

Football Futures Blog – Winter 2017



Welcome to the Football Futures Blog, where our Young Leaders can showcase the fantastic work they have been doing to give themselves a platform for opportunity.

In this edition, we spoke with the Norfolk FA Youth Council to discuss their hopes and achievements for 2018.

INTRODUCTION – Norfolk FA Youth Council Chairman Ben Woodruff (Right)



A NEW CHAPTER

I'm hoping that 2018 will be a big year for me as I start a new chapter of education by going to university, hopefully at the University of East Anglia by achieving D*D*D* in my sports course. As well as this I'm aiming to become level 2 qualified in both football and futsal, as well as potentially looking at my UEFA B in Futsal and continuing to grow my work part time alongside college as a football coach. I'm aiming to graduate from the national leadership academy in July and use this to expand mentoring in Norfolk as well as looking for more CPD sessions to build my coaching further. This year should be very busy, but hopefully very productive!

Good luck,

Ben

Charlotte Savage – Committee Member (Right)

This year I have set quite a few targets for myself. Many of these targets are focused around bettering my knowledge and gaining experience. At work I am aiming to be a completely qualified electrician before I turn 20 in June. In football I am hoping to become a level 1 coach and to get involved with a club by being a regular coach with them. On a personal level, this year I really want to improve my quality of life by spending more time with friends, eating healthily, exercising and taking the time to do the things I enjoy and to appreciate what I have.



Tom Rampling – Marketing & Communications Officer

I have several targets for 2018. Firstly, I am hoping to be nominated for the National FA Centre of Referee Excellence and continue to progress within refereeing by beginning to secure a promotion to Level 6. Additionally, I am planning on running Norwich 10k in August for the cancer charity Macmillan. This is a charity that is very close to mine and my family's heart, and it will be a great honour to run the race for the charity. Also, I hope to continue my work with the NCYFL and help to develop and take forward grassroots football within Norfolk-alongside my colleagues. I will continue to have a very high work ethic, both inside football and at Sixth Form.



Harvey Newstead – Committee Member

After a fantastic 2017, in 2018 I want to achieve or exceed all my NCFA Youth Council strategy targets while also continuing to improve the NCFA YRG which I chair. I have targeted myself to have achieved my referee promotion in Football & Futsal, be nominated for National FA CORE and attend 4+ Football Tournaments abroad or in England. Also, I have set myself goals to hit 2,500+ voluntary hours, ensuring that I am making the hours count to aid my personal development, look at getting a job in coaching and look into volunteering abroad in the next few years. Lastly, I want to keep continuing to make a positive impact on Football in Norfolk and engage and develop more young people to take up the whistle and become a referee whilst always improving myself and improving what I am doing in the roles I hold in Councils and Committees.



Matt Hanrahan – Committee Member



I am looking forward to 2018 as it is scheduled to be one of my busiest years yet. There are many events that I am scheduled to be involved in seeing the tail end of the football season through as a player/coach, helping to run the Cup Finals, Football Futures Camp 2018, starting my Level 2 Coaching Award; there is certainly a lot to look forward to. In addition, outside of football, I have further aspirations for the New Year. I'll be taking my A-Levels this summer, which will itself bring new challenges such as the move to University, and I am aiming to finish my Gold DofE award by the end of the summer. I have a lot lying ahead of me in 2018, and I hope you have too!

Sam Hilling – Committee Member

Inside of football, one thing that I am looking to achieve in 2018 is to complete my Level 2 in Football Coaching at 17 years of age. I have already booked onto block one of the Level 2 that starts on the 25th January. This is a very important achievement for me because I think it will help me get a full time or part time job in football outside of college.

On the other hand, outside of football I would like to be able to drive by the end of the summer holidays. This is also very important to me because outside of college, I should be able to be involved in more football coaching opportunities. This should help me become more noticed and likely to get full time job opportunities in football.



Gracie East – Committee Member

In 2018 my aim is to get games for my year 4-6 girls' school football team, to referee as many Under 14 and below games to increase my experience, knowledge and confidence. I would also like to start leading more training sessions with the various football teams I help with to consolidate my training methods and techniques. Outside of football I would like to continue with my passion for photography, I am also looking in to training as a hockey referee and would like to increase my overall fitness level. As I am in year 10 I will be doing work experience this year, one week in a primary education setting and another in an outside adventure centre which I am really looking forward to.



Sam Woodruff – Youth Male Participation Officer

My main targets for this year centre mainly around school and grades but also the branching out into the Youth Council and my Under 7 team that I coach. In school I would like to continue achieving high grades in termly assessments and then achieve high grades in my summer mocks, allowing me to choose which university I can go to. Then right at the end of the year I would like to be accepted into all of my universities setting me up ready for my summer exams. For the Youth Council my aim is to continue working with the rest of the council to continue the development of football in Norfolk. Finally, with my under 7 team I would like to continue improving them, allowing them to grow within the game and then enter them into a league for the 2018/2019 season.



Andy Moncur – Football Futures Referee Officer



In 2018 I have a few things I'd quite like to achieve. Firstly, I'm hoping to be appointed to my first Futsal National League game and to be promoted to Futsal Level 4. I would also like to be appointed to a Premier League Finals day in Birmingham. On the Youth Council I would love to smash all my targets from the strategy and help out at Football Futures camp this year. At the end of the season I would also like to be re-selected for Norfolk CORE. Outside of football, I would like to pass all my mock exams at the end of the school year and achieve the right grades to get in to Year 13.

Becky Greenslade – Football Futures Referee Officer

Ideally for this year, I would like to have achieved my level one coaching qualification, in both football and cricket to be able to progress my coaching ability, alongside working with clubs to progress the game. Another target I want to achieve is to get more females to participate in the Football Futures program to progress the women's game. Outside of football, I would like to pass my driving test and begin plans for university, such as possible course and grades I will need to achieve through my college course.



Callum Kirby – Committee Member

By the end of this year one of my targets is to have refereed as many games on a Sunday as I can and also some summer tournaments. As I have recently passed my referee exam I would like to get some experience under my belt and progress as a referee. As I also play football for Hethersett athletic U15s I want to play as many games as possible in the final part of the season. I also play Cricket for Horsford cricket club, so I would like to keep improving and play as many games as I can heading into this Summer. I am also coming up to my GCSE year so I would like to be hitting my subject targets and doing well so that I am ready for next year.



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