



# Sway Junior Football Club

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## SWAY JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB AGM 2022/2023

July 12<sup>th</sup> 2023 via Zoom

**Present:** Toby Goplen (Chairman), Costin Matei (Treasurer), Liz Heasman (Secretary), Wes Bird (Committee Member), Becci Symonds (Committee Member), Neil McLocklin (Jubilee Field User Group Representative)

**Apologies:** Emma Monk (Welfare Officer), David Mold (U14 Girls Manager), Chris Collinge (U11 Lions Manager), Rich Mantell (U8 Manager). Tony Brooks (U7 Manager), Ed Macintosh (U6 Manager).

### Message from the Chairman

Welcome everyone to the 22/23 season AGM for Sway Junior Football Club.

It's been my first season in post as Chairman and would like to thank the committee for their support and encouragement as I settled into the role. What a fantastic season it has been with over 80 boys and girls playing across ages U6-U16 in 3 competitive leagues. We have had great success with 2 teams being promoted to the top divisions in their leagues.

I would like to thank members of our committee individually, our secretary Liz, Treasurer Costin, and Wes for his assistance developing a budget for the club. Neil has been our representative and chair of the Jubilee Field user group and has been particularly adept at identifying Football Foundation funds to enhance the clubs' finances and contribution to the planned maintenance of the Jubilee Field. Becci and Heather have been valued non-elected members of the Committee and with Chris acting as our kit manager and Tony as our manger rep, all regularly contribute to committee debate.

I have reserved special mention to Emma Monk who has been the club's Welfare Officer for more than 10 years, a role she carries out with quiet but dedicated professionalism. It is the role that keeps us all safe, players, managers and parents and is vital. I want to extend my personal thanks to Emma for all her dedication over the years and I believe I speak on behalf of the whole club, both past and present, when I say thank you for all that you have done.

I would like now to list some of the critical Committee achievements since our last AGM;

- The club's Charter was officially launched describing the club's values and principles.
- FA accreditation achieved.
- Collaboration with the Cricket club that commits us to sustain both clubs shared use of the grounds.
- Investment in Verti drainer in partnership with Parish Council and Cricket club for ongoing grounds maintenance.
- Access to use St Luke's School field to enable training and matches to continue following return of JF to CC.
- Improved links with SFC to enable use of senior pitch.
- Increased profile on website and social media.



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- Introduction of new player registration google form.
- Investing for the future with 7 new sponsorship deals with local businesses.
- Branded Adidas kit for all SJFC teams – one club identity.
- End of season presentation award at Sway Village Hall 24<sup>th</sup> June.

Looking forward, some of the challenges that need to be addressed include attracting volunteers to manage / coach the U8's and to establish new teams across all age groups. We also need to attract interest in refereeing and establish a planned maintenance programme for Pitmore Lane grounds to provide a viable and safe alternative for training and for hosting matches.

**Toby Goplen (Chairman)**

## **Treasurer Report**

I have taken this role on from Costin Matei as from the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023.

- The bank balance as of 31 May 2023 remains in a good position at £14,833.23.
- For the year 2022/23 the club recorded a surplus of £939.71 compared to the deficit of £2,290.46 for the previous year.
- However, it is worth noting that the accounts are prepared on a cash basis and £1750 of our income in these accounts is sponsorship which has been received in advance of the 2023/24 season. This sponsorship is very gratefully received by the club and will go towards supplying teams with our new kit for next season.
- It is also worth noting that £580 of our income in these accounts, received in May, related to club registrations for the 2023/24 season.
  
- Our total income for the year was £17,855.25. The majority of this comes from our annual registration fee (training subscription) which totalled £8,783.
- During this year, the club also received a payment from the Football Foundation for a grant towards the maintenance of the pitches which was applied for last year – this totalled £4250. This was received by the club and passed onto the Sway Parish Council towards the maintenance works of the pitch.
- Within grants, there is a legacy payment the club receives annually from the Blackwell Trust Fund – this totals £1931.51.
  
