

Middleton Cheney FC  
Annual Parish Meeting  
March 2026



# MCFC Teams and Leagues



## Boys & Mixed

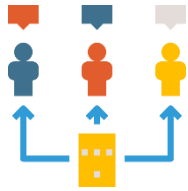
U6  
U7  
U8  
U9  
U10 & Falcons  
U11  
U12 & Falcons  
U13  
U14  
U16  
Adult Team

## Lionesses

- Sunday Mornings  
- U8  
- U10  
- U12  
- U14

*220 registered children playing football and  
over 400 adults watching & involved*

# MCFC 5 Year Strategy – Key Pillars



**Governance** Ensure the club is sustainable, safe and robust



**Financial** Ensure the club is financially in a strong position short/long term



**Operations** Ensure we run the club efficiently and professionally



**Coach Support** Develop coaches in line with club ethos for developing our players

# Social Impact of Middleton Cheney Sports Clubs

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**Physical & Mental Wellbeing** – sport improves children & adults health and wellbeing.

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**Community cohesion** - we bring people together, regardless of background, and strengthen community ties.

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**Sense of belonging** - sports can give children a sense of purpose and belonging. A University of Bath study found that 74% of children who attended grassroots sports clubs felt a sense of belonging.

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**Safe space** – sports clubs provide a safe space for young people to avoid negative influences and anti-social behaviour.

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**Character building** - sports clubs help young people learn the value of teamwork, respect, and leadership.

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**Reducing inequality** - sports clubs work to reduce inequality by offering opportunities to underrepresented groups.

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**Improved educational outcomes** – Sports clubs can help improve school engagement and lower truancy rates.

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# MCFC

## Achievements

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MCFC are proud to have maintained **FA Charter Standard Status** for the last 15 Years and **Development Status** since 2015/16.

Appointed Steve Finch as Lifetime Club President



TheFA  
**Charter  
Standard.**



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CLUB**  
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# MCFC

## Achievements

- ✓ League and Cup success in 2025 for our U10 and U12 boys and U9 Lionesses
- ✓ Tournament wins for U8's and 2 for U10s including Easington which has 6k+ people over 2 days of football
- ✓ We ran 2 successful tournaments with our annual Boys tournament and Girls' tournament and community day in partnership with McDonalds
- ✓ Partnership with Gigaclear who have supported equipment for the new 3v3 format
- ✓ Almost 1k followers on Facebook



# MCFC in the community

- ✓ Recycling scheme donating the £200 to the Church's fundraising for their new boiler.
- ✓ Agreement for use of the scout hut – volunteers repaired their disabled toilet
- ✓ Remembrance Parade
- ✓ Stevie Twynham appeal
- ✓ Supporting local Chenderit boy Fundraising – charity football match
- ✓ Donated goals to Chenderit School and supported investment into the pitches
- ✓ Defib training for U8-U11 & U12-U16



# Our Current Challenges - Infrastructure

- Winter Training continues to be hard with teams training over 4 venues

## OUR KEY ISSUES RELATES TO PITCH

- MCFC have reached capacity for Saturday football – with any new teams needing to now play Sunday
- **We are a multi site FC playing across 3 different sites as well as spot hires**
- Astrop Road is now only fit for purpose for 10 weeks of the season – reduced capacity by 6 pitches across different ages
- FC withdrawal from Football Foundation Grass Pitch Maintenance Programme and released ring fenced money back for investment into other aspects of the club infrastructure
- Commissioning of pitch maintenance report through a leading sports surface design consultancy
  - The output will include recommendations for addressing the agronomic issues observed on the site
- To continue to grow the operations pillar of the FC is the key focus area



# Our Thanks... our supporters



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# Our Thanks... our Volunteers

**There is no more precious commodity than time and we will protect our volunteers at all times**



Thanks for Listening!

Any Questions?

