



# THE HUDDLE

ISSUE 1 - 2025



## And.....we're off!

The 2025/26 season is now under way. Another year of football begins, though the summer break in some ways seems a distant memory now. A new season also means the launch of our long planned Newsletter - The Huddle. We are aiming for an issue per quarter filled with all the exciting news, events and gossip happening in and around our amazing club.

If you want anything included in future editions, have any ideas or want to get involved in the club in any way - shout out to your team coach and they'll get things started for you.



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## Welcome and Thank You!

ANDREW COUNCIL - CHAIRMAN

Since joining Shepshed Dynamo Youth and Junior Football Club some 4 years ago, firstly as an Assistant Coach, then Team Manager then...(time flies).. the thing that makes me smile every day - is how truly incredible this club is!

It's amazing (and it really is) because of everyone involved in it. Our club is a Community within a Community!

Thank You to all our coaches that volunteer each week to train, arrange matches and bring football to life for all our players. As a club we have over 60 volunteers (not just coaches but people behind the scenes keeping things going) and now OVER 200 children in 15 teams.

Thank you parents for bringing your children to training and matches, no matter how far away or how horrible the weather is. For helping the coaches set up and bring down seemingly endless amounts of kit - you're amazing too.

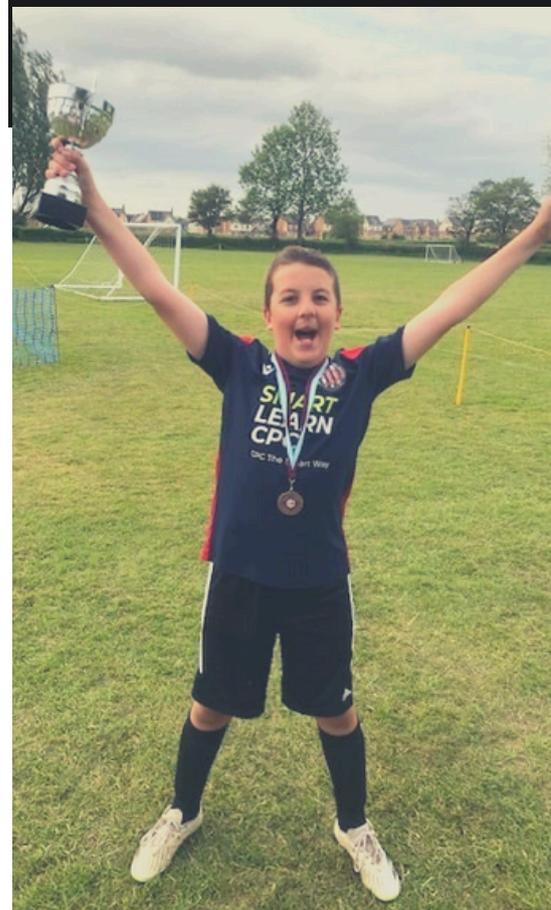
To the players - well without you we wouldn't have a club so thank you for playing the beautiful game with us.

Our club IS an amazing place - so thank you all!



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## OUR KEY OBJECTIVES

TO CREATE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT TO LEARN AND PLAY FOOTBALL

TO ENSURE ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS HOLD A VALID ENHANCED DBS CHECK

TO ENSURE ALL OUR COACHES HAVE IN DATE SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

TO ENSURE EVERY TEAM HAS A LEVEL 1 QUALIFIED COACH AS A MINIMUM

TO ENSURE THE RELEVANT AMOUNT OF VOLUNTEERS AT EACH TRAINING SESSION AND GAME HAVE FA APPROVED FIRST AID TRAINING

TO ENSURE OUR CHILDREN, OUR COACHES AND EVERYONE INVOLVED IN FOOTBALL IS TREATED FAIRLY AND WITH RESPECT

TO ENSURE PARENTS WISHES IN RESPECT OF PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOGRAPHY ARE UPHELD

**KEEPING IT SAFE - KEEPING IT FUN!**

## Safeguarding our Children

ANDREA TIDY - WELFARE OFFICER



Shepshed Dynamo Youth and Junior Football Club put the children at the centre of everything we do. To that end my role as Safeguarding Officer is to oversee that all our volunteers and everyone who is involved with youth football meet and exceed the standards expected of them. The club prides itself on making sure our football is a safe, enjoyable and rewarding environment for everyone.

Now we have over 200 children and over 60 volunteers and 15 teams this job needs more than me! I also have the support of Andrew Council (Chairman) and Tony Hoyle (U16) and a small number of team volunteers BUT the FA is tasking us for more.

