***A community club where football can be enjoyed, irrespective of ability.***

Newsletter No 5 - Summer 2018

Welcome to the fifth Bleak Hill Rovers Newsletter which is published three times a year and brings you information about the club and, hopefully, encourage as many of you as possible to get involved with the club.

Can I start by thanking everyone who has been involved in running the club this season. The coaches spend a great deal of time in arranging matches, training etc but also meeting the ever increasing requirements of the Leagues. Thanks also to parents who bring their youngsters along each week, many of whom help to get pitches ready before matches. We could not run such a big club without the help of many “unsung” helpers.

**Registration for 2018/19**

This season has not yet finished for some of our teams but we have already had to advise the Leagues of the teams we will be entering in 2018/19!

Every player has to be registered with BHR (via the link on our website -www.bleakhillrovers.com), with the League (which is arranged by the coaches) and with the FA (which is done by our secretary).

Last season we brought in a method of spreading the cost of playing/training over 12 months. This has been reasonably successful but the half yearly and quarterly payments regime has caused too much administrative problems and so we are dropping these two methods of payment in 2018/9 season.

For 2018/19 payment of fees can be annually or monthly on 1st of each month. **Can I please stress that they are due on 1st month.**

For some families, the combination of fees, change in fee structure and payment of winter training costs results in a significant increase in the amount to pay. Can I stress that we do not want anyone to have to stop playing due to this change. Please contact our wselfare officer or myself if you feel that we can help support you.

**Presentation day 2017/18 season**

Details of our presentation day on 9th June 2017 are almost complete. The event will be held at De La Salle School, Mill Brow, Eccleston and will start at 10.00 with games for our Skills Groups at 10.30. More details will follow in next few weeks but we have already booked two bouncy castles (following the success of last years) and an ice cream an. In addition there will be stalls selling hot food, sweets and drinks.

As well as most teams playing in friendly matches against each other, the presentation of trophies will take place, in the school theatre, at specific times in the day, to give everyone a chance to celebrate another great season.

The coaches will be arring for the parents of their teams to oversee the bouncy castles for short periods during the day. If the coach asks you to help, please help out as we want to make this a family day with as many people involved as possible.

The Presentation Day gives you the opportunity to meet other parents in different age groups but also to take the opportunity to thank all our coaches and helpers for their tremendous hard work in ensuring our youngsters have the opportunity to play football

**Annual General Meeting**

Details of our AGM will be sent to you in a few weeks. We really would like to encourage as many of you as possible to come along and tell us your views about the club and, more importantly, the ways you would like to see the club move forward.

We will be sending out an Agenda and invitation to the AGM in late June, so please take this opportunity to come along and give us your views.

**Bleak Hill Rovers Kit Club Shop**

As a club ( and as part of the fees you pay) we supply a new kit to each player every two years. If you want to replace any part of your youngsters kit or simply want some club clothing, please visit our web shop via our webpage.

**Website**

Please visit our website ([www.bleakhillrovers.com](http://www.bleakhillrovers.com)) regularly to see what is happening at the club.

We will be updating our Data Protection Policy in next few days and it will be available on the website if you wish to read it.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me or any of the coaches if there is anything you wish to chat about or are concerned about.

Finally, can I thank you all and especially the coaches for your support of Bleak Hill Rovers. We have over 250 children playing football each weekend and it is great to see so many of you on Ecclesfield, in all weathers, supporting your youngsters.

On behalf of Bleak Hill Rovers, can I wish you a great summer and look forward to seeing you on the Presentation Day and at the AGM.

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