



May 2024 Newsletter



Welcome to the latest MCFC newsletter, how fast did this season go!! I hope it's been an enjoyable 2023/2024 season for everyone. On behalf of MCFC, I'd like to thank all our amazing coaches who dedicate so much time to planning and preparing training sessions, match day and everything else MCFC related!

Until you get involved in the weekly detail of a grassroots football coach you don't realise how much time this can take, so thank you MCFC Coaching Team. On a similar note, your MCFC Committee has grown too, with more helping support the growth of the Club. The work they do behind the scenes is incredible, making decisions on items that crop up across the year (and sometimes unexpectedly).

The Committee was pleased to see so many parents and players at the Presentation Day on Saturday 11 May, and alongside this event, the Club is also full steam ahead with planning the annual MCFC tournament on Sunday 30 June 2024. You will have hopefully seen messages from our Coaches as we are still looking for more volunteers. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year so even if you can spare just 3 hours, your help will be really appreciated. Please contact tournament@middletonchenevfc.co.uk if you'd like to support the Club. We are asking for six volunteers from each age group to balance the workload.

On the pitch, it's been another really successful year for the Club seeing the girl's teams now playing in a competitive league, our mini kickers/U6's in full flow since September 2023 and we continue to support our goalkeepers on Sunday mornings with specialist training from Jake Butler. In addition, many of our teams have been very successful in their respective leagues, which for a small village Club, speaks volumes about everything we do. Well done MCFC and thank you to everyone who has played their part in another successful season!!

Wayne Campbell
MCFC Chairman

MCFC Coaching Roll of Honour

The following amazing people supported your teams during the 2023/24 season.
Thank you all!

Girls Training	Tony and Grace Dedman
U6 NEW	Ben Woods, Wayne Gubbins and Andrew Hook
U7	Lewis Muncey and James Gibbard
U8	Will Bush, Leon and Lou Smith and Dan Carter
U8 Falcons	Andrew Boyles and James Capon
U9	Gareth Uden, Lee Allen and Paul Carter
U10 Girls	Adam England, Niall Higgins and Matt Reynolds
U10	Chris Morris and Ash Neville
U11	Jon Pollard and Mark Mounsdon
U12 Girls	Matt Jordan and James White
U12	Carl Squire and Peter Critchley
U13	Wayne Campbell and Luke Terry
U14	Chris Shore and Simon Knight
U15	Kev Franklin and Carl Squire
U16	Wayne Goss, Polly Knight and Lewis Harris
Adult 1st Team	Chris Morris
GK Coach	Jake Butler



MCFC Committee

Theresa Goss Luke Terry David Handley Wayne Goss Gareth Uden

Tasha Davis Carolyn Hay Chris Morris Wayne Campbell

Our achievements this season



Well done and thank you to everyone involved in making each of these happen.

- ✓ We've completed another successful season with hundreds of children and adults enjoying the beautiful game and learning life lessons along the way
- ✓ Lifetime friendships started, built on and continued to be developed
- ✓ Again, our Coaches were all provided with winter jackets and hot/cold MCFC bottles
- ✓ We funded all of the new Girl's football kits to set them on their way and secured over £1,000 sponsorship with McDonalds to support the girls section.... We're loving it!!
- ✓ We organised another successful (and incredibly fun) FIFA night raising over £400
- ✓ We held our annual Coaches pre-season meeting in preparation for the season in September
- ✓ Our VEO video system recorded many games to help coaches and players to develop!
- ✓ We've delivered lots of specialist Goalkeeper training. Thank you, Jake Butler!
- ✓ Our used football boot sale has continued to help families save money across the year. Remember if you have any old boots that no longer fit, please pass them to your Coach!
- ✓ Whilst it's been the wettest 18 months on record, we've completed another year of the FA's Pitch Maintenance Fund.
- ✓ We have an agreement with Chenderit School to use their pitches when ours aren't playable. This has been a HUGE help meaning only one weekend has been unplayable!
- ✓ MCFC paid for a Defib Cabinet outside the Memorial Hall which is now accessible 24/7
- ✓ We've arranged defib training for our Coaches, Committee and others who assist the Club (more sessions will be delivered in due course)
- ✓ Our quarterly Newsletters have continued to provide updates across the year
- ✓ The annual MCFC Tournament takes place on Sunday 30th June 2024!
- ✓ Our U10s were mascots for the National League Final between Brackley Town v Boston Utd
- ✓ Supported the village can recycling initiative, Well done to Gary Rick for all his hard work.

