

Lower Teme and Martley Football Club Annual Report

As I reflect on the last 12 months of the club, I am pleased to say that the club has been growing successfully. We were approached to take over and amalgamate with Martley Spurs the year before last after their club folded and we now have a total of Three men's teams playing on Sunday mornings in the Worcester League.

The first team secured the Southam Trophy last May, with a win against FC Korono. The match was played at Peshore Town Football Club and was quite a big moment for us. The ground was Pershore itself and there were a lot more spectators than we had ever been used to before. The match was very end to end with Korono having the majority of the possession. It was quite a tense match but in the end, we managed to defeat them 5-2. This really was a pinnacle moment for us especially as we had only been in the division below the unbeaten champions. This was a perfect end to the season.

Our reserves (men's second team) were a group of teens, mostly from the Chantry School who are coming up through the ranks into men's football, just like the majority of our men's first team did when I first started the club. This team are now holding their own in the men's league and have gained promotion after finishing in the top four in the league.

At the beginning of the season our first team were 9th in the table, we are ending the season in 5th position, 1 place off promotion to the Worcester premier division.

This season we had a call from the FA requesting that the club get involved with promoting girls' football through their new scheme known as FA Wildcats. As a Chartered Standard club, we will be delivering football sessions to girls between the ages of 4 and 11 in the local area. We are looking forward to this opportunity to work with the FA and support them with this new project as girls and women's football is growing in popularity.

Within the next 12 months we hope to introduce 2 new junior teams into the club. Finally, we also hope that there will be a new development centre that will target children ages 4-7 to give them an introduction to football.

Regards,

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