

Holcombe FC season 24/25 Summary

Holcombe FC is proud to provide youth football opportunities to over 130 children in our community. This year, we successfully launched a new Under-8s team, expanding our club to a total of seven teams ranging from Under-8 to Under-16. Our commitment to fostering young talent and promoting physical activity continues to be at the heart of our mission.

Our biggest challenge as a club remains access to suitable facilities that are affordable. We have one of the lowest membership fees in the Midsomer Norton area purposefully to ensure football is accessible to everyone and we are very grateful to Holcombe Parish for access to a brilliant pitch. We are also lucky to have access to Kilmersdon school for our younger teams and Oakhill.

Achievements:

- **Under-16 Team Success:** Our Under-16 team has had a remarkable last season with the club before they move onto local adult teams, currently sitting 3rd in the Bristol and Avon youth league with a handful of games to go we are hoping for second place.
- **Community Engagement:** We have strengthened our community ties through various events and activities, including the introduction of new kits for our Under-11 team following fund raising campaigns across the club.
- **Development Programs:** Our club continues to invest in development programs, training coaches with FA qualifications, ensuring that each player receives quality training and support to reach their full potential.
- **Tesco Community Grant:** We are thrilled to announce that Tesco has awarded us £1,000 under their Community Grant Scheme. This generous contribution will be used to invest in the children's development, enhancing their training and overall experience at the club.

On a personal note I joined Holcombe FC as a volunteer 10 years ago when the club had 10 Children in what is now our U16s team. We are proud to have grown in such a way that a small village club can support so many children from the local communities. We have seen great success on the pitch with many of our teams topping their leagues and securing lots of trophies from various tournaments.

Off the pitch we see long term friendships established both with players and supporters and helping children build confidence and make friends remains at the heart of what we do.

We look forward to further growth and achievements in the coming seasons.

Kind regards

Luke Clarke Chairman and U12's Team Coach.