



Bruton United Football Club **Brief to be submitted at Bruton Town Forum on 12 May 2026**

The past year has seen BUFC maintain the number of the Youth teams we provide, more could be accommodated if we had more Coaches and volunteers. We have a growing waiting list of players wanting to join and we have had to tell players and parents that we cannot accommodate them because of the lack of coaches. As with many local organisations we struggle to find people to help provide services to keep young people interested and give them an outlet for fun and exercise. Despite this we have 140 registered players including adults and we provide games, training, kit, and equipment for each week throughout the year. Next season we will be entering a second adult team into the Yeovil & District League a good increase as they have coaches and meet our criteria for membership.

We have been successful on the field with several teams winning cups and leagues. The challenge for us is to recruit more coaches and volunteers to allow us to grow our provision of facilities.

We have progressed with the help of our sponsors who provide kits for our players, coaches, and volunteer helpers as well as equipment provision, most of them local to Bruton meaning the community plays a part in the club's success as well as good advertising for their businesses.

The club finances are currently in a good position for the immediate future as we have been fortunate to be awarded several grants from national bodies for goals and equipment, Football Foundation groundwork for pitches, worth £30000 over 4 years, £23000 already spent in the last three years, plus a separate grant of £4000 for new roller goals. We were awarded a £16000 Football Foundation grant to upgrade and refurbish the changing rooms and shower areas in the pavilion, costing £20000, Mark Master Masons 128 (Wincanton) have donated to make up the difference. Royal Clarence Masons (Bruton) have given us £16500 over the next three years to improve facilities and provide more football for the Youngsters and adults of the town. All of this time-consuming and hard work keeps the cost to our members as low as possible, a welcome change in these turbulent financial times.

Our biggest challenge is to replace the pavilion at Jubilee Park at some point in the future. Helping with the project planning is a priority requirement at the moment.

We have had several new coaches for the last season who have enjoyed their time with the players and have themselves developed into good leaders for their teams and players. That said we are looking for more coaches and helpers for next season, training is provided by the club as well as any kit and equipment needed, the more experienced coaches offer their help to guide you through the task of becoming a coach or helper.

I will mention the parents of the young players who have maintained their friendliness, spirit, and supported the coaches and club over the last season while encouraging the players to play good football. We are known throughout the county as a friendly welcoming club ready to help others where we can and provide facilities for the community.

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