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CLUB DEVELOPMENT

The 1st team were unfortunately relegated from the National League North into the Evostik Premier Division and thus the club expects a fall in attendances for the 2017-18 season with visiting clubs bringing minimal support. The use of the "away end" turnstiles will thus be reviewed and if deemed appropriate will not be used on matchdays.

However the club as a whole continues to flourish especially the community activities supported by the ever increasing use of the Community Sports Hall – in its 3rd year of existence.

Altrincham FC In The Community (AITC) continues to be one of the main providers of football coaching in the Altrincham area for over 1000 children and adults on a weekly basis. This includes over 50 junior boys and girls teams and five adult teams (16+) for men and women.

AITC host eleven weeks of holiday clubs for children each year, including multi-sports coaching and day trips off site. During school term time, AITC are active in six local primary schools on a weekly basis, carrying out up to 20 hours of coaching. These sessions run before, during and after school times, for 500+ children each week.

AITC run 'Alty Mini Kickers', a football programme for ages 2-5 years old, at the Community Sports Hall (CSH), on site at the football club. This programme runs 50 weeks of the year and has an attendance of 80+ children each week.

AITC attend over ten local community and school events on an annual basis to help promote the club and generate local interest. Complimentary tickets are handed out to local schools and to children at the AFC Junior Saturday morning club, for specific games and a reduced price admission ticket for parents is enclosed.

The BTEC course continues at the club and is organised by Interactive sports and Trafford College, the number of students is 62 and there are three teams playing in organised mid-week games,

In January 2015, AFC opened the CSH facility, which enhances the profile of the club within the Trafford area and encourages residents to partake in sporting and social activities, such as: Senior Exercise, Yoga, Baby Clinic, Toddler Classes, etc. The facility is hired out for social events and external bookings on weekend, such as: birthday parties, weddings, dinners, festivals, etc.

SUCCESS OF PREVIOUS OBJECTIVES

2016/17 OBJECTIVES		COMMENTS
To maintain the condition of the stadium to an acceptable standard and to promote crowd safety.		<p>The club benefit from willing and enthusiastic volunteer workforce. This ensures the stadium continues to be maintained to a good standard of repair and maintains spectator safety.</p> <p>The pitch perimeter fencing has been replaced at a cost of £38k</p>
To ensure the safety procedures manual reflects the safety management of the stadium.		<p>The safety procedure manual has been revised in line with a template provided in the FA document 'Stadium Safety in the National League System'. And is now titled 'Match Day/ Event Contingency Plans.</p> <p>Fire risk assessments have been updated for the Main Stand and the Family Stand & Sponsors' Lounge. This exercise benefited from a visit by personnel from Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service.</p>
To continue to promote the Club in the community by expanding the Club's activities.		<p>Please see Club Development statement – the club along with the Community Sports Trust continue to promote Football, sport and healthy living to its supporters and the local community. It now caters for ages 0-99 through it's various classes. We have recently signed a MoU with Katie Bland from Altrincham Unlimited – to co promote our businesses</p>

Further developments

The Club appointed a new safety officer in November 2016. The new appointee has been active in seeking guidance and best practice from Trafford MBC, GMP, and the Association of Football Safety Officers. Visits were made to several Conference North football clubs seeking practical examples of good practice in ground and spectator safety. Clubs visited included: Stockport County, Chorley, Telford and Tamworth.

Following these visits formal match day logs, incident reports and match officials' briefings have been introduced. The arrangements and code words used for ground evacuation have also been changed. A representative sketch of the ground has also been produced to aid steward and visitor briefings.

A further four stewards successfully completed NVQ level 2 in spectator safety.

FUTURE OBJECTIVES

1. To maintain the condition of the Stadium to an acceptable standard and to promote crowd safety.
2. To continue to ensure the match day/ event contingency plans reflects the safety management of the Stadium.
3. To continue to seek appropriate examples of good practice that can be introduced to the Club to further improve the safety of all users of the Club's facilities.

League Gates 2016-17

DATE	AGAINST	RES	ATT
Sat.6.8.16	DARLINGTON FC 1883	2-2	1,506
Tue.16.8.16	AFC FYLDE	0-6	850
Sat.27.8.16	CURZON ASHTON,	2-4	870
Sat.3.9.16	STOCKPORT COUNTY	2-3	2,355
Tue.6.9.16	CHORLEY	2-2	1,006
Sat.24.9.16	BOSTON UNITED	0-1	918
Sat.22.10.16	AFC TELFORD UNITED	0-2	1,074
Tue.25.10.16	BRADFORD PARK AVENUE	2-3	756
Sat.12.11.16	SALFORD CITY	0-2	2,403
Sat.3.12.16	TAMWORTH	1-2	835
Mon.26.12.16	FC UNITED OF MANCHESTER	0-3	2,490
Sat.7.1.17	GLOUCESTER CITY	0-1	915
Sat.14.1.17	GAINSBOROUGH TRINITY	2-3	996
Sat.4.2.17	FC HALIFAX TOWN	0-1	1,344
Sat.18.2.17	HARROGATE TOWN	0-0	782
Sat.25.2.17	WORCESTER CITY	2-0	854
Sat.18.3.17	STALYBRIDGE CELTIC	0-0	1,236
Tue.21.3.17	NUNEATON TOWN	1-3	646
Sat.8.4.17	BRACKLEY TOWN	1-3	685
Mon.17.4.17	KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS	1-4	826
Sat.22.4.17	ALFRETON TOWN	1-1	801

TOTAL 24,148

Average 1150

FA Cup

Sat 17.09.16	GAINSBOROUGH TRINITY	3-2	516
Mon 10.10.1	MORPETH	3-0	658
Sat 15.10.16	MATLOCK TOWN	3-1	1071

FA Trophy

Tues 06.12.16	BLYTH SPARTANS	2-2	276
Tues 20.12.16	MACCLESFIELD TOWN	1-1	717

TOTAL 3238

GRAND TOTAL 27,386