
Key announcements for 2007



We are delighted to announce that EB Lions AFC, following much work by our coaches and committee team, has won the coveted Charter Standard Developing status via Beds FA. There are only 8 Charter Standard Development Clubs in the whole Bedfordshire County.

This scheme is a core component of the FA Football Development programme. The scheme established minimum standards for football development and acts as a quality assurance mechanism recognising well run schools and clubs. As a benchmark for quality it will improve the playing experience for all.

We are immensely proud to be part of E. B. Lions AFC. Our Club is one that predominantly serves Edlesborough, Eaton Bray, Dagnall, Northall and surrounding areas and is a children's football club for the boys and girls living in and around the villages. We have ten fantastic teams this season, ranging from our Under 14's down to our newest U7's as well as two girls team in the Under 10's and the Under 12's League. This is giving competitive sport by qualified coaches to over 130 children! We are working hard to develop our players and teams into a successful and thriving Club and have FA qualified coaches running every team. Please look us up on www.eblions.co.uk

The Charter Standard Scheme is a best practice guide that sets standards of coaching, administration and child protection for all clubs outside the Football League and Premier League. Youth Football Clubs are the heartbeat of football in this country. That is why The FA Charter Standard club programme, which raises standards and recognises and rewards quality, is so important.

The FA Charter Standard Programme provides recognition that clubs are well run and sustainable, with child protection and safety paramount. It also recognises a club's commitment to coaching, player and coach development, and the raising of standards of behaviour in the game - all of which are big priorities for the Club and the FA.

There are a number of other exciting announcements/developments to make;-

- We have appointed a fitness Coach after his FA Level 1 advanced coaching badge – Nick Bramston. He will work with all 10 teams to improve fitness and agility at all levels.
- We have appointed a Head Coach to help introduce new coaches to the Club learn the ropes and the game – Lewis Taylor.
- With the support of Eaton Bray Parish Council we have secured a grant to acquire new steel 11 a side goals at Holmans Field to continue the investment in high quality equipment and facilities.
- We have established a 5 year plan that includes increasing the number of teams to 18 over 5 years and to seek a suitable site for an all weather floodlight training pitch, where we hope to secure substantial Football Foundation and Sport for England funding to assist.
- We are expanding our number of 7 a side and 11 a side pitches to 8 next season, with thanks to Dagnall Village Hall Committee to allow the Club use of Dagnall pitch this season and hopefully many years to come.
- Our 2008-9 season Under 7's have already held their first training session and we look forward to welcoming parents and players of our newest Lions team.