## LAKENHEATH TIMES SPRING 2023 SUPPLEMENT



Lakenheath Youth FC was formed over 40 years ago to provide football for children in the village. Over those years the club has always provided teams and for the 22/23 season we have 12 teams for children aged 6 to 15. Our Ultimate Goal is to provide football to children in a fun and safe environment but also to make it affordable to all. Over the course of the current season there will be more than 250 games played in total by the youth teams and we try and advertise these on a weekly basis on our Facebook page.

Over the last 5 years we have seen an increase in the demand for people wanting to join our club and now offer more than one team for various age groups due to the demand. Now we have circa 170 children playing football which is a great achievement and none of this is possible without the army of volunteers we have (committee, coaches, match officials, refreshment sellers etc). In addition to our many volunteers we are also fortunate to have various sponsors which provide playing and training kit to teams.





As a club we have invested heavily in our ground and have undertaken a grant to improve the grass pitches at Lakenheath Playing Fields over the course of the next Six years. Last summer's drought certainly tested us out but safe to say the efforts of the army of volunteers who helped irrigate have given us some of the best pitches in the leagues we play in currently. As our club goes from strength to strength our biggest issue is a lack of space to accommodate our teams — if there are any generous landowners out there who have a few acres spare please do not hesitate to contact us.

At the end of the football season we hold our annual Challenge Cup weekend (usually around mid May). This is an old club tradition which last season we brought back to being played at the Pit. For those that were we hope you enjoyed the day the feedback received was positive and was a good way to finalise the season. We intend to repeat the challenge cup at the Pit again this year so please keep an eye out on Facebook for details in the near future.



For more information on the club (including all team contacts) please visit <a href="www.lakenheathyouthfc.co.uk">www.lakenheathyouthfc.co.uk</a>. If you would like to contact us you can also do via Facebook or via emailing lakenheathyouthfc@gmail.com.



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