



NEWSLETTER

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Introduction

Welcome to the 3rd JFA Football Development Newsletter this year. As you will see there is some fantastic football development work taking place all over the Island. We are very grateful for the role our key partners are playing in providing opportunities for all those who want to be involved in football. If you feel you have any news or events you would like us to cover or if you have any comments on this newsletter please e-mail Jessika Kent, JFA FD Administrator on j.kent@gov.je.

FA Child Protection and Best Practice Workshops

Our next CP Workshops will be held on 19th July and 18th October from 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Please note that CP certificates should be renewed every three years. To register on a workshop please contact Jessika Kent JFA FD Administrator on 500270.



GET INTO FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL FOUNDATION GRANT OF £77,719 TO ST. CLEMENT SC

Members of St. Clement Sports Club have been celebrating recently following a £77,719 award by the Football Foundation, the UK's largest charity. The cash will be put together with other partnership funding to allow the Club to build their planned new pavilion.

The Football Foundation is dedicated to revitalising the grass roots of the game, constructing modern facilities, developing football as a force for social cohesion and as a vehicle for education in communities throughout Great Britain. Funded by the FA Premier League, The FA, Sport England and the British Government, the Football Foundation is the nation's largest sports charity with a £45m budget going straight into the heart of football.

Alan Morel, President of St Clement said "Naturally this is wonderful news for the Club, and our many supporters, as this grant makes our project wholly viable".

"I also think that it further demonstrates the great value of Jersey being a County FA affiliated to the FA, as it is through this structure that Clubs such as ourselves can gain access to support from the Football Foundation".

JFA Football Development were delighted to assist with the application and congratulate St. Clement SC for their hard work and dedication in securing this award.



2006 FA CHARTER STANDARD CLUB MINI SOCCER FESTIVAL

In partnership with Jersey Wanderers Football Clubs's Mini Soccer Academy the 2006 JFA FA Charter Standard Club festival was held at the Hockey Club over the weekend of 3rd and 4th June. In all eleven mini soccer teams competed in the festival, including a guest FA Charter Standard Club from Guernsey.

Seven FA Charter Standard Clubs participated in the event and they included, Jersey Wanderers, Grouville, St. Peter, Rozel Rovers, St. Clement, St. Pauls and Guernsey Northerners.

They were joined by Jersey Scottish, St. John and ID Elite who are all working towards FA Charter Standard recognition.



The format for the weekend was a "round robin" basis, with each team having five games on each day. There were around 125 boys, from school years 4 and 5 taking part in the festival. Once again football was the winner with all the games being played in a wonderful spirit.

The festival was supported by the Jersey Football Referees Association with junior referees officiating the games under the expert eye of more senior and experienced referees, Paul Daniel, Neil Giannoni and Nigel Hammond.

JFA Football Development and Jersey Wanderers FC would like to thank everyone who was involved in this event, in particular Festival Organiser Karl Howard (pictured below), who along with many other volunteers at the Club provided a wonderful weekend of football fun for all who attended.



JFA CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE 2005/2006

The JFA Centre of Excellence recently held its final session at Les Quennevais Sports Centre to conclude its eighteen week coaching programme.

Re-opening in December 2005, following a screening process that involved more than 180 recommended players from Island Clubs and Schools, 66 year 7, 8 and 9 boys and girls were selected to attend the Centre.

Centre Director, Dave Kennedy said, "I believe the amount of players we trialled was a reflection on the reputation that the Centre has developed. Each year the number of players put forward for consideration continues to grow".

As well as the weekly coaching programme provided by 10 Centre Staff (pictured below), the players also received three coaching sessions from Southampton FC Academy



coaches over a weekend in June at Rozel Rovers FC. Kennedy added, "We have a great relationship with Southampton FC and it is important our players get the opportunity to see how professional academy coaches work as well as using the opportunity to develop our own coaching staff to continue their high standards".

In his first year as Director, Scotsman Kennedy concluded "I feel we do a fantastic job for such a small Island. I know there are a lot of Clubs and Associations on the mainland who would be envious of what we have here".

The Centre concluded with the Sid Guy Award going to Les Quennevais pupil, Libby Barnett and the boys under 13 squad travelling to West Brittany to compete, most successfully, in the 'Mondial Pupilles'. Once again the visit proved to an extremely beneficial cultural experience with all the boys being hosted by French families.