Special Mentions!

Whilst grassroots football is all about creating a vibrant and fun place for children to play the beautiful game, build friendships, teamwork and having fun, we wanted to highlight some special achievements across the Club this season. Well done to the following teams, players and coaches.

MCFC U8's

It was a rollercoaster season for the under 8's containing many memorable moments including a 3-1 victory at Witney Vikings, a 5-5 draw at home vs Brackley Athletic following a thrilling comeback after being 3-0 down, plus a couple of positive results vs Easington Reds. The team ended with 20 wins, 5 draws and 25 losses during the rollercoaster ride with 191 goals scored over those 50 matches. All the boys have shown great improvement over the course of the season. We look forward to more memories being built moving forwards.

MCFC U9's

The U9s have enjoyed another season of progression moving from the 5v5 up to the 7v7. Continuing to honour as much game time as possible for the children the squad of 11 from Middleton Cheney enjoyed a fantastic Winter league losing only once in the Witney District A league and very much being the team to beat. Our cup run didn't help us with a league grouping of a number of teams lower down the league which meant when we faced tougher competition the boys sadly came unstuck. With that said tasting defeat will not doubt only spur them on for next season and we can't wait to welcome the boys back for training later in the summer.

MCFC U13's

Our U13's have had another great season and need to secure a point in their final game of the season on Sunday to gain promotion to Division B of the Oxfordshire Youth League. Over the year the boys have played some fantastic football along the way against teams who have been quite physical. Really importantly, they have stuck together during some tough games and showed a great amount of resilience both on and off the pitch. Good luck boys, you fully deserve to gain promotion with your attitude and drive to be better players. The parents and coaches are all proud of the footballers you are becoming!

MCFC U14's

Our U14's will be playing a Cup Final at the MK Dons Stadium on Saturday 18th May. The Club has supported the team by contributing to the cost of hiring a coach from Cheney Travel which will take the players and parents to the ground. What an experience and well done Chris and Simon for leading the boys again this year! In addition, the boys finished 1st or 2nd in Division 4 of the MK League, a fantastic achievement. Well done and good luck boys! Everyone is welcome to attend the final at Stadium MK so if you'd like to come along kick off time is 5.30 on Saturday 18 May.

MCFC U15's

Our U15's won the Oxfordshire Youth Football B league, losing just one game all season and knocking the Cup Holders out of the competition too. Most of the team have been together since U7's and built a fantastic bond, not to mention playing fantastic football too, scoring 53 goals and conceding just 19 in 15 games.. Well done boys and Kev/Carl for your great work across the season.

MCFC U16's.... their final season in youth football!



The team started at U7's and has gone right through the age groups. Back in 2020 after lockdown Wayne Goss was asked to step in "for a few weeks" to stop the team from folding and has done a great job since. Big shout out to the 3 lads who went from the first game at U7's to the last game at U16's and also the 3 lads from the U15's who have played the last 2/3 years to ensure the team kept going. The lads finished with a 7-0 win against their bogey side from the last 3 years to finish with 19 from 21 points from their last 7 games. Thank you boys and everyone else involved with this age group, both playing and coaching across the years.



Volunteers Needed!

MCFC Tournament Sunday 30 June



We are really excited about our forthcoming tournament however we still need volunteers to help with the day's activities. There are various roles available from helping on the BBQ, in the café, collecting entry fees at the gates, car parking and more. Even if you can spare just 3 hours (morning or afternoon) on 30 June, please contact the team on tournament@middletoncheneyfc.co.uk with your availability. Without volunteers we can't run the tournament, so your support is greatly appreciated especially as this is our main fund raiser of the season.

In previous years the money, raised has purchased the VEO Video Camera System that is used across the Club to help coaches and players develop, it has part funded the amazing St George's Park trip, funded a new on-line Club Registration System and purchased some of our goals and other equipment.

New Teams for 2024/25 Season!

We are delighted to share that from September, we will be entering TWO U7 team's into the local leagues. Thank you so much to the parents who will be joining the MCFC coaching team. In more exciting news, we will be adding our THIRD girls team at U8 level, meaning we will have our lionesses at U8, U11 and U13's for the coming season.

MCFC AGM 2024

We are holding our AGM on Thursday 11 July at the Memorial Hall. All parents and coaches are welcome to attend the meeting, so if you are interested, please contact football@middletoncheneyfc.co.uk for further details.

