



Haughley United Youth Football Club

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The past two years have been somewhat challenging for Haughley United youth FC, like many other organisations Covid has had a big impact. Financially it has been a juggling act with no income during the times we could not meet, and not meeting criteria for any Covid grants. It has also been very tough on the children missing out on the thing they love, being part of a team, exercise and the social interaction.

Thankfully we are hopeful these times are behind us, and “normality” has resumed.

Not all things to have come out of the pandemic have been negative, the Euros last year seemed to give people something to get excited about and look forward to. We as a club have certainly noticed this. Some children for the first time have taken an interest in football and wanting to be involved in a team. This has meant we have gain another under 11's team due to the high volume of children wanting to join the youth football. With numbers still rising.

As a club we feel very passionately that all children who want to play football should be given an opportunity to do so irrespective of their ability. We are very proud to have several children with additional needs playing for us, all of which were turned away by other local team as they did not meet the “criteria” and were “not good enough”.

We are hopeful that the club will continue to go from strength to strength in the coming years, we are always grateful of anyone who wishes to give the time and skills in running the teams and will welcome any new people that wish to be involved.

Recently we have held our first fundraising event for over 2 years. A quiz night which was a successful evening, we are busy planning our future events.

In the next few weeks, we are holding our end of season presentation day, a lot of preparation and hard work goes into this, but we are really looking forward to celebrating the children's achievements with their friends and family.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the local groups and organisations who have been so kind and generous to us over the last two years, without this support the club would certainly have been in a very different situation.

On behalf of

All at Haughley United Youth FC