COACH EDUCATION – IN-SERVICE TRAINING

Three very successful in-service coaching events were organised during May by JFA Football Development specifically for FA Charter Standard Clubs, Schools and coaches qualified through the FA Coaching Education programme.

Delivered by recently appointed FA Regional Coach Development Manager, Steve Rutter, the sessions delivered and number of coaches in attendance were as follows:

Session 1 – Coaching Senior Players at Grouville FC, (25 coaches),

Session 2 – Coaching Players 8 to 11 years of age at Jsy Wanderers FC, (23 coaches)

Session 3 – Coaching Players 12 to 16 years of age at St. Peter SC, (16 coaches).

Cumulative 64 attendees (around 40 coaches) gave excellent feedback - thanks Steve.



ST. CLEMENT SC – MINI WORLD CUP

JFA Football Development supported FA Charter Standard Club, St. Clement SC, with the hosting of their annual Mini Soccer World Cup at the end of May. Around 280 youngsters in school years 4, 5, 6 and 7 competed in the three day football tournament.

St. Clement SC President, Alan Morel said, “It was another brilliant weekend for junior football. Great credit must go to everyone involved, whether they were organising, playing, officiating or spectating. The event is a great fund-raiser to help us with the variety of costs that are involved in providing opportunities to play football” .

There were two full days of action for twenty teams in each age group, with the leading sixteen getting even more games on the final day.



FOOTBALL BEING USED TO TACKLE THE WIDER SOCIAL AGENDA

Crime levels in Jersey are heavily influenced by youth offending. In 2005 one in six calls to police headquarters was regarding anti-social behaviour by children and youths. In order to improve these figures regular meetings take place between States of Jersey Police Operational Commanders and Crime Analysts to review current crime and anti-social behaviour patterns. A result of these meetings sees local “hotspots” identified in which police patrols are increased at certain times of the day.

JFA Football Development are working with the States of Jersey, Building a Safer Society Community Safety Partnership, to use football to engage youngsters in these identified hotspot areas, by establishing evening sessions and after school football clubs.



Dave Kennedy, ESC Community Football Development Officer (Football) said, “Football has been proven to have a positive impact on issues such as educational attainment, reducing truancy costs, improving self-esteem and enhancing social cohesion”.

“Working in partnership with JFA Football Development, we are already providing football at First Tower, Samares and Springfield where opportunities for organised activities are limited. We intend to utilise the FA Out of School Hours Learning resources to provide after school clubs in four Primary and one Secondary School in the near future”.

The programmes will be monitored through regular meetings with teachers and feedback forms from parents. Evaluation will be done by the Development Officers from the JFA and ESC. It is hoped that by the end of the project, targeted pupils will have shown to have improved punctuality, raised achievement, shown added respect and strengthened links with the local community.



2006 JFA FA CHARTER STANDARD COMMUNITY CLUB AWARD



Jersey Wanderers Football Club were awarded the 2006 JFA FA Community Club Award recently which was presented at a Club Committee meeting. The Club are a model of good practice and provide football for boys and girls, for men and women – last season they ran twelve teams – congratulations on the award!

FA CHARTER STANDARD DEVELOPMENT CLUB RENEWAL



Grouville Football Club recently completed the renewal of their FA Charter Standard Development Club status and received their award at a Club Committee meeting from JFA Football Development Officer, Brian Oliver. Grouville are now working towards FA Community Club recognition.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FA CHARTER STANDARD CLUBS!

Please note that Club Welfare Officers should have been CRB checked by the 1st of May 2006.

Club Welfare Officers can then 'sign off' other club members – For guidance and advice please contact JFA Child Protection Officer, Gill Morgan at chiselhill@msn.com who can arrange to visit your Club to assist.

Charter Standard Club status WILL BE SUSPENDED for those Clubs whose Club Welfare Officer is not CRB checked by 1st of May 2006 and who are not actively checking the rest of their members by Tuesday 1 August 2006 – until the process is complete!

FA Charter Standard Clubs in Jersey

Community Clubs

Jersey Wanderers FC
St. Peter SC

Development Clubs

Grouville FC
Rozel Rovers FC
St. Clement SC
St. Pauls FC

Club

St. Brelade SC

