

Community Newsletter



Kids Initiative



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CHARITY RACE NIGHT



Poole Town FC's Charity of the Year for this season is University Hospitals Dorset's BEACH Appeal for the new hospital block at Bournemouth Hospital, opening in 2025.

The funds raised will go towards the toys, games and furnishings, which the NHS doesn't provide, for the new children's ward.

Our main fund raiser for the year will be a Race Night in November where we hope to raise £5,000 towards our appeal total of £6,500.



Any funds raised on the night will be matched by a donation from the Gale Foundation Trust up to a value of £2,500. Tickets available for the night priced at just £5!

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ANDY WHITE JOINS THE KI STAFF

In a long-anticipated move, Andy, who has been a coach for the KI for several years now as well as Vice-Chairman of our youth organisation PTFC Wessex, is embarking on a new venture working with several charitable organisations, one of which is the KI.



KI director Richard Gale commented 'This is a huge development for us as having Andy on board for 2-3 days a week means that we can expand the work the KI does, especially our involvement with schools.'

One of our key aims is helping schools to attract more interest from girls into playing sport, especially football.

MORE FREE FOOTBALL SESSIONS

Another long-term aim has been achieved recently with the start of a new free session, for boys in school years 4-6, on Tuesday



evenings. Aimed at boys who do not play regularly for grass-roots teams, it gives these children a chance to play football that they otherwise wouldn't have the chance to do.

Within days of its announcement the session was fully subscribed and there is now a waiting list. Andy White commented 'If a child doesn't belong to a grass roots football club there is very little opportunity for children to play football outside of school.'

These sessions give kids who perhaps don't have the ability, the money or the parent availability to play for clubs to have a fun game of football.'

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NEW POOLE MP VISITS KI TRAINING

Poole's new MP, Neil Duncan-Jordan, took time out of his very busy schedule to come and see our free Monday night football in action. Neil is a football fan himself and is very keen to see sport provision increase.

This is the second meeting that Richard Gale has had with Neil, the first being back in August where, amongst other things, they discussed Poole Town's plans for a new community stadium at Creekmoor.

Richard said 'I am very grateful to Neil for giving us the time he has and he seems really keen to make a difference to the residents of Poole. He certainly understands the importance of sport for not only people's physical health but their mental one as well.

Thank you to one of our main sponsor's, Pitching In, for helping us arrange the visit.



From left to right:
Richard Gale, Neil Duncan-Jordan MP and Andy White

NEW SCHOOL TEAM FOR HILLBOURNE

Hillbourne school in Poole becomes the third Poole school to have a team equipped by the KI.



The school doesn't have a team currently so there is much excitement amongst the pupils about the creation of this new one which enable them to play competitive matches against teams from other local schools.

In addition to the full kit, the KI are providing footballs, corner flags and lino flags as well.

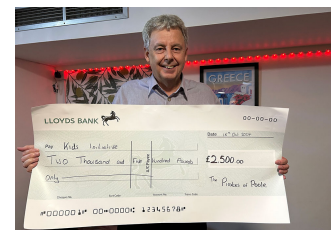
PIRATES OF POOLE PRESENTATION

Through the course of the last year, The Pirates of Poole, have been raising funds from various events for the benefit of several local charities.



We are extremely grateful that this year the KI has been chosen to be one of those charitable organisations to benefit.

At the presentation night in October, Andy White & Richard Gale received a cheque for a whopping £2,500 which will be vital in helping us to continue with the free football coaching we offer.



All these stories and more can be found in the [Latest News Section of the KI Website](#)

The club are extremely grateful to Mike Wheeler for the production of this newsletter

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