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NUTLEY FC NEWSLETTER DEC. '23

WHAT A LOT OF PEOPLE!

We were recently asked to work out how many people are involved with Nutley FC. We estimate that players, parents of junior players, non-playing members and spectators at adult games amount to 210. We think that the hosting of opposition teams throughout the season involves 544 others visiting the Green. Our best guess for people visiting our Summer tournament is 662. This gives us a grand total of 1416 people!

SPONSORS ARE AMAZING

Sponsors help a grassroots club like ours to keep going and to keep improving the opportunities to play and be involved in football. So a MASSIVE thank you to the following fantastic organisations that have sponsored Nutley FC: CEC Electrical Specialists Ltd; Make Real; APinstallations; GBA Motor Services Ltd; Orange Aero; Nutley Motor Services Ltd; Vanguard Motorsport; Maresfield Parish Council; VACPRO; Chisel & Mouse; logoplaste; Sussex County FA; Football Foundation; Sureflow Solutions.

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WILDCATS

A big thank you to Barclays UK and their Community Football programme for giving us tickets to watch Chelsea v Liverpool in the WSL. We took seven of our Wildcats players and their parents to see Lauren James demolish Liverpool (she scored a hat trick and got an assist) with the final score being 5-1. We had a lot of fun.

Our Wildcats have moved indoors for the winter. We're playing at Cumnor House School, Danehill on Saturdays from 10:00 to 11:00. £2 a session.

More info here: <https://nutleyfc.co.uk/wildcats.html>

If you have a primary school aged girl who like to get involved then please sign up here and come and join us.

We're starting a girls team. GBA Motor Services Ltd have very kindly sponsored us. So we have a kit on the way. A big thank

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PITCH UPDATE

Our 11v11 pitch has been doing well but even it has succumb to the incessant rain. It still has really good grass coverage. What we need is the evening before and the match day to be dry and it will be playable. Our junior pitches have not faired so well with a few more games being called off because of water retention.

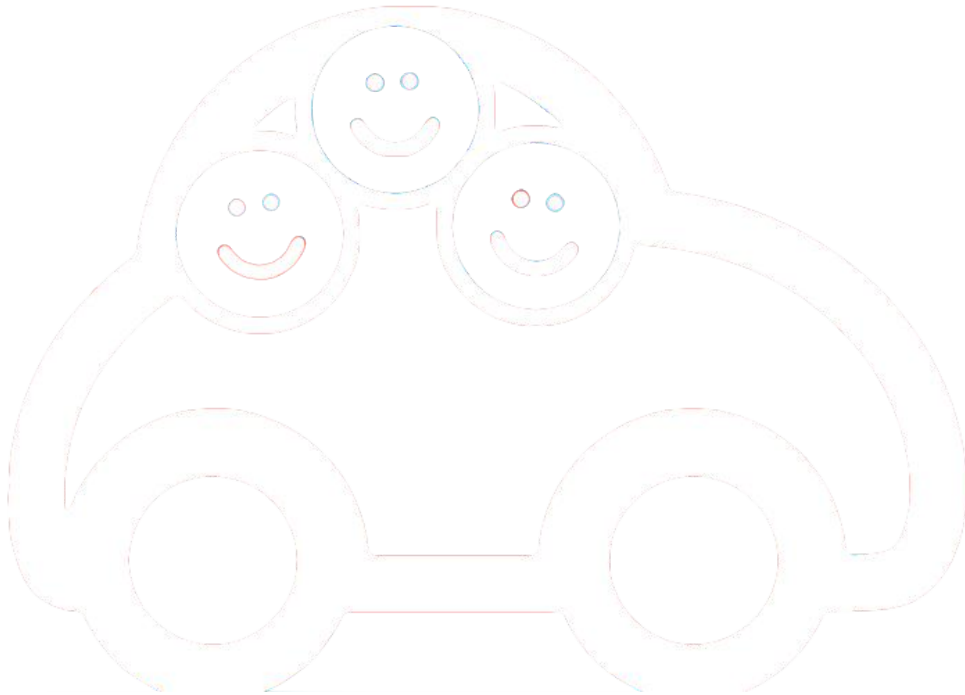
We have two new volunteers who are going to look after the ground. A big thank you to Charlie Stevenson and Jake Parsons. Charlie is a dab hand at maintaining machinery and has already set to work on the tractor. Jake is a professional gardener with a great knowledge of turf. Both are going to help with the grass cutting and turf grooming. We are going to put equal effort into all the pitches and they will hopefully continue to receive a ranking of "good" or above by the Grounds Management Association. So a massive thank you to them!



Jake and Charlie

CAR SHARING

We have to be mindful of the traffic we bring to the green and the impact this has on the environment and our neighbours. So



MEN' S TEAM

A new era - with the departure of Hamish Norris from the men's team, Ben Scott and Mark Hillen have now temporarily stepped in to run the team. In recent weeks the team has strengthened with some former players returning to the team. Despite the league position still not being great at this time, moral and team spirit has never been higher. We're confident that more good results will follow this wave of positivity.



Nutley men's v Eastbourne 16-Dec-23

U11s

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Nutley U11s v Oxted 16-Dec-23

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT - HAMISH NORRIS

Hamish Norris has been with Nutley FC for well over 10 years. He played for the adults for many years, helped coached two junior mixed teams, managed the adults, maintained the pitches and helped out with many other events like our quiz night and tournament. Hamish has done a tremendous amount for the club. He recently stepped back from all things football. Thank you very much Hamish for all your hard work and all the fun. Fingers crossed you'll be back sometime in the future!



GET INVOLVED

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volunteers. We aim to create a fun, safe and inclusive environment for people of all ages, genders and backgrounds to play, volunteer and support football in our local community. We welcome all. You might want to coach, help with the administration, serve teas and baps on match days, help with the facilities or do something else entirely. Here are some ideas of roles you could volunteer for:

Youth Secretary - work with junior members to ensure their voices are heard. Perhaps you could set up a youth group with regular meetings and a suggestions box, and to bring these ideas to the committee. These meetings could be a couple of times per season for each junior team. This role could empower our junior members and help keep everything positive.

Community Secretary - responsible for organising social events to bring all club members together to enhance relationships within the club and with the local community (perhaps parties, quiz night, end-of-season do).

Cafe Manager - help run our cafe during home games. The cafe creates a fantastic social environment and provides a vital source of income for the club.

Club Secretary - main point of contact for the FA, team managers, clubs and leagues, the Secretary will help look after the administrative duties for the club. We really need someone to take over from Ben S please.

We are a friendly and supportive bunch of volunteers. Please do think about joining us. You will be rewarded by a sincere thanks from the club, a warm glow for yourself and some good karma coming back your way! If you are interested then please contact our wonderful secretary Ben Scott on secretary@nutleyfc.co.uk or 07886 270219.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Nutley's first ever football team with the club being founded in 1890! That's a long time ago. You can see more photographs [here](#).

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