

Hendon FC



As a club we want to be supportive to our own supporters and the local community. We are aware that Hendon Football Club has been a lifeline to some of our own supporters – giving them somewhere to go to avoid being sat at home on their own.

If you are someone who is suffering from depression or loneliness or anything similar, or know of a neighbour or friend who is suffering please email Hendon FC Chairman Simon Lawrence at simon.hendon@btinternet.com and he will arrange for you/them to have free admission to our next home League game (21/04/2018). This is not just for now - this offer will be open into next season and beyond.

There are organisations out there who you can call upon should you be going through tough times. You can call the Samaritans on 116 123, free of charge from any phone at any time, and you can check out their website as well - <https://www.samaritans.org/>. Also there is MIND, who are a mental health charity, who on the front page of their website state that they will not give up until everyone



experiencing a mental health problem gets support and respect. Their website is at <https://www.mind.org.uk> and is full of helpful information.

In memory of former Hendon player Dermot Drummy who died recently we have decided to hold a bucket collection at our last scheduled league home game of the season on Saturday 21st April against Merstham which will be donated to the Samaritans and MIND.

If you are attending the game please give generously if you are able. Thank you.



*Proud to be
serving the
Community*



Thank you to members of the Silver Jubilee Park Residents Association

We approached the SJP Residents Association last month seeking their support to place some advertising boards around the pitch perimeter fence here at SJP. As in the past, all questions asked were answered and we thank our Residents Association for all the support that we received.

We have established a very good relationship with the Residents Association and it is, and always has been, our intention to work together with them and their members for the good of the local community that they represent and the SJP facility.

We are happy to support the Local Community whenever and wherever we can.



Brent Football Steering Group

We are delighted to announce that Daren Bloor (Hendon FC Secretary), Mike Harte (Hendon FC Director) and Robert Morris (KTMC Director/SJP) have been invited to be part of the Brent Football Steering Group. As the most senior club in Brent, after Tottenham Hotspur during their one-season residence at Wembley Stadium, we hope to make a significant contribution to the development of football in the borough.

Premiership Club Watford FC form a link with Hendon Youth

We are delighted to announce that our youth section signed a partnership agreement with Watford FC earlier this month. Our youth teams are delighted to be working with a Premiership club who have excellent community values.

The partnership includes players leaving the Watford FC development programme and academy being given the chance to join Hendon Youth and if Watford sign a Hendon Youth player, an article will be placed in their matchday programme giving exposure to the club.

There is much more to the partnership agreement, and Hendon Youth are proud to be an associate of the Watford FC academy and look forward to working together as we move ahead into the summer and next season.

Wildcats at SJP

A new initiative coming to SJP, SSE Wildcats, is designed to inspire girls aged between 5-11 to be involved in the sport. SSE Wildcats Girls' Football Clubs provide girls with regular opportunities to play football and take part in organised sessions in a fun and engaging environment created exclusively for girls.

The sessions take place on a weekly basis, either after school or at weekends and Silver Jubilee Park provides a safe environment where girls with no football experience can have fun engaging with sport, develop fundamental skills, try a variety of sessions, learn new things and create foundations for a lifelong love of sport.

Wembley National Stadium Trust

Hendon FC Supporters Trust are delighted to announce that we have been awarded a grant by Wembley National Stadium Trust. This will allow us to upgrade the security system, install a new PA around the stadium and replace the players tunnel with one that will feature the Hendon logo with work expected to start before the end of the season.

The grant has been made available thanks to the activities at Wembley Stadium and an agreement that part of its gross annual takings are paid to an independent charitable grant making Trust (WNST) who distribute the fund primarily to Brent organisations and also to London organisations and other beneficiaries.

We were also successful with a grant application to the Trust last summer which allowed us to set up a 2-year Mental Health & Football Project between Mental Health Services in Brent and Hendon FC.

Since we first introduced this in our January Newsletter the project has shown great results in improving mental health and wellbeing, and some users have been able to start work, return to university with others completing their Level 1 Certificate in Coaching Football. The environments at SJP/Hendon FC provide the bridge between ill health and recovery. The sports element enhances the positive effect of physical wellbeing by inspiring camaraderie. In addition, some members have returned to employment education and have been discharged from our services. However, this is a link that they wish to maintain as it allows for service users to be easily linked back in, should there be a change in their mental health.

The numbers attending have increased as a result of the success of the project thanks to the great work of the session support workers and coaches.

Brent Mental Health support worker Richard Hay takes up the story 'On 1st June 2017, the group had just four participants, on the 22nd June this had increased to nine participants. From October 2017 the registration went up to 27 participants. The environments at SJP/Hendon FC provide the bridge between ill health and recovery. The sports element enhances the positive effect of physical wellbeing by inspiring camaraderie. In addition some members have returned to employment education and have been discharged from our services. However, this is a link that they wish to maintain as it allows for service users to be easily linked back in, should there be a change in their mental health'.

Sessions take place on Thursday afternoons.

Edgware Town FC donate 12 Goals

Edgware Town FC have generously donated 12 Junior Football goals to specifically aid Youth football development at Silver Jubilee Park.

Hendon Youngster selected by The FA for Development

Kian Murphy, who is a member of our Hendon Under 10B squad, has been selected to join the Watford FC FA Talent Hub Programme. Since his trial he has also now been selected for the FA Regional Programme. The aim is for Kian, who had a stroke when he was a baby and has a mild form of cerebral palsy,

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→ to develop under the England Disability Pathway.

This is a superb achievement for Kian, and everyone at the club is immensely proud of what he has done, special thanks go to Nick and Dave Gordon who have encouraged and supported Kian in mainstream football.

Kian's mum Niamh said: "We are so proud of Kian and cannot thank the club enough for giving him a great start. He has been given every opportunity to progress with his football and it is down to his current coaches, teammates, and all the football camps he has attended that have helped him get to where he is today."

Charter Standard clubs in Brent

It may come as a surprise, it certainly did to us, but there are only five Football Association Charter Standard clubs in the entire borough of Brent. Three of them, Hendon FC, Edgware Town FC and Hendon Youth FC are based here at SJP.

Charter Standard is the kite mark that all clubs at all levels strive to achieve.

Our next project will be to achieve the FA Community Club Charter Standard Award, the highest possible award with our target being to have this top award granted to us before the start of next season.



Silver Jubilee Park Residents Association updates and future projects in partnership with Kingsbury FC

Our treasurer has been approached by two residents who had heard through the grapevine that the Football Club are planning to display advertising boards in the park. The committee would like to stress that this is NOT the case, and the boards will only be hung on the railings around the pitch within the confines of the grounds. The boards will measure 3m wide by 1m high, and will not be visible at ground level in the park.

Representatives of Kinloch Drive and the Residents Association, along with other user groups of the football club, attend a quarterly forum meeting at the club to discuss any issues or problems that arise. At the most recent meeting last week, we discussed the following possible joint projects:

- Litter picks in Silver Jubilee Park followed by afternoon tea at the Club
- Community Gardening project – to take place within the club grounds. Everybody will be welcome, with the hope of encouraging the more vulnerable members of our community, eg those living on their own, and those with a learning disability. The football club will be providing the funds for this project.

Further details will be published on the Football Club's website – www.kingsburytown.co.uk – when arrangements are finalised, and members of the residents