- Our total expenditure for the year was £15,815.54.
- The majority of this (£13,192.70) relates to ground/pitch/training hire which includes rent of the pitches from the Parish Council, Futsal fees, the payment of the maintenance grant to SPC and our cost of maintenance of the pitches.
- Kit costs were low this year as we prepare for a change of kit next season.



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- For the 2023/24 season, the committee has taken the decision to increase the annual registration fee by 11% to ensure that we are able to continue to maintain the pitches to a suitable standard (match fees continue to be included in this fee).
- We continue to recommend to parents that the 23/24 annual subscription is paid via bank transfer.
- May I take this opportunity to say thank you to Costin who managed the finances in this financial year and Wesley who supported in the preparation of the final accounts.

**Becci Symons (Treasurer)**

## Secretary Report

At the start of the 2022/23 season the Club had five teams registered in three Leagues as follows:

- Hampshire Girls Youth Football League (HGYFL) – U13/14 Stingrays
- New Forest & District Youth Football League (NF&DYL) – U7, U8, U13/14 Comets.
- Bournemouth Youth Football League (BYFL) – U11 Lions

We also had three non-registered teams regularly training with the Club, including for the first time an U6 team. The U16 Boys finished their time training with the Club this season with a super friendly match against the managers and coaches on the senior pitch. Sadly, our U12 girls team folded mid-season due to insufficient numbers.

In readiness for next season, we renewed our Two-Star Accreditation status with the FA. As part of this process, we put in place a Club Development Plan that details our philosophy, commitment, and ambitions for the Club. The plan can be accessed via our website at [Sway Junior FC \(swayjuniorsfc.com\)](http://swayjuniorsfc.com).

We will continue to play in the same three leagues in 2023/24. For the first time we will have two teams competing in the BYFL, the U12s managed by Chris Collinge and a new U10 team managed by Rich Mantell.

However, we will have a reduced number of teams registered with the NF&DYL. Having seen its age group withdrawn from the league, our U15 boys will not compete but will continue to train with the Club. With the former U8/9 players moving to form the new U10 team with BYFL, this will leave us with just the U7 and U8 (subject to securing a manager) teams in the NFD&YFL.

Our girls' team will continue to represent the Club in the HGYFL as U15 this season.

In addition, we will have a new U6 team training with the Club managed by Tony Brooks. Due to FA rules, they are too young to be registered with a league, but will train alongside the U7/8 teams and will help to secure the Clubs future.

Teams and their managers for the 2023/24 season are as follows:

League	Age Group / Name	Manager
New Forest District & Youth Football League	U7	Ed McIntosh



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	U8	Nick Smout
Bournemouth Youth Football League	U10 - Pumas	Richard Mantell
	U12 - Lions	Chris Collinge
Hampshire Girls Youth Football League	U15 Stingrays	David Mold
Training Only	U6	Tony Brooks
Training Only	U15	Wesley Bird

For the first time all registration forms for the new season are available online and should be completed and returned to the Secretary as soon as possible. The deadline for payment is 5th September.

**Liz Heasman (Secretary)**

## **Committee Elections for Official Roles for 23/24 Season**

**Chairman:** Toby Goplen was re-elected as Chairman (proposed by Liz Heasman, seconded by Costin Matei).

**Treasurer:** Becci Symonds was newly elected to the role of Treasurer (proposed by Toby Goplen and seconded by Liz Heasman).

**Secretary:** Liz Heasman was re-elected as the Secretary (proposed by Toby Goplen and seconded by Becci Symonds).

**Welfare Officer:** Costin Matai was newly elected as Welfare officer replacing, Emma Monk (proposed by Toby Goplen and seconded by Becci Symonds).

The continuation of additional committee members in a non-elected capacity were confirmed as: Neil McLocklin, Wes Bird, Tony Brooks, Heather Macintosh, and Becci Symons.

The Club welcomes new Committee members. If you are interested in supporting the Club and contributing to its running, please contact any of the existing committee members for a chat to find out more.