

THE SUFFOLK FA YOUTH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



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WHO WE ARE

The Suffolk FA Youth Council are a team of young people aged between 16-25 made up of individuals from all different roles within football from across the county who are the voice of the Youth within Suffolk. The Suffolk FA Youth Council are provided with the autonomy to come up with their own ideas and suggestions to make a difference within the county. The Youth Council are here to support and give everyone the opportunity to make a difference and be heard, as we recognise that everyone has something meaningful to say.

INTRODUCTION TO YOUR YOUTH COUNCIL

Meet Ollie – Youth Council Club's Lead and Youth Trustee...

I am Ollie, the club's lead on the Youth Council as well as as the Youth Trustee on the Board. I feel very privileged to be given the opportunity to represent young people in Suffolk as a member of the Suffolk FA Youth Council and hope to make a real difference to football in Suffolk. I played football for many years until I was 14

when I stopped to become a football referee. I have very much enjoyed my refereeing journey so far and Youth football has been vital to my development as I have progressed to Level 5 as a referee. I hope in the future to continue my studies to qualify as an architect whilst also developing as a referee and climbing the football pyramid. I hope whilst doing this I can support, develop and represent Youth football in Suffolk bringing positive change to help the beautiful game flourish.

If you see a Youth Council member – don't be afraid to speak to us, we we would love to hear everyone's suggestions.



YOUTH AND GRASSROOTS HEROES FEATURE

The Youth Council would love to know about your Youth heroes. We are always looking to recognise people who are making a difference and we want to use these stories. If your club has Youth heroes that need recognising send them to our new email address suffolkfayouthcouncil@gmail.com Let us know as we want to show them the recognition that they deserve.

Edward Newell is our Youth and Grassroots Hero for March and April. Edward has kindly supported the Youth Council within the relaunch, creating the relaunch video which was used to reannounce the Youth Council across the County FA channels and providing social media content.

Edward also works as a photographer for The New Croft, home to both Haverhill Rovers and Haverhill Borough producing photographs to promote the facilities and events going on. Within this he also supports the Haverhill Football Academy where he helps to create promotional materials for the Academy and the opportunities that they provide to the community.

Edward is a very active part of the community and is often seen refereeing at the weekends too. Edward said: "This is something I enjoy as it enables me to get to meet many different people, not just from the Haverhill teams but the away teams as well. As well as enabling me to keep involved with football having stopped playing at the back end of last year."

The Youth Council would like to place a thank you on record to Edward – without his support making a difference would be a lot harder. When reflecting on what the term grassroots heroes meant to us we concluded that it is going above and beyond the make a difference. This is what we believe Edward has done for us and for his community – he has provided some amazing support and we and his community recognise the support he has given us all.

Here are some of Edward's photographs.



EVENTS

After the first delivery of the parent lino course this month the Suffolk FA Youth Council have been working alongside the Suffolk Girls' & Women's League to come up with another date for the second workshop of the parent lino course which will allow parents to become more confident in running the line. The Youth Council have also been working hard to use the responses from the Youth Voice survey to create a positive difference to the game within the county and we look forward to putting these plans into place. We are also currently in the process of creating some very exciting events for this year's Grassroots Festival – we look forward to seeing everyone there in May!

The Youth Council are very excited to be able to work with everyone across the county to improve and shape the game. As well as these projects the Youth Council are currently continuing to work on more projects to support and make a difference within the county, keep an eye on this space!

HAVE YOUR SAY

The Youth Council love to hear from the Youth involved in today's game. Any support, ideas and suggestions that we receive help us to make a difference. Have your say and support the Youth Council:

[Suggestions Form](#)



[Youth Voice Survey](#)