Ideally we need to be in a position that each Team has a Safeguarding Assistant Officer - so WE NEED YOU!!

WHY? - as a Team Safeguarding Assistant you'll be the eyes and ears for the team, particularly on match day. Feeding back to the senior Safeguarding Team anything that goes against our mantra!



# KEEP IT SAFE KEEP IT FUN

To volunteer to be a Team Safeguarding Assistant you'd need to:

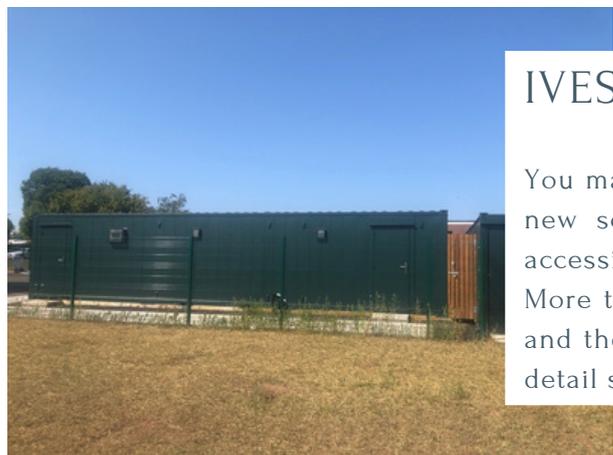
- Complete an enhanced DBS Check.
- Complete an online Safeguarding Course that teaches you the key elements of Safeguarding Children - both of these are fully funded by the club!
- Be there on match day!

Interested? Next step below for more information.

**SPEAK TO YOUR COACH OR EMAIL [WELFAREOFFICER@SHEPSHEDDYNAMOYJ.COM](mailto:WELFAREOFFICER@SHEPSHEDDYNAMOYJ.COM)**



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## IVESHEAD SCHOOL FACILITIES

You may have noticed a set of green buildings appear now the new school extension has been built. These will soon be accessible to us as a new toilet block and changing rooms. More to follow on this as the school are still working on them and the access etc. Your coaches will update you with further detail soon.

## FA FUNDING

We've been working very hard behind the scenes with both Iveshead School and the FA in order to apply for and receive some funding for the club. The club has grown and is continuing to grow at pace so we feel now is the time to seek some financial support from the FA.

Initial plans include new sets of 7v7 and an additional set of 9v9 permanent goal posts, pitch and grass treatments to enhance the playing surfaces and our own Defibrillator.



## FA SAFEGUARDING INSPECTION

We've been told that the FA Safeguarding Team will visit us this year in order to check that we are complying with all their rules in relation to keeping the children safe. Should they visit during one of your training sessions or games they will announce who they are and ask you questions about our incredible Welfare Team (see page 3).



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## SEASON TICKETS

2025-2026 Junior Supporter's Passes are available to our players and allow free entry to any Shepshed Dynamo Senior League home game at the Dovecote. There are a limited number of passes still available if you fancy watching a game instead of playing a game!

Please speak to your coaches if you would like a pass.

## BOOT SWAP

The Dynamo Football Boot Bag is always on the lookout for donations of good football boots to help those in need. If you need a pair, just ask your coach, and they'll see what's available for you.

We also really appreciate any old Dynamo kit you can donate, like training tops, matchday shirts or shorts as they come in handy as back ups and spares whilst new kit is ordered for new players. We are also happy to take donations of shin pads, or goalie gloves to keep in reserve - just pass on to your coach.



## UP COMING EVENTS....

Keep a look out for the following events... Dates and times will be confirmed soon!



- Remembrance Parade through Shepshed. It was amazing to see so many of our players last year supporting this event and showing their respect.
- Mascot Days at the Dovecote.
- Christmas Tree festival - we need your help to decorate our tree! Information to follow soon!



# Team Focus

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## PLAYERS WANTED

**VARIOUS AGE GROUPS - 25/26 SEASON**

- **U14 - LEVEL 2/3**
- **U12 - GOALKEEPER ONLY**
- **U11 - BOYS TEAM**
- **U9, 10 & 11 - GIRLS TEAMS**

**3G Facilities**  
All year artificial turf training at FCV International Academy

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Specialist junior GK training on Wednesday evenings

**Veo**  
Matches or training regularly recorded and shared via Veo

**Shepsheo 7's**  
Annual tournament held at home of Shepsheo Dynamo FC



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Shepsheo Dynamo Youth & Junior FC



## NEW PLAYERS WANTED

**Under 6's - Year 1**  
**Under 7's - Year 2**  
**for 2025/26 School Year**

- *Players wanted for our introduction to football sessions*
- *£20 for 5 sessions - only counted when attended*
- *3G facility*
- *Commencing Monday 4th August*





*Training Day - Monday*      *6-7pm*      *FCV International Football Academy, Grace Dieu Manor Park Thringstone, LE67 5UG*

*For more details email: andrea.tidy@shepsheodynamoyj.com*

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW TEAMS STARTING WITH US FOR 2025!

