

**ANNUAL SAFETY REPORT
2013 / 2014**

**ALTRINCHAM ASSOCIATION
FOOTBALL CLUB**

**REPORT TO
THE SAFETY at SPORTS GROUNDS
ADVISORY GROUP**

BY

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THE GENERAL SAFETY CERTIFICATE

A General Safety Certificate was issued in respect of the Altrincham Association Football Club ground to Altrincham Association Football Club (The Holder) on 21st March 2014

Clauses 11-17 (inclusive) of The General Safety Certificate required the Holder to designate persons who would have executive responsibility for various aspects of safety. Those persons are listed below:-

Clause 11	Chairman	Mr. G. Rowley
Clause 12	Director	Mr. P Daine
Clause 13	Director	Mr. P Daine
Clause 14	Director/Club Secretary	Mr. D Wilshaw
Clause 15	Director/Vice Chairman	Mr. A. Shaw
Clause 16	Chairman	Mr. G. Rowley
Clause 17	Director/Club Secretary	Mr. D. Wilshaw

THE SAFETY PROCEDURES MANUAL

Mrs. Alison Lewis is the Stadium Safety Officer and is responsible for the production and maintenance of the Altrincham Association Football Club Safety Procedures Manual.

The Safety Procedures Manual is under constant review and continues to reflect the current Stadium environment.

SPECIAL SAFETY CERTIFICATES

No Special Safety Certificates have been issued for the ground during the 2013 - 2014 season.

CLUB DEVELOPMENT

The Community integration programme with the local community successfully continues and we continue to deliver organised football and coaching to an average of over 1,000 boys and girls each week. We have 40 Junior Teams, 2 Youth Teams and 1 Ladies Teams all playing competitive matches.

We hold 6 fun weeks school holidays with an average daily attendance of 45.

The Saturday Morning Club has increased its average attendance with 90 boys and girls being coached by qualified coaches and the majority of children advance into competitive football in their respective age groups. The Community Officer also holds an after school activity in one local school and coaches in 10 schools during term time.

During the summer in conjunction with the local police a “Kids Drop In” was organised and this was well attended.

A one to one coaching scheme is being developed for disabled children.

Two Saturday Football Activities with assistance from Altrincham Chamber of Commerce, have been held in Altrincham Town Centre promoting the club and generating interest.

Complimentary Tickets are handed out to local schools for specific games and a reduced price admission ticket for a parent is enclosed.

The BTech Course continues at the club and is organized by Interactive Sports and Trafford College. The number of students has increased by 50% to 62 and there are 3 teams playing organised mid-week games.

Our team has also progressed being promoted from the Football Conference North to the Football Conference National Division.

Excellent progress has been made with construction of a Community Sports Hall and completion of the building and fitting out is scheduled for November 2014. The Hall will be run by the Community Trust on behalf of the football club and they have been granted charitable status which enables donations to be “gift aided”. Fund raising is ongoing and grants have been received to make the project viable. Marketing of the Hall is in hand and approaches being made to local organisations and clubs who will benefit from this facility. Interviews will shortly be held to staff the Hall.

The club believe this is an exciting project which will enhance the profile of the club within the Trafford area and encourage residents to partake in sporting and other activities.

ANNUAL MATCH VISIT SAFETY AT SPORTS GROUNDS SUB-COMMITTEE

This year's match visit took place on Tuesday 11th March 2014 for the Conference North Division League fixture Altrincham FC v Harrogate Town.

The visit was reported to both the Safety Advisory Group meeting on the 30th May 2014 and the Sports Ground Sub- Committee Meeting on the 23rd July 2014.

SUCCESS OF PREVIOUS OBJECTIVES

2013 / 2014 OBJECTIVES	COMMENT
To maintain the condition of the Stadium to an acceptable standard and to promote crowd safety.	The Club benefit from a willing and enthusiastic volunteer workforce. This ensures that the Stadium continues to maintain a good standard of repair and maintains spectator safety.
To continue to ensure that the Safety Procedures Manual reflects the Safety Management of the Stadium.	The Safety Procedures Manual has been reviewed and continues to reflect the Stadium Safety Management.
To continue to promote the Club in the community by expanding the Club's activities.	As stated in the Club Developments the Club, along with the Community Trust, continue to promote and expand the community activities.

FUTURE OBJECTIVES

1. To maintain the condition of the Stadium to an acceptable standard and to promote crowd safety.
2. To continue to ensure that the Safety Procedures Manual reflects the Safety Management of the Stadium.
3. To continue to promote the Club in the community by expanding the Club's activities and to ensure the Community Sports Hall is a successful venture.

SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE

2013 / 2014

FOOTBALL CONFERENCE NORTH

ATTENDANCE

20.08.2013	Barrow	844
24.08.2013	Stockport County	2875
31.08.2013	Histon	825
14.09.2013	Oxford City	820
24.09.2013	Gloucester City	626
05.10.2013	Guiseley	838
19.10.2013	Brackley Town	855
02.11.2013	Hednesford Town	933
23.11.2013	Solihull Moors	840
26.12.2013	Stalybridge Celtic	1171
04.01.2014	Leamington	972
21.01.2014	Worcester City	527
04.02.2014	AFC Telford United	690
22.02.2014	Colwyn Bay	790
01.03.2014	Workington	859
11.03.2014	Harrogate Town	704
22.03.2014	Gainsborough Trinity	709
26.03.2014	Bradford Park Avenue	582
01.04.2014	Boston United	650
12.04.2014	North Ferriby United	1160
21.04.2014	Vauxhall Motors	831

TOTAL 19,101

Play Offs

03.05.2014	Hednesford Town	1974
10.05.2014	Guisley	4632

TOTAL 6606

CUP COMPETITIONS

30.11.2013	Leek Town FA Trophy 1 st Round	636
29.01.2014	Stockport Sports Cheshire Senior Cup 1 st Round	106
04.03.2014	Stalybridge Celtic Cheshire Senior Cup 2 nd Round	186

TOTAL 928

ALTRINCHAM PRE-SEASON FRIENDLIES.

13.07.2013	Accrington Stanley	387
16.07.2013	Tranmere Rovers	401
27.07.2013	FC Halifax Town	361
02.08.2013	Wrexham	369
10.08.2013	Burnley	271

TOTAL 1789

GRAND TOTAL 28424