



Welcome to our July Newsletter!

In this edition, we bring you a brief update from the club. With the season now over, there's a little less to report—but we still have important news and highlights to share.

24/25 Season Survey

Looking ahead to the 2025/26 season, we'd love to hear your feedback on how the 2024/25 season went so we can continue to improve. Please take a moment to complete our survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y33SLDP>

EJA

We're currently recruiting for next season's U14 and U16 teams. For information on trials, please contact Dan at chairman@wareyouthfootballclub.co.uk.

Through our partnership with Hertford Heath, our EJA teams will compete under the *Hertford Heath/Ware United* name and logo, but will always remain proudly part of Ware Youth.

Streaming & Player Development

At Ware Youth Football Club, we are proud to be a **streaming club**—this means we organise our teams and training groups based on players' current abilities and developmental needs. Our aim is to provide the best environment for each child to improve and enjoy football.

To support this, the club regularly reviews player progress throughout the season and may move players between teams or training groups as needed. These moves aren't just about age or fixed categories—they are carefully considered decisions made to help each player develop their skills, confidence, and enjoyment of the game.

By placing players in the right groups, we can ensure they receive appropriate coaching challenges and opportunities to grow. This approach helps every player reach their full potential while maintaining a positive and supportive club culture.

If you have any questions about how streaming works or how your child's development is being supported, please don't hesitate to get in touch with our [Youth Co-ordinator James](#).

4G Funding

If you were at our presentation, you would have heard Committee member Matt talk about the exciting 4G pitch project at Ware Youth. To make this happen, we need to raise 20% of the total cost ourselves.

We're incredibly grateful for the donations we've already received, but starting next season (September), we'll be stepping up our fundraising efforts. We plan to involve our teams with fun challenges and incentives to see who can raise the most!

If you feel you can support us with fundraising—whether through ideas, time, or resources—please get in touch. Many of us wear multiple hats at the club, and time is limited, so any help is hugely appreciated.

You can donate or share the campaign here:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/ware-youth-fc-proposed-4g-pitch-development>

Together, we can make this fantastic new facility a reality for all our players!

Fond Farewell

After an incredible 16 years of dedication, passion, and service, we bid a fond farewell to Kevin Lamb - Head of Girls Football at Ware Youth Football Club.

Kevin has been a truly invaluable pillar of the club. His dedication, leadership, and unwavering commitment have been instrumental in shaping the girls' section into the thriving and successful part of the club it is today.

What Kevin has built extends far beyond football. He has created a welcoming community, inspired countless young players, and left a lasting legacy that will be felt for years to come.

Kevin, you will be deeply missed by everyone at the club — players, coaches, parents, and especially the committee. Thank you for your tireless efforts, your belief in the girls, and your love of the game. We wish you all the very best in your next chapter — and remember, you will always have a home here at Ware Youth.

Pitch Update

As you can imagine, the recent hot weather has taken a toll on our pitches—just as it has for many clubs in the area. But rest assured, we've been working hard behind the scenes to address it.

We're pleased to share that we've recently agreed a new maintenance schedule with a professional grounds management company. This will support improvements across all areas of our pitches, including goal mouth repairs, regular fertilisation, verti-draining, over-seeding etc. Although we're currently unable to carry out any work due to the extreme heat, once the weather settles, we'll be able to begin the planned improvements.

In addition to this, we've been actively exploring solutions to improve our watering capability - Thank you to Lee Teagle and Alan Fairbairn. As part of this effort, we've begun work on upgrading the club's plumbing and pipework to increase the water pressure—making it more efficient to keep the pitches hydrated and healthy during dry spells.

We're committed to providing the best possible playing surfaces for all our teams, and we appreciate your patience and support as we continue making these important improvements.

Preparations for 25/26

Finally, we'll be organising a Clean-Up Day to get the club looking its best for the start of the 2025/26 season. Please keep an eye on our social media pages for the date—we'd really appreciate any help you can offer!

Thank you all for a fantastic season — rest up, have fun, and we look forward to seeing you back on the pitch in September!

Kind regards,
Ware Youth Football Club