

NTJFC NEWSLETTER



Wow! What a busy and exciting first part of our season we have had already! We do hope everyone has settled in well and enjoying their training, match days and all the other fun we see you getting up to!

HIGHLIGHTS!

The under 9 Blacks played in a very special league game against Redcar town in honour a young girl who fought bravely her whole life. In her memory, this game raised over £2700 for her family.

Our sponsor Si Pearson pledged £25 for every goal that we scored so we were hoping for a goal fest and thankfully our boys didn't disappoint.

Fantastic game of football played in great spirit and some real class from Redcar who provided hot drinks, sweets and a lovely momento to remember the day.

Well done to Daniel Wilkinson and his team for raising an incredible amount for the family of young Phoebe ❤️

#playforphoebe

WHAT OUR PLAYERS & GUARDIANS SAY...
"I LOVE FOOTBALL. IT HELPS ME STAY FIT AND IMPROVE MY SKILLS."
"WE AND OUR CHILDREN HAVE MADE FRIENDS IN THE COMMUNITY."

CLUB UPDATES



☒ **TRAINING REMINDER** - As we continue our winter training in the cold, wet weather, please be reminded to ensure all players come dressed appropriately to keep them warm. Our coaches will do their best to keep everyone moving and smiling!

Please encourage all players to visit the toilet prior to their training session starting, to minimise disruption and maximise the fun in the short amount of time we have together. For primary school aged children please try and stay present throughout the session, incase your child needs accompanying to the toilet. Where there is more than one coach available, we will escort a player in to the leisure centre (though not in to the toilet area itself) if required.

Please be aware that players in U12 and U13 teams will be allowed to go in pairs from the astro in to the Leisure Centre's facilities.

U14+ will be allowed to go alone in to the building.

HOW TO GET IN TOUCH!

Contact us at NTJFC@outlook.com with any comments, questions or feedback you may have. Follow us on... our [NTJFC Facebook Page](#) and [NTJFC Instagram Page](#)





We held the first meetings of our new **Player Committee** for this season. Following two successful seasons with a club committee, we were excited to welcome our new members and get to know them. We were joined by 35 players representing teams across the club, providing a broad range of perspectives. The group contributed thoughtfully, sharing why they play football, what makes them feel safe and supported, what they enjoy most about training and matches, and suggestions for improvements to both their teams and the club.



Key themes that emerged from both sessions were that it is their teammates, coaches, and families that make them feel safe and supported, and that playing with their friends is what makes football most fun for them. We also captured a number of ideas for improvements, which will be taken forward to the next Club Committee meeting. We then discussed the importance of goal setting. Each player wrote a personal goal for the season and reflected on a highlight from the season so far, it was lovely to read their responses and see their enthusiasm.



YOU SAID, WE DID!

A fantastic 76 of you completed our recent survey circulated to all members, thank you! Based on feedback from this, as well as other ways we have heard from you, we want to update you on a few things where you told us you wanted to see change or more information.

- For new players joining the club from October onwards within the season, **memberships** will be charged at £25p/m + a one off fee of £25
- We've heard that not everyone knows where to find some of our key documents, which underpin everything NTJFC and some of you weren't familiar with what this meant in practice.
- In our mission to ensure that all players across the club get the same opportunities, regardless of the team, we are keen to embed our **approach to equal and fair game time**.
- It was evident from the survey that many of our members may not be aware of the **24 Hour Rule**, which was developed to help us make sure that feedback to our volunteers is given in an appropriate and managed way.

Both of these documents, and more, are easily accessible on our web page www.ntjfc.co.uk

FUNDRAISING SUCCESS!

A very big thank you to all of those who chose NTJFC as your Co-op Local Cause over the last year. Our round came to an end in October and, thanks to you, the club received just over £2000 to support the development and improvement of our new and existing sites



COMING UP...



Some dates for your diaries for all of our members to get involved by supporting the club

- **Parent/ Carer forum** - 19th Jan - get in touch if you want to get involved!
- **Tesco bag pack** - 7th March '26




Many of you told us that you didn't know who were your key contacts in the club, so here's a **Who's Who of NTJFC**, with a focus on our wonderful welfare team!



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- CHAIR PERSON - JAMES LOFTHOUSE
 - VICE CHAIR / REFEREE & PITCH COORDINATOR - STEVE BURN
 - TREASURER - DAVE SCANLAN
 - SECRETARY - GEMMA HUTCHINSON
 - WELFARE OFFICER (WELLBEING) - EMMA BROWN
 - WELFARE OFFICER (COMPLIANCE) - HANNAH KNOX
 - FUNDRAISING LEAD & WELFARE OFFICER - SARAH GAZZARD
 - PURCHASING LEAD - STUART TRUMAN
 - PARENT LIAISON OFFICER - CHARLIE DENTON-SMITH
 - GRANTS LEAD - KIRSTY WESTON
 - MENTAL HEALTH LEAD - EMMA NIBLETT

The committee would like to wish all of our members and supporters a fabulous festive period and Happy New Year! We can't wait to continue our season with you in 2026!



Meet the Welfare Team at NTJFC

Making sure everyone is safe and happy at our club is our priority and we are lucky enough to have 3 Welfare Officers at NTJFC!

Emma Brown - I have been in role for 4 years. Prior to this year I ensured coach compliance, addressed safeguarding concerns and issued support and advice. I have set up and run the players committee which is now in its 3rd season and is being used as a best practice example in the FA. You will see me at matches and training and I enjoy getting to know players and parents. I have over 10 years of safeguarding and welfare experience working mainly in education. I work as a Student Experience and Wellbeing Manager for a group of colleges and volunteer as a mentor for Trauma Research UK supporting people with trauma and mental health difficulties.

Sarah Gazzard - I've been involved with the NTJFC for the past three years, initially starting out in a fundraising role. During this time, I became part of the Player Committee, which was an extremely positive and inspiring experience and played a big part in motivating me to become more involved. That journey led to me joining the safeguarding team. I'm passionate about supporting the club and helping to create a safe, positive environment for all players. I also have two boys who are members of the club, so being involved is both personal and important to me.

Hannah Knox - I've recently joined the committee having moved back to Northallerton earlier this year. I have over 15 years experience of working in safeguarding and welfare and I am currently a Safeguarding Officer at the Lawn Tennis Association. I will be around on match days and events supporting my eldest son in the u12 Blacks and coaching my youngest son in the u10 Blacks.

Please come and say hello if you see any of us pitchside. You can also contact the Welfare Officers via our safeguarding email address which is only accessed by them - Welfarentjfc@outlook.com Any concerns big or small will be handled sensitively and confidentiality.

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR SPONSORS

A BIG THANK YOU
FROM OUR U10, U11 & U12 TEAMS
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