

Community Newsletter



Kids Initiative



Winter 2021

Summer Soccer Camps 2020

As a result of our partnership with Champion Sports, the Kids Initiative was able to expand on the provision of free coaching sessions to local children during last year's summer holidays.



Over a 3-week period we ran a series of free football skills and fitness/conditioning sessions at Turlin Moor recreation ground and also at Hamworthy Park.

The sessions, open to all local children, were aimed at boys and girls in the u7-14 age group and were, despite wildly varying weather, on the whole very well attended with 15/20 players regularly attending at Turlin Moor.

The players were extremely well behaved, seemed to thoroughly enjoy the sessions and we could see week on week improvements in their football skills.

Poole Town U18 FA Youth Cup Run

Our under 18s enjoyed a good run in this year's FA youth cup. In round 1 our young Dolphins defeated Dorchester Town 4-1 followed by an epic penalty shoot-out win against Winchester City after equalising late on in a 2-2 draw.

The next round saw us face Brockenhurst and our young team, many of whom were still aged 16, narrowly bowed out of the competition losing 1-0



Many positives to take and 11 of the 16 man squad are available for the competition again next season.

CASH FOR KIDS THANK POOLE TOWN FC

In a letter to Poole Town's Kids Initiative, Sam Tanner, charity manager for Wave 105's Cash For Kids, has thanked Richard Gale and the club for their support in sponsoring and supporting their 2020 1000 Faces fund raising appeal.

Despite the pandemic taking hold within a few weeks of the launch of the appeal, over 300 people signed up and during the year raised nearly £39,000.

The money this year will be used to provide grants to help disadvantaged children across Dorset, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.



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Young players star as Poole lead division

As part of our association with Champion Sports young players Bailey Rowe, Declan Rose and Will Fletcher have been regular participants in Poole Town FC's first team this season.



Declan pictured left, a former player of our youth organisation Poole Town Wessex, later signed academy forms for AFC Bournemouth.

He has been a regular at right back in the first team and Bailey Rowe pictured right, and Will Fletcher have also made several appearances scoring 3 goals between them before the season was halted, with Poole sitting proudly at the top of the Southern Premier League South.



The Boot Room Donates to BCHA



Primarily as a result of the Boot Room appeal, our Kids Initiative was able to make a donation of a different kind to Bournemouth Churches Housing Association (BCHA).

Richard Gale, Kids and Community officer explains 'Since the start of the Boot

Room we have had donations of not only football boots but also sports clothing, wellington boots, school shoes and new clothing.

Through our connections within BCP Council we identified that the clothing would be gratefully received by BCHA who help vulnerable families and young people in the local area.'

ALL KITTED OUT

Students at Carter Community School are ready to take to the pitch after receiving 25 pairs of new and re-conditioned football boots, new shin pads and gloves from Poole Town FC.

The kit, personally delivered by Richard Gale, the club's Kids and Community Officer, will be made available to all students.

The donations were part of the Kids Initiative Boot Room programme and designed to help give access to the fun of playing football to local children facing emotional, physical or financial hardship.



Sam Davidson, Principal of Carter Community School, said "We are very grateful for this very generous donation. We place great importance on physical activity and with this kind donation more students will have the kit to play football."

Richard Gale said 'I'm delighted that we have been able to help ensure that the children of Carter School have what they need to participate in playing football'



COME AND JOIN IN...

Poole Town Wessex FC are looking for any current Year 1 school aged boys or girls to join us when we reopen the training sessions as soon as we are allowed.

Come and join in... learn football, make friends and have fun!

No previous experience necessary, just the desire to kick a ball. Friendly, experienced, qualified coaches are ready to help kickstart their football journey.

To register or for more info on sessions please contact Tracy Haysom by email on:

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