

# Ide Hill Football Club

Camberwell Lane, Ide Hill, Kent TN14 6JL



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Dear Parents,

Ide Hill Football Club currently consists of two adult football teams. This coming season, our first team will play in the Kent County League for the first time in the club's 88 year history, with the reserves continuing to play in the local Sevenoaks and District League. Both teams were very successful last season which can be seen on our web site [www.idehillfc.co.uk](http://www.idehillfc.co.uk).

In January, the club was successful in its application for £50,000 from the Sport England Olympic Inspired Facilities funding. Planning permission has already been granted to build a new club house on the Ide Hill recreation ground and we are currently awaiting news of other funding applications which will allow us and the parish council to demolish the current club house and start building the new pavilion as soon as possible.

Ide Hill FC sports development plan has always included the introduction of a youth side. Our aim is to re-introduce children and the local community from within Ide Hill and surrounding villages back into the football club. Therefore this coming season - 2012/13 - we have launched a few new youth sides starting with one U18 side and either an U7 or an U8 side. All youth sides will play at the current Ide Hill recreational field. The two adult sides will start next season at another venue until the new club house is completed. We would like to consider other age groups but at present we will look to attract a new U7 side each year until we have a side for every age group.

With funding support from the FA and 'Grow the Game' we hope to be able to set up our junior side with as little cost as possible to the parents. Full kit, training tops and training sessions will be made available. However a small signing on fee may be required.

The club is also very keen on getting as many parents involved as possible, and we are also appealing for anyone who may or may not have some background within the game who is keen to get involved in youth coaching for the U7/U8's. Again, any costs for the required CRB checks or coaching courses will be met by the club. There are spaces for two parents to become trained for each team. The club would also be keen on recruiting any new U18 players from the local area. We would also welcome any form of sponsorship for the youth teams, this can be individual or corporate.

Ide Hill FC have recently given presentations to Ide Hill and Sundridge primary schools and hope we can attract children and parents within our catchment area to become involved. Our club ethos has always been "To play is to win" and we welcome children of all ability to become involved. Children's participation will always be the priority rather than competitiveness or success.

To qualify for the U7 side this coming season a child must have attained the age of 6 but must be under the age of 7 by midnight on August 31, 2012. The same rules apply for an U8 side. Both sides can be between 6 or 8 in a team depending on the opposition agreeing. They usually play a friendly game every 2 or 3 weeks on Saturday morning. The U7/U8's, like the U18's, will play in the Crowborough and District league. This can involve the odd long journey but not that often.

If you have a child or you are a parent who is interested in joining our club next season, or you would like more information about the club, you can email me at [keith@idehillfc.co.uk](mailto:keith@idehillfc.co.uk) or contact the Child Welfare Officer via the club website.

Regards,

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