



Clarby News



Issue 3 The official newsletter of Clarbeston Road AFC (Charity No. 1163455) **December 2019**

Who are we?

We are a registered charity (Charity number 1163455). We have twice been the FAW Trust Club of the Year (in 2003 and 2008) and we are now a FAW Platinum accredited club. We hold an InSport Ribbon award for our support to the Cleddau Warriors Disability Football Club. You can find out a lot more about the club by looking at our Welcome Pack on our web site.

Our web site, Facebook and Twitter links are as follows:

www.clarbestonroadafc.co.uk/home.html

www.facebook.com/ClarbestonRoadAFC/

@ClarbyRoadAFC

Queries may also be sent directly to June Harries (Club Secretary) on:

01437 731574 & june.27harries@gmail.com

Check out our senior fixtures, results and tables on:

<http://www.pembrokeshireleague.co.uk>

We've gone Platinum!

We are delighted to have been awarded Platinum accreditation by the Football Association of Wales. This accreditation recognises that we meet the highest standards for our governance, safeguarding, coach training and community outreach.

The accreditation would not have been possible without the commitment of our trustees, coaches, team helpers and other volunteers and we would like to thank everyone who has contributed to this success. We are also grateful to our FAW mentor, Aled Lewis, for supporting us through the "More than a Club" programme.



HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS ISSUE

- 1 Platinum accreditation
- 2 News update
- 3 Volunteering

FC Cymru coverage



We recently had some excellent coverage with a feature in the FC Cymru on line Wales football magazine programme. Filming took place at our pitches and at a Monday evening training session. Interviews were held with club trustees, coaches, parents and players. The programme can be watched on You Tube through the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RGPhuwCmAmQ>

Ground Development

We are delighted that the FAW has agreed to provide us with £15,000 in response to our request for funding to further extend our parking area at the top of the Knock Field site. This will avoid the need for cars to park on the road outside of the site. This is also planned to prepare the site for the future changing room building.

We have also applied for match funding towards the costs from the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Fund. We should know by mid January if we have been successful. We would then hope to undertake the work within the early part of 2020.

Disability Football

For many years we have been providing coaching support to the Cleddau Warriors Disability Football Club and joining up with them for integrated football tournaments. This relationship will soon be strengthened further as both clubs have agreed in principle to the incorporation of the Cleddau Warriors into Clarbeston Road AFC. We hope that the formal arrangements will be completed in January and we will make an announcement when this takes place.

Team of the Month

Our team of the month is our Under 11 squad. We have had so much interest at this age group that we now have 2 teams, the Black Team and the Red Team. The squad are pictured here with their coaches, Pam, Moyra, Chris, Matthew and Tim at Spittal Green, one of the pitches we use for mini football with the kind agreement of Spittal Community Council.



Christmas BINGO

Please support our Christmas Bingo events. These are an important part of our fundraising calendar and the proceeds will contribute to our running costs and towards future improvement projects.



**TURKEY
BINGO**

**Tuesday 10th December
&
Thursday 19th December
At Clarbeston Road Memorial Hall**

**7.30pm start
Eyes down 8pm**

SPONSORSHIP

We are grateful for the support of a number of local businesses who sponsor our pitch side advertising boards and team kits. We are always pleased to welcome new sponsors.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CHRISTMAS BINGO

Two separate BINGO evenings at Clarboston Road Memorial Hall where you can come along and win your Christmas turkey. Held on Tuesday 10th December on Thursday 19th December.

2020

We will shortly be releasing our provisional calendar of events for 2020/ Please let us have any suggestions or new ideas about any further fundraising events that we may build into our programme. We are always open to suggestions.



If you feel you can help us with any of the roles listed across the page, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Steve Stretch at steve.stretch@yahoo.co.uk or on 07976 944430. We are looking to compile a list of volunteers who we can contact when we need extra help.

Volunteering Opportunities

We depend on volunteers to run the club. All of our trustees, coaches and helpers are unpaid and willingly give up their time for the good of the club. Whereas we are fortunate to have as many volunteers as we have, the size of the club means that we are always looking for more help.

We are always keen to recruit more coaches but we also recognise that there are parents of players and friends of the club who do not feel able to take up these roles. However, they may have other skills that may help us to continue to provide the service we do to the local community and to help us further develop as a club.

In particular we are looking for the following support:

Team Helpers

We wish to free up our coaches to concentrate on coaching activities. Lead Team helpers can help communicate information between coaches and parents and provide background organisational support to coaches.

Fundraisers

We are constantly looking for new ideas to raise funds but also to deliver events that contribute to the social calendar of the community. We need fresh ideas and extra pairs of hands to help run events!

Trustees

We currently have a trustee vacancy and are looking to enhance the skills base of our management committee.

Project managers

We are looking for construction project management expertise to help us with our planned improvements

Web and social media support

We are looking for help in making the best use of our web site and social media platforms to make sure we are communicating effectively with our members and the wider community

Grounds maintenance assistance

Occasional assistance with strimming, mowing and general maintenance on a few designated dates a year

