# 2024/25 SEASON

## AUGUST 2024



# **TTFC YOUTH**

# News & Updates from the TTFC Youth

#### New 2024/25 Season.

Welcome back to all the parents and players for the 2024/25 season, as a club we continue to grow and already have in excess of 250 children signed on across the current 10 youth teams.

There were many achievements last year with lots of teams progressing within the league and cup competitions, the U11 Clarets were successful in winning their cup final last year.



We also welcome the new Under 13's Clarets to the club, they enter the 2<sup>nd</sup> division of the Norfolk Combined Youth Football League for the new season. The coaches, Dan, Lee, Marcus and Mihail have a large squad and we look forward to following their progression over the new season.

Last seasons presentation day was another huge sucess even though the weather gods were against us, the specially designed medals presented to all the youth players were well received. Despite the rain the BBQ was very busy with the coaches doing a sterling job, presentation day will be back bigger and better next year on FA cup final day.

#### Youth Sponsorship Opportunities

We have been given authorisation by the local council to add sponsorship boards to the fencing inside the youth pitches, this will generate extra money for the youth teams. As we continue to grow in numbers, we are looking to add toilet facilities to the youth pitches. More info below

# <u>Club Sponsorship |</u> <u>Thetford Town FC</u> (thetfordtownfootbal <u>lclub.com)</u>

### **Club House Hire**

Have an upcoming event and need a venue? Our club house is available to hire for a range of events from meetings, courses or party's. Please contact Darren on <u>07764943461</u> for more details.



# Volunteers Required for Tea Hut

Last season we opened the Breckland Brew Hut for hot & cold drinks and snacks, all money taken went directly back to the youth section. This will help pay for the referee fees and any further equipment that is required, this is only possible with the help of volunteers.

The Brew Hut refreshments has been well received by the parents and coaches this season, if you would like to get involved and help on a regular basis then please get in touch.

Contact Paul Dale on 07775 597054

# Mini Soccer Volunteer Required

Are you looking for a way into coaching, have a passion for football and looking to be supported on your coaching journey...?

We are looking for someone passionate about growing the next generation of talent within the local area, the minis are looking for someone to take their coaching sessions on a Saturday morning 9-10am at Mundford Road.

In the words of Johan Cruyff, football has to be fun for kids or it doesn't make sense.

Interested...? Call Darren on 07764 943461 or Paul on 07775 597054

All money collected will go directly back to the coach.

### UNDER 18's

Last seasons U16 Clarets have now started their journey in to adult football, they have progressed to U18's in the Thurlow Nunn league. They have a talented young squad with the coaches making some great additions over the summer, with lots of the squad only aged 16 this will be there first taste of senior football.

All games will be played midweek with the days varying on away fixtures, all home fixtures are looking to be played on a Wednesday night throughout the season.

It would be great to get as much support as possible to the games for the Thetford Town young guns, if you know anyone who may be interested in playing for the U18's then please contact the coaches on the numbers below.

Michael Richardson - 07794 992952

Simon McElvogue – 07775 708014

### **Further Updates**

**New Kits** – All teams are receiving new kits this season due to the design change by Joma, there is also a new design goalkeeper kit for the 2024/25 season.

**Youth Committee** – It was decided at the clubs AGM that we would form a youth committee to help steer this section and further drive it forward, the clubs made great progress over the last few years and we will be working on a new 5-year plan for the club. The committee will be made up mostly of clubs coaches' but we are also looking to have parent representation as well, if you are interested in helping the club move forward and keen to volunteer then please contact Paul Dale on 07775 597054.

**3G Pitch** – The 3G pitch project in Thetford is still going ahead but there is currently a slight delay, there are many different organisations involved in delivering this project to the town. The main contribution is coming from the football foundation in England, the sports centre and Breckland Council are also involved. We hope to share the news on when this project will start very soon, this was due to have started in May/ June which with the project being a 12-week build. With the delay in this project this could cause some issues with winter training, last season the club subsidised the winter training with the parents only covering a small proportion of the overall cost. The signing on fees increased this year not only to cover winter training, also the increasing costs involved within youth football like pitch maintenance and coaches' courses.

Regards Thetford Town Youth