

## 2024/25 Treasurer's Report



### **GJFC - Financial Headlines – Season 24-25**

- Income vs Expenditure shows **surplus of £5,849.25** for season 24-25.
- This includes our initial commitment of **£25,000** made to the Guiseley School 4G project. We remain on track to meet our overall commitment to the project which will be fully paid in season 25-26 utilising funds built up over the last 10 years after careful stewardship of the club.
- Cost pressures continue to be present in all forms of spend (pitches, courses, ref fees, etc.). However, in keeping costs down where possible, and with the help of managers in buying only what is needed, we remain in a good position financially and (arguably) the best value club in the area.
- Our **proposed membership fee for 25-26 is to increase to £170** from £160. This will be the first time we have increased the fee since the end of season 22-23 season.
- During the last five years, we have continued to increase training and match provision for all teams - with a greater number of weeks provided (now only excluding Christmas holidays and Easter weekend itself), improved facilities (more AWP) and pre-season as an option too.
- This means the membership fee of £170 translates to a cost of £4.47 per week to cover all training and match day facilities, equipment, league fees, ref fees, courses, tournaments, and anything else needed to run the club!


### **Expenditure**

- Of all the money spent: -
  - 77% - facilities for training and matches
  - 10% - equipment to use
  - 4% - courses for managers and DBS checks
  - 4% - league fees
  - 4% - ref fees**= 98.5% on playing activities**
  - +1% - tournaments (choice to support teams)
  - <1% - Other – e.g., website/admin/audit fees
- Our current costs to run the club are just 0.5% - less than £600 in total – thanks to all our volunteer coaches and committee who help to run the club for free.
- Total spend on pitches/facilities is up c115% since season 19-20 (£95k vs £44k)
- Lots of good reasons:
  - Invested in different and better facilities for training and match days.
  - Increased provision – i.e. more weeks to all teams - longer season in effect.
  - Much more all-weather provision to guarantee playing time, especially for matches that otherwise would not have happened on grass.
  - In particular, our commitment to Benton Park in recent years has really benefited our 9v9 boys, alongside 7v7 boys, compared to poor grass pitch provision available from local authorities in previous years.
  - Also taken on additional AWP provision to help our girls 11v11 format - we continue to expand the girls' section which is now c300 players in total!!

### **Summary**

A very good year for the club, we remain well placed to invest in the Guiseley School 4G project, which will mitigate the closure of St Marys, and then further improve facilities for children in the local area in the longer term.

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