This season will be the first time in many years that we have an U17 Team. So we now offer a continuous player pathway from Under 6 to U18 and beyond - even possibly to our Senior Team Squad.

This season will also be the first full year for the U11 girls team training with us at Dynamo. We currently have three girl year groups actively recruiting new players so please spread the word! We hope to see the girls squad go from strength to strength, especially after seeing the Lioness's success in the summer inspiring a new generation of players.

Finally, we would like to welcome the new players and families in the U6 team. This truly is the lifeblood of the club, with so many of our current players starting their footballing journey in this team and playing all the way through to our U17 squad and maybe beyond. The U6 teams are just beginning their Dynamo story...



# Volunteering

## JOIN THE TEAM - MANY ROLES - ONE GOAL



From our Committee Members and Coaches, to First Aid runners and tournament stall helpers, our volunteers are the backbone of our club. We are continually seeking new faces to join our community and support our players.

### Our Coaching Team

Our coaching team primarily consists of parent volunteers who have stepped up when their own children became part of the club. We are always eager to welcome new coaches to the team to support with training and match days. FA training is provided for those who wish to sign up and get involved.

### Match Day Support

We not only require coaches but also volunteers to help run the line, pack up equipment, and more. Without the consistent support of these incredible volunteers, our matches would simply not take place!

Shepshed Youth and Junior Football Club is run entirely by incredible volunteers.



Please speak to your coaches if you are interested in volunteering, in any of the roles, to help support our club or reach out to us via the contact page on the website.

If a pair of football boots isn't for you, we also need volunteers to support the non-coaching roles. We would love to hear from you if you could spare some time to support our Welfare roles, Social Media, or volunteer at snack stalls to help raise funds for the club or even just wash the kit every now and then!



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## September Match Results.

### Under 17s

U17s opened with a huge 15-0 win over Leicester United, 7-1 County Cup win against Coalville Town Ravens and a league victory 6-0 away win against Coalville Town Ravens. A perfect start to the season!

### Under 16s

U16s have had a flawless month recording three straight wins, beating GNG Juniors 9-1, followed by 3-0 wins over Market Bosworth Town and Blaby & Whetstone. An excellent start to September!

### Under 15s - Cobras

The Cobras had a mixed month but showed great resilience. A narrow 2-3 loss to Wollaton Hall & Bramcote Wolves, bouncing back to victory with wins over Newark Brazil, Bingham Town Yellow and a home win against West Bridgeford Santos.

### Under 15s - Vipers

The Vipers had a tough set of fixtures to start the season in Division 9. Despite battling hard, they fell to defeats against Riverside Colts (0-1), Carlton Town Blue (0-3), and Winthorpe & Coddington Tigers (0-2).

### Under 14s

U14s showed fighting spirit with three consecutive draws in the league against Thurmaston Magpies, Nuneaton Borough and away at Whetstone Athletic. They narrowly lost out in the Presidents Cup with a 2-3 defeat to Wigston Willow.

### Under 12s - Cobras

An up-and-down month for the Cobras. Narrowly losing 3-4 to Thurmaston Magpies, they bounced back with a 5-2 win over Thompsons United and a 4-2 victory against Braunston Athletic, ending the month with 1-2 defeat to the Magpies in the return fixture.

### Under 12s - Vipers

The Vipers have shown great progress after a tough start. After a heavy defeat to Wigston Willow, they rallied with a penalty shootout to win the County Trophy against Royce Rangers, followed by a 3-2 victory over Beaumont Town, capped off with a 7-0 home win over Lutterworth Dynamos.

### Under 8s - U11s

Our youngest Dynamos have been in action throughout September, with the U8s, U9s, U10s and U11s playing multiple fixtures. Whilst the results aren't recorded at these ages, what really matters is the progress, teamwork and passion on show!



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WE'RE RAISING FUNDS TO KEEP OUR GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL THRIVING — FROM KITS AND TRAINING GEAR TO BETTER FACILITIES. EVERY ENTRY HELPS OUR PLAYERS GROW AND KEEPS THE GAME ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL ❤️

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