups. We have also held 4 new girls football inter-school events so far with more planned. Now that the community routes are available, I am sure we will continue to make significant progress with girls football.

Girls are now seeing the opportunities to play football with their friends both inside and outside of school. They are also making new friendship groups at the clubs. The manager of one of the Louth Girls teams said that he has girls from 6 different schools in the team and they are all now friends! The parents have also noted a big difference in the girls' confidence levels since playing football.





Wildcats Louth 2021

- 23 sessions have run so far since 23rd June with no cancellations.
- 94 different girls have registered with Louth Old Boys Wildcats
- 73 of these have either moved into teams or are still attending Wildcats

Current numbers in Wildcats: 41

- Group 1 - Year 1 (U6s) = 13
- Group 2 - Year 2 & 3 (U7/U8s) = 14 (some of these have asked about having some games next year
- Group 3 - Years 6 & 7 (U11/U12) = 14 (New U12 development team formed, advertising for more players, would like to be separate from wildcats)

Girls moved into teams: 22 (10 on waiting list)

- 12 have moved into a new U8s team (2 on the waiting list)
- 6 have moved into the U9s team (3 on the waiting list) - U9s have 14 in their current squad
- 4 have moved into the U10s team (5 on the waiting list) - U10s have 15 in their current squad.
- The current U12 team have 16 in their squad and not associated with Wildcats

Current there are 108 girls under the age of 12 associated with Louth Old Boys

This piece of work has been one of the most rewarding to do since Covid.

To see the Louth club grow from around 14 girls to over 100 girls since Easter is amazing. The scenario of that many girls across 5 age different playing football outside of school in Louth on a weekly basis, would've seemed impossible only a short time ago. Huge credit and thanks goes to the Louth Old Boys club for making this happen and devoting one of their club nights just to girls. I hope we can now replicate this success story in Market Rasen.

The Lincs FA lead for girls football (Steph Powell) has offered regular support and is always available for advice. She attends all our girls football development meetings in the county. She initially set up the contacts between ourselves and Louth Old Boys, and has been the lead person in getting a new club set up at Market Rasen.

I am convinced the girls game at school age groups will continue to grow in our area now that we have the combination of girls only inter-school competitions, CPD for teachers, and the new community girls Wildcat club links in place."