



Welcome to Copmanthorpe Football Club



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Village football at it's finest since 1962

1. Copmanthorpe FC: Your Club

Copmanthorpe Football Club is a very well-established part of the York area football landscape. It operates on the basis of 'Football for All' and prides itself on the diversity of its teams and the fact that it has a reputation within the local area and the North Riding FA of being a principled club that strives to consistently field teams who embrace the spirit of the game and recognise the importance of fair play.

2. Information

Copmanthorpe Football Club was formed in 1962 with a single village team. As the village grew over the years, so did the club. The village has experienced a huge population growth since the 1970s and now has a population of just over 4000 people. The Football Club has also grown, alongside the village and we now field four senior teams (First, Reserve, Pan-Disability and Cerebral Palsy) and 15 Junior teams. We have also recently been granted a licence to become an FA Wildcats centre for girls aged 5-11.

Copmanthorpe Football Club also holds the status of "FA Charter Standard Community Club", an accolade that was granted to us in 2002 after a lot of hard work from the committee in putting together proposals and attending countless meetings and presentations with the FA.



Sir Trevor Brooking presents Paul Bird and Mark Hogarth with the FA Charter Standard Community Club award.

We were one of the first Charter Standard Community Clubs in the whole of the North Riding FA. Community Charter Standard clubs are those which are at the pinnacle of the club development pathway meeting the FA requirement that they must have a high-quality, multi-team (minimum of 10 teams) set up with excellent social, training and playing opportunities for all. Copmanthorpe is also a very competitive club, with our Senior First Team competing in the Minster Engineering York League and our Cerebral Palsy team competing at national level.

3. Team Management

Across all of our teams, the club relies on volunteer coaches. These men and women give up their spare time to coach and manage and are invaluable assets to this football club. Without these volunteers there would, in fact, be no more Copmanthorpe FC. In addition to these coaches are the many people who help out with their teams, from putting up goalposts and washing kit to running the administration side of the team or helping out with fundraising.

4. The Management Committee

The day-to-day aspects of the club are managed by an elected committee. The committee are all volunteers and each position have sole responsibility for certain aspects of the club. Our club constitution currently allows for seven distinct positions.

Club Chairman

Martin Brooks is the current Club Chairman and as such is the figurehead of the club with responsibility for presiding over all committee meetings and for ratifying decisions made by the committee as a whole. The Chairman also has responsibility for representing the club at official functions and in meetings with the local football leagues and the Football Association. Martin has been associated with the club for over 15 years and as well as being Chairman he provides coaching support across the junior section.

Club Treasurer

James Thornhill is the club Treasurer. A qualified accountant, James is responsible for all financial aspects of the club. James is also a qualified coach.

Club Secretary

Angela Harford is the club secretary and has responsibility for the administrative side of team management. Her role includes managing league affiliation, ensuring that fixtures are fulfilled, dealing with fines and disciplinary issues and acting as the club liaison with the leagues.

Welfare Officers

Nikki Walker and Jen Dungey are our Welfare Officers. As well as overall welfare they are responsible for ensuring DBS compliance, that First Aid qualifications are maintained and that full compliance with the rules of FA Charter Standard Community Clubs are met.

Nikki supports our Under 7 to Under 11 age groups.

Jen supports Under 12 to Under 16, Seniors, Disability and Cerebral Palsy.

Other Committee Members

In addition to the Club Officers, above, we have Emma Wasson who manages facilities, Lexi Travis who manages memberships and Michael Brooks who is the Senior representative.

5. Club Match Venues

The traditional home of Copmanthorpe Football Club is the Recreation Centre in the heart of the village. The Rec has excellent facilities and is an ideal setting for the club. However, as the club expanded, it had to seek out additional venues to accommodate the large number of teams.

The Recreation Centre

The Rec boasts two full size pitches which are kept in excellent condition. There is also dedicated parking, changing facilities for both home and away teams and a bar. The Rec is used mainly by the Senior First and Reserve teams as well as Junior 11 aside (age 13-19) and boys 9 aside matches.

Copmanthorpe Primary School

Copmanthorpe Primary School is our new home for the Under 7s to Under 10s.

6. Club Training Venues

York College

York college is used for all summer grass training. The college's 3G artificial surface is used for winter training by the Under 10, 15 and 16 from mid-October to the end of March.

Energise

Energise is used by our U7, U8, U11, U12, U13 and U19 from mid-October to the end of March and the Senior Pan Disability team all year round.

Middlethorpe School

Vale of York School is the winter venue for our Under 9s.

York Sports Village

The York Sports village provides year-round training for our Senior Cerebral Palsy team and our junior disability team.

7. Club Finances

The club provides football opportunities for the local community and although we have around three hundred active club members, we require a significant amount of money per year just to provide training and match facilities and league and player registrations. The club also provides team equipment and playing kit. The club is run on a very tight and well managed budget, with the committee actively seeking grants to enable us to continue to set up new teams annually. This enables us to keep the fees as low as possible. We have a number of generous sponsors who have enabled us to buy kits. These include The Blue Fin fish & chips, Pullman Coaches, Quantum estate agency, Greencore food manufacturing, Merisis software development, Open Voice communications, Transunion global insights and Alