

# GRASSROOTS

## FESTIVAL

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# Timetable

## Saturday 21st May 2022

Girls' U7/U8/ U9/ U10 (5v5)

10:00am - 12:00pm

Girls' U11 (7v7)

10:00am - 12:00pm

Mixed U9 (7v7)

10:00am - 12:00pm

Mixed U11 (9v9)

10:00am - 12:00pm

Mixed U14 (11v11)

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Mixed U15 (11v11)

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Girls' U12 (9v9)

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Wot's Up League Festival (7v7)

3:30pm - 5:30pm

## Sunday 22nd May 2022

Mixed U7 (5v5)

10:00am - 12:00pm

Mixed U8 (7v7)

10:00am - 12:00pm

Mixed U12 (9v9)

10:00am - 12:00pm

Mixed U13 (11v11)

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Mixed U16 (11v11)

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Girls' U13 (9v9)

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Mixed U10 (9v9)

3:30pm - 5:30pm

Mixed U11 (9v9)

3:30pm - 5:30pm

Girls' U15 (11v11)

3:30pm - 5:30pm

## Hashtag - #SFAGRF22

Thinking of taking photographs? Please share on Social Media but only tag your own family



# Welcome



Welcome to the 2022 Suffolk FA Grassroots Festival. We are looking forward to welcoming players, coaches, referees and spectators to another fantastic weekend of grassroots football at Whitton United Football Club.

Our annual grassroots festival is now in its tenth year after a two-year break due to Covid and we are pleased to be welcoming back teams from U7s to U16s across both female and mixed categories. We will also be hosting the adult from Wot's Up Football League, with this year providing provision for refugees for the first time! We hope to ensure our showcase festival caters for all members of the Suffolk football community and continually strive to make the festival bigger and better each season.

We have 175 teams signed up to attend and participate through the course of the weekend and no doubt some great football being played. It will be great to see so many teams from across the county and we hope it will be a real celebration of grassroots football in Suffolk.

This festival is returning following the two-year hiatus due to Covid-19. As we all know, Covid turned all our worlds upside down and we want to pass on our thoughts to everyone who lost someone they loved. Football hasn't been the priority and rightly so during this time, but the return of the festival will hopefully provide an opportunity to bring people together and enjoy participating and watching football again.

We are delighted to be working in partnership with Whitton United Football Club to bring the festival back to King George V Playing Fields for the third time. Can I extend a big thank you to everyone involved in the club who have worked hard to get the venue ready and supported the delivery of this showcase event.

To run such a large festival is no mean feat, therefore I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff at Suffolk FA who put so much time and effort in to making the weekend a triumph. Another big thank you to the referees and volunteers that are supporting us this weekend and all their contributions towards ensuring our players have a safe and enjoyable experience.

A massive thank you to David Goldsmith and Sam Murray who are County Councillors for the Whitton and Whitehouse wards who are providing financial support to enable us to run this event.

We hope that all players, coaches, referees and spectators enjoy the 2022 Suffolk FA Grassroots festival.

James Morley  
Football Development Officer



*If we behave positively  
during practice and matches,  
our children will too.*

*By setting a good example, we'll help  
build a supportive environment in which  
everyone can enjoy themselves.*

## Play Your Part

(Code of Conduct)

### Spectators and Parents/Carers

**Play your part and support  
The FA's Code of Respect:**

- Have fun; it's what we're all here for!
- Celebrate effort and good play from both sides
- Always respect the Referee and coaches and encourage players to do the same
- Stay behind the touchline and within the Designated Spectators' Area (where provided)
- When players make mistakes, offer them encouragement to try again next time
- Never engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour

**I understand that if I do not follow the Code, I may be:**

- Issued with a verbal warning or asked to leave
- Required to meet with the club committee, league or CFA Welfare Officer
- Obligated to undertake an FA education course
- Requested not to attend future games, be suspended or have my membership removed
- Required to leave the club along with any dependents and/or issued a fine



**RESPECT**

**we ONLY  
do  
Positive.**

# Play your best. Be your best.

Make sure you and everyone  
around you has a good time  
on and off the pitch.

## Play Your Part (Code of Conduct)

### Young Players

Play your part and support  
The FA's Code of Respect:

When playing football, I will:

- Always play my best for the benefit of the team
- Play fairly and be friendly
- Play by the rules and respect the Referee
- Shake hands with the other team - win or lose
- Listen carefully to what my coach tells me
- Understand that a coach has to do what's best for the team
- Talk to someone I trust or the club welfare officer if I'm unhappy about anything at my club
- Encourage my team mates
- Respect the facilities home & away

I understand that if I do not follow the Code,  
I may:

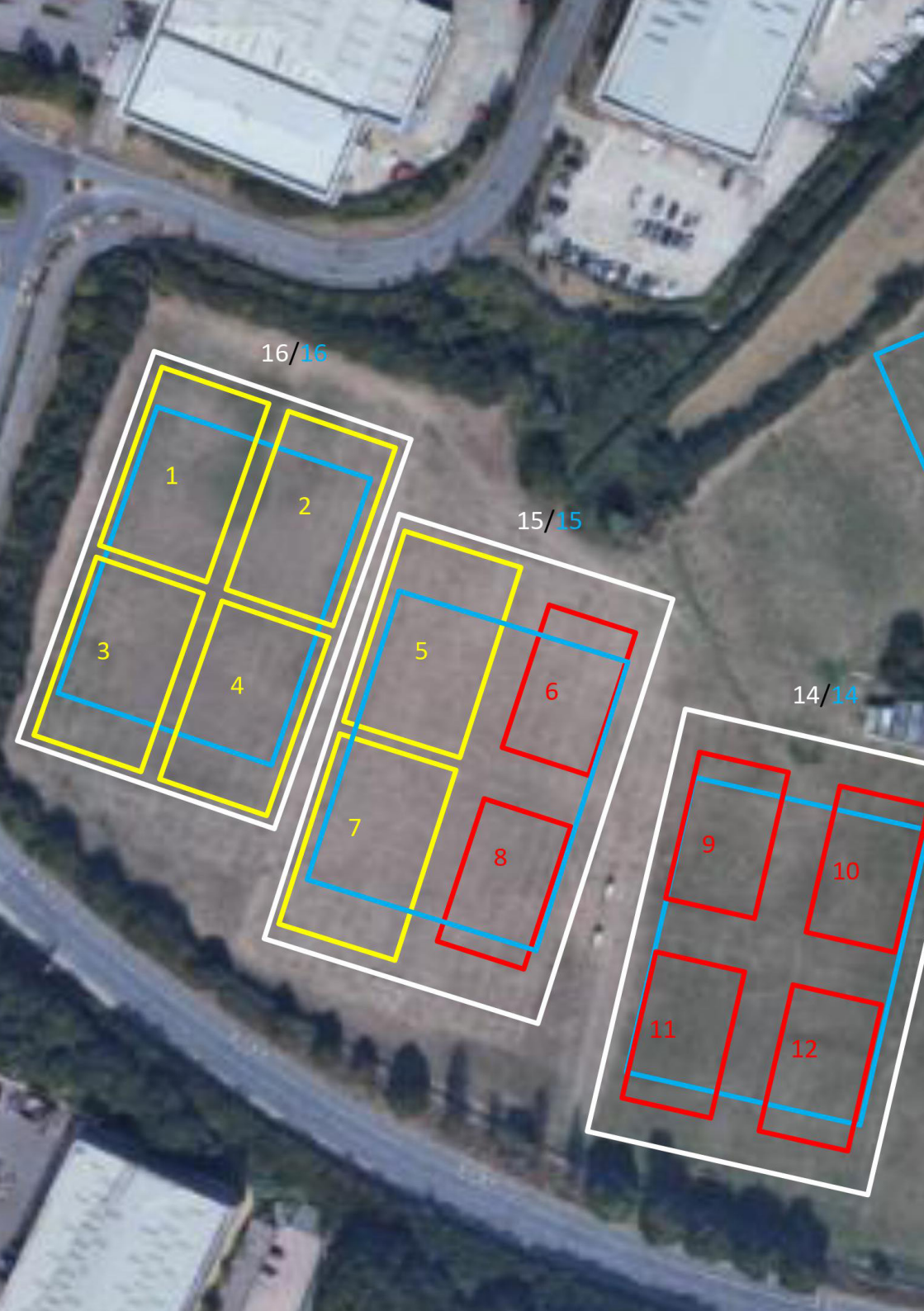
- Be asked to apologise to whoever I've upset
- Receive a formal warning
- Be dropped, substituted or suspended from training



# RESPECT

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16/16

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Clubhouse

Food

SFA

Stage

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**Key**

White - 11v11 Pitch

Blue - 9v9 Pitch

Yellow - 7v7 Pitch

Red - 5v5 Pitch

SFA - Welcome Tent,  
Register, Lost Children, First  
Aid

Staging - All presentations  
to take place

# Councillor's Message



**Cllr. DAVID GOLDSMITH**

## **How long have you been a local councillor and why did you want to get involved in local government?**

I have been a local Councillor since 1999, as a Local Councillor I believed I could help the community and improve local services.

## **Why did you want to support the Suffolk FA Grassroots Festival?**

I supported the Grassroots Festival to encourage the young people in Suffolk to engage in sport and engage with each other to live a better and healthier lifestyle.

## **What are you looking forward to most about the event?**

To meet other like-minded people who give their time to sport which benefits local people.

## **How does an event like this support the local community?**

It brings people together to see what can be done and encourage more people to live a healthier lifestyle.

## **How can a club support their local community?**

A club is a meeting place to encourage the youth of today to work together.

## **What football team do you support?**

Ipswich Town, as I believe local people should support their local teams.

## **IF A CHILD CHOOSES YOU...**

LISTEN carefully  
DO NOT turn away,  
DO PASS IT ON!!!

Suffolk FA Designated Safeguarding Officer (DSO):  
Hayley Chart - 07572 107791

NSPCC Helpline - 0808 800 5000 (free 24hr service, providing advice to anyone worried about a child)

Suffolk Customer First - 0808 800 4005

For further information on the Suffolk FA Safeguarding Policies, please visit [www.suffolkfa.com](http://www.suffolkfa.com)





# Councillor's Message



**Cllr. SAM MURRAY**

## **How long have you been a local councillor and why did you want to get involved in local government?**

I was elected as a Suffolk County Councillor in 2021. I have always had an interest in Politics and have volunteered in the community, my entire adult life. It felt time to put the two together and see if I can make a difference to local communities as a local Councillor.

## **Why did you want to support the Suffolk FA Grassroots Festival?**

I am very passionate about children, their development and children of all backgrounds becoming whatever they choose to be. The past two years in particular has been very difficult for children. They've lost out on making those memories we still hold dear as adults. I was keen on supporting this festival as it is a great way to get children together to have fun and start making memories again.

## **What are you looking forward to most about the event?**

Seeing people having fun. I hope families from all over Suffolk will have a weekend of coming together and having some fun.

## **How does an event like this support the local community?**

This is a great opportunity for us to showcase our division. Not only does it showcase Whitton United, which we are all proud of, I hope visitors will spend a little time in the area. You could start the morning in Al's Café on Meredith Road, maybe pop to Sweets n Stuff on Garrick Way for a sweet bouquet for example. There are many great independent businesses in this area. We also hope that local community groups will attend and display the fantastic work that happens in North West Ipswich.

## **How can a club support their local community?**

Building strong relationships with the wider community is important. From the local school to residents who would like to watch a match and reminisce of days they were young and played. Clubs can support their community by open communication and getting involved in local events and initiatives.

## **What football team do you support?**

I was born in London so I support Arsenal and have fond memories of Highbury. But as Ipswich is very much my home, I do follow and support Ipswich Town too, a club my children also support.

# Set the standards for a great game.

Use your position to set a positive example for the people you're responsible for and lead a better game for everyone.

## Play Your Part (Code of Conduct)

### Coaches, Team Managers and Club Officials

#### Play your part and support The FA's Code of Respect:

##### On and off the field, I will:

- Always show respect to everyone involved in the game
- Stick to the rules and celebrate the spirit of the game
- Encourage fair play and high standards of behaviour
- Always respect the Referee and encourage players to do the same
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission
- Never engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive behaviour
- Be aware of the potential impact of bad language on others
- Be gracious in victory and defeat
- Respect the facilities home and away



# RESPECT



##### When working with players, I will:

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything
- Never tolerate any form of bullying
- Ensure all activities are suited for the players' ability and age
- Work with others (e.g. officials, doctors, welfare officers, physiotherapists) for each player's best interests

##### I understand that if I do not follow the Code, I may be:

- Required to meet with the club or league Welfare officer or your CFA Designated Safeguarding Officer (DSO).
- Suspended by the club from attending matches
- Suspended or fined by the County FA
- Required to leave, lose my position and/or have my license withdrawn

# We ONLY do Positive.

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