

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

Newsletter No 2 – Summer 2017

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

Registration for 2017/18

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 2017/18!

As you will know, we have changed the way that you register to play for BHR and have combined the membership fee and winter training fees to reduce the amount of time that coaches have to spend collecting forms and money.

Could those of you who have not yet registered please do so as soon as you can so that we can ensure we have a full complement of players for next season. At the moment we are getting regular emails asking if we have any spaces in our teams and so it would be good to know where we can recruit new players who wish to join us.

There are different ways of paying and these can be found by following the link below to our website,

<http://bleakhillrovers.com/membership-player-registration-form-201718/>

For some families, the combination of increased 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 me if you feel that we can help support you during the transition.

Presentation day 2016/17 season

Details of our presentation day on 24th June 2017 are almost complete. The event will be held at De La Salle School, Mill Brow, Ecclestone and will start at 9.30 with games for

our Skills Groups. More details will follow in next few weeks but we have already booked a bouncy castle assault course and ice cream van!

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.

This will also give you the opportunity to meet other parents in different age groups but also to take the opportunity to thank all our coaches for their tremendous hard work in ensuring our youngsters have the opportunity to play football

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held at 7.30 on 19th July 2017 in Greenalls Club, Alder Hey Road. 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. The club is 40 years old this year and we fully expect it to continue for another 40 years but it's your club and is there for the benefit of your children. 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.

Safeguarding

Well before the recent FA crackdown on Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks, we were in the process of ensuring that all our coaches had up-to-date certificates as it is one of the criteria to become a coach at the club.

We held a Safeguarding Course in February which was run by the FA and 18 of our coaches attended. Within the next few months, all our coaches will have attended a Safeguarding Course.

Bleak Hill Rovers Kit 2017/18

The coaches have decided that all Bleak Hill Rovers' teams should play in the same kit. This will be a yellow shirt, dark blue shorts and socks with goalkeepers wearing a green jersey.

We have negotiated a deal with Nike for their Park VI kit which will give us many benefits including a contribution to training for our coaches. There will also be a "Nike"

club shop where you can order equipment and club branded items. The link to the “club shop” which will be available from 1st June 2017, is via our website.

Teams

Next season we will be running 21 teams including 3 skills groups for the youngsters who are too young to play in our under 7s team.

Website

Our website (www.bleakhillrovers.com) is now working so please visit it regularly to see what is happening at the club.

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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