

SECRETARY

I would just like to express my thanks to all managers, coaches, parents and players for their support this season which has proved to be very successful on and off the pitch.

I read my report from last season where I said that this season would be my final season so sorry if it feels like I'm repeating myself! However, due to circumstances and lack of volunteers earlier in the season I will be continuing for another season. However, I now have some great people on board helping so next season will definitely be my swan song as Club Secretary and Guiseley Juniors Football Club will be left in capable hands to continue to move the Club forward. After the AGM, I will be directing enquiries to the relevant officer as much as possible rather than dealing with this myself wherever possible to give a period of handover.

Thank you to Richard Owen, Andy Craddock and Sam Bicheno for stepping forward to help me in the role as Assistant Secretaries.

Off the pitch

Club Affiliation to the WRCFA will be completed in the coming weeks in preparation for the start of season 2023-24. Affiliation has changed slightly this season and will be completed on a team by team basis rather than having to wait for the whole Club as was the previous requirement. It will mean that the team will ONLY be able to be affiliated once the coaches have the relevant qualifications in place as the new system is not as forgiving as the old one. Failure to have these completed will impact on affiliation to the required league for the 2023-24 season and may also impact on your team participating in those leagues. I must thank all coaches for their dedication to getting these courses completed as without you the players would not be able to participate in the competitions as the requirements for qualifications continue to get tighter season by season.

Registration of teams to Craven, Harrogate, Garforth, Harrogate and Craven Girls and WRGFL is ongoing for next season and will be completed when released. All leagues are working towards a September start, so it is important we get players registered to the teams in time once the registrations open on 1st July.

On the Pitch

This season has seen many of our teams have many successes on the pitch. This includes division winners, league cup winners and some good runs in the District and County Cups. Well done to all teams for their successes. A successful season isn't all about winning trophies though and some teams have had lovely seasons making new friends and building great camaraderie between them to build on for the future. This is what Guiseley Juniors Football Club philosophy ultimately stands for.

Thanks everyone for your support as without you the Club wouldn't exist and look forward to another successful season in 2023-24.

Nicky Clarke
Club Secretary