Referees



We are very fortunate to have three exceptional referees living in the village, and who support the Club year in and out, when many leagues can't provide referees to this area. A huge thank you to Paul Mitchell and Aaron Clayton for your support across the year. Also MCFC are super proud of one of our ex-players, Reuben Clayton who is not only being fast tracked through the FA's regional refereeing programme, but also recently officiating Man Utd, Man City, Chelsea, Arsenal, Borussia Dortmund, Sporting Lisbon and Benfica at a tournament at St George's Park. Well done Reubs, we are proud to continue to be part of your journey.



Used Football Boot Sale!

We had brilliant feedback about our used boots sale at the café and it's helped lots of parents save money buying their children football boots. So, we've decided to do it again this year with children's boots (smaller than adult size 6) £10 and larger sizes £15.

To make this work, if you have any boots that your child has grown out of and you'd like to donate them to the Club, please pass them to your coach or bring them along to the tournament.



MCFC U10's National League North Play Off Final Mascots!

Our U10's team represented MCFC brilliantly at the Brackley Town v Boston United Play Off Final on Saturday 4 May. Brackley Town invited us to be involved as mascots of Boston United in the game which was shown live on TNT Sports. Coaches Chris Morris and Ash Neville, along with several parents also attended the game too. Well done everyone, a great bit of coverage for MCFC on national TV and hopefully a fantastic experience for everyone involved. A real shame that Brackley Town didn't get promoted after a narrow 2-1 defeat.



MCFC U13's to play in the Matty Cowley Memorial Day

Our 13's have been invited to play against Deddington U13's in the Memories for Matty day on Saturday. MCFC and Deddington have always had a great relationship and we are honoured to be asked to play a small part in the day.



Five Year Strategy Overview

As a reminder, over the last 12 months we have worked on a five-year Club Strategy including a financial plan to ensure we can support our growth and also maintain our very high standards. This consisted of the below covering four key areas allowing us to manage each area more effectively.

Key Focuses



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

We then broke the above into specific tasks (which the Committee had great fun doing!!) to then create the roles we need to run the Club even better than before. These new roles are highlighted later in the newsletter.



Coach Support



Coach Development

Fixtures

Winter Training



Financial



Fundraising

Café
Co-Ordinator

Presentation Day
Co-Ordinator

Tournament
Co-Ordinator



Governance



Policy Management

Welfare/Safeguarding

Meeting Org &
Administrator

PFA/PC Reps



Operations



League/Player
Registration

Pitch & Facilities
Maintenance

Club Marketing &
Communication

Five Year Strategy - Finances



The two big focusses of our Strategy include our financial plan, alongside the Committee structure which is crucial to ensure we have a robust and sustainable platform for the next five years. Starting with the finances, we looked ahead at our expected income and expenditure over the next five years, allowing for equipment purchases across this period of time, continued investment in our pitch maintenance funding, coaches training costs, probable increases in insurance, definite increases in winter training costs and many other items. Our key objectives are highlighted below:

- ✓ Ringfence FA supported Pitch Fund Project to 2027 (c.£20k)
- ✓ Grow Girl's section to include a girls teams at each age group by 2028
- ✓ Account for new equipment/goals, balls, other equipment each year
- ✓ Offer 'training only' spaces (£100 season/£50 half season) for those not able to play in games
- ✓ Start Mini Kickers for U6 to begin our U7s for 2024/25 season
- ✓ Continue to invest in position specific coaching (eg goalkeeper)
- ✓ Continue VEO Camera Registration to support coach and player development

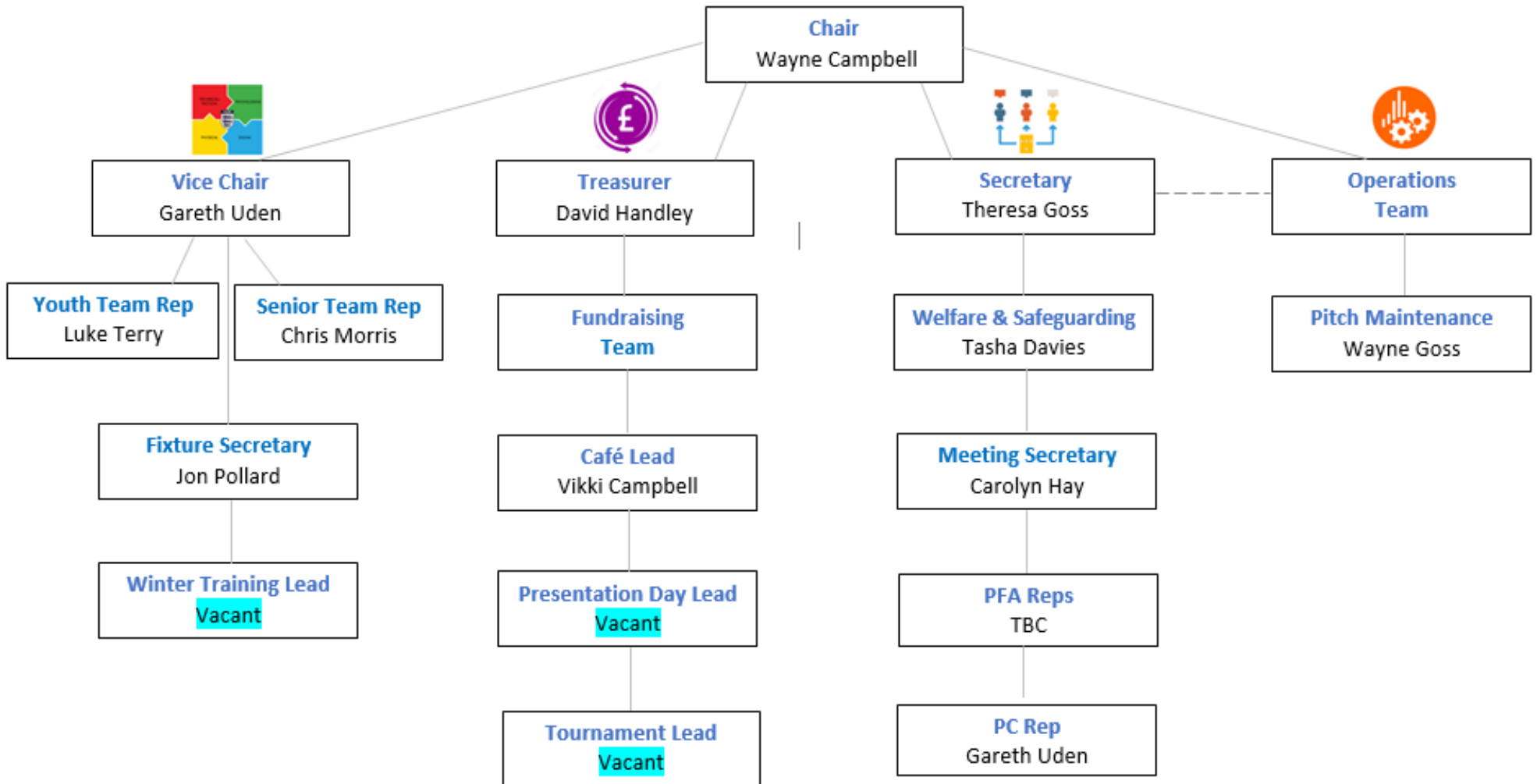
Despite being a small, but incredible grass roots Football Club, there are many costs we incur across the season including a huge £12,000 winter training bill ensuring our players can train during the winter, which isn't helped with very limited training facilities within a 20 mile radius. We have spent £6,500 on new goals and 360 wheels to help parents move them, new nets for all existing goals, over £1,000 on footballs, and a similar amount on new coaches kits and also winter jackets. Not to mention more first aid kits, bibs, cones and ice packs.... Lots of ice packs 😊

From a financial perspective a special thanks goes to our Treasurer David Handley, and Vice-Chairman Gareth Uden for their great work balancing the books whilst allowing us to continue to invest in our coaches, players and equipment. Overall, we feel we are in a very positive position to support our future plans in the coming years.



Middleton Cheney Football Club

Updated Structure



Volunteer Focus

This newsletter, we focus on Wayne Goss who has been involved with MCFC for many years and outside of the Club is an FA Tutor teaching new and experienced coaches.



Wayne Goss

What he does... Wayne is responsible for Pitch Maintenance at MCFC along with a history of coaching most age groups across the Club!

5 Favourite Things

Teams	Liverpool & Nuneaton Borough
Player	Stevie Gerrard & Darren (Mad Dog) Bullock
Film	Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels & Trainspotting
Album	What's the Story Morning Glory
Food	Chicken Fajita's

And one thing he really (really) doesn't like is... The record rainfall over the last 18 months making sorting pitches a nightmare!



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