



TTFC YOUTH

News & Updates from the TTFC Youth

2024/25 Season.

We have had 15 weekends of the Grassroots football season before the Christmas Break, the weather has mostly been good with us only losing one weekend of football so far to storm Darragh.

All teams are making progress in their respective divisions in the Norfolk Combined Youth League, this would not be possible without the dedication of the 25 plus coaches we have within Thetford Town FC.

Thetford Town U9's Focus.

Moving forward we will be adding a piece on each team and their coach, this month we have started with Paul Mleczek from our Under 9's. Do you ever wonder how the team coach got involved. ? Paul was a midfielder for Thetford Town First Team and then played some vets football towards the end of his career, with children arriving and with them wanting to also play football the next transition was to become a coach. Paul now has a large amount of children wanting to play football for his team, if any parent would like to get involved and possibly look at setting up a second team then please speak with Paul.



This was Paul with his U9's on Armistice Day completing their minutes silence. If you are interested in coaching, then please look on our club website for the relevant coaches contact details.

Youth Sponsorship Opportunities

We have been authorized by the local council to add sponsorship boards to the fencing inside the youth pitches, this will generate extra money for the youth teams. As we continue to grow in numbers, we are looking to add toilet facilities to the youth pitches. More info below

[Club Sponsorship | Thetford Town FC \(thetfordtownfootballclub.com\)](http://thetfordtownfootballclub.com)

Club House Hire

Have an upcoming event and need a venue? Our club house is available to hire for a range of events from meetings, courses or party's. Please contact Darren on [07764943461](tel:07764943461) for more details.



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Extra Volunteers Required for Tea Hut

Last season we opened the Breckland Brew Hut for hot & cold drinks and snacks, all money taken went directly back to the youth section. The tea hut continues to get busier now we have this open more regularly, this is only possible with the help of volunteers.

The Brew Hut refreshments are well received by those people using this facility, if you would like to get involved and help on a regular basis then please get in touch.

We also took the decision to obtain a card machine for the Brew Hut, this has increased the turnover by over 50% each week.

Contact Paul Dale on 07775 597054

Mini Soccer

One of the most fulfilling roles in coaching is mini soccer, this has been missing from the youth section for some time.

We are pleased to say that Craig Bibby started mini soccer session in October, Craig has completed a number of training sessions over the last few months before taking a short break.

These sessions are due to start again on Saturday 1st February, these will start at 10am on Thetford Towns main pitch, access will be through the turnstile area in the main car park. All sessions are weather permitting, please keep a close eye on our social channels.

In the words of Johan Cruyff, football has to be fun for kids or it doesn't make sense.

UNDER 16's

This seasons U16's are making progress under the watchful eye of Bruno Taveres who used to also be a regular for Thetford Town First Team, Bruno and his team of coaches have increased fitness levels and the amount of training completed weekly. This is all paying off as they currently sit 3rd in their league table, they have also progressed into the quarter finals of the Norfolk County Cup. This is a competition that all U15's & U16's teams can enter, this means you could be up against any team within Norfolk and not someone specific to the league you play in.



Great work by all the coaches and players involved, we have also had players progress into U18's football team from this age group.

Further Updates

3G Pitch – The 3G pitch project in Thetford is still going ahead, we last reported there was a slight delay due to the many different organisations involved in delivering this project to the town. The main contribution of funds was coming from the football foundation in England, the sports centre and Breckland Council are also involved. The main delay was due to these other organisations wanting further information from the football foundation, this was beyond the control of Thetford Town Football Club.

We can share the news that the contractors have been instructed to proceed, the official date we are unable to share as this will be very much weather dependent. Once started the project will be a 12–13-week build, with the delay in this project this could cause some issues with winter evening training. This is something the committee are currently looking into, our options will be very limited. The current winter training facility is substandard which really highlights why this new 3G pitch is required. last season the club subsidised the winter training with the parents only covering a small proportion of the overall cost. The signing on fees increased this season not only to cover winter training, also the increasing costs involved within youth football like pitch maintenance and coaches courses.

Youth Bank Account – Due to the ongoing success of the tea hut we decided to open a bank account solely for the youth section, the card machine within the brew hut is linked directly to this account. Any sponsorship donations or money raised by the youth section will be paid directly into this account, the club will also pay any fees associated with the card machine which enforces their commitment to the youth section.

Regards
Thetford Town Youth