

Welcome to Stowupland Falcons Football Club. This page is a brief introduction to the Club. It covers the major questions you may have.

**The Club** : the Club has a rich history dating prior to 1900. Our Youth and Adult Clubs merged in 2011 meaning the pathway for Youth into Adult was further cemented. Our Adult teams play in the SIL on Saturday afternoons and our Youth play in the ISYFL and SWGL on a Sunday.

**The Teams** : We have around 20-23 teams each season, with mixed boys and girls teams, as well as girls only teams. We aim to have a youth team at every age group from Under 8 to Under 18 for mixed boys and girls, and U10 to U16 for Girls only. We hope that we will also have a Women's team established in the next few years.

**How the Club is Managed** : It is managed by an elected Committee of 16. All Committee members, Managers and Assistants are all volunteers. A monthly Committee meeting occurs, and a bi-monthly Managers Meeting is held.

**Charter Standard** : We are a FA Charter Standard Club and as such our Club, Managers and Assistants conform to the requirements of the Standard, which includes CRB checks, Coaching qualifications, governance processes etc...

**How Teams run** : Each team has an appointed manager. The Manager is responsible for ALL aspects of the team, including training, games, squad selection, league rules and regulations, finances of the team, results reporting. The Manager should appoint an Assistant and a Parent Representative.

**What does the Club provide** : The Club provides each team with basic playing kit, shorts, shirt and socks. We also provide 2 match balls and 5 training balls each season. We provide the playing pitches and training equipment, pay for referees. We provide basic PL insurance. We provide end of season plaques for every player.

**What the Club does not provide** : Any additional kit e.g. cold weather tracksuits, training kit etc..., indoor winter training facilities or funding.

**What is the cost to play football** : We have an annual registration/subscription fee. This is based on age of teams.

**How does this subscription money get spent** : £5 of this goes direct to the Sports and Social Club which gives each player a family membership. The rest of the money is spent on league registration fees, insurances, kit, equipment, pitch hire, presentation trophies.

**How does a team pay for additional equipment, kit and training costs:** Very simple fundraising is required by the team. A Tea table on match days (you can use the Club kitchen), quiz nights, raffles pitch side, Xmas hampers are all excellent ways to raise team funds. As a team you can also decide if you want to put an additional donation to cover any immediate costs.

**What is the Clubs philosophy:** Fair playing time for all players who demonstrate the attitude to compete and love playing for our Club. Expecting commitment from all to perform as one team and one club which is committed to nurturing talent, and demands of its members to show RESPECT to ALL.

**What are the Clubs key events** : Signing on day (start of season), Presentation Day (end of season), 5 a-side (Main fundraiser held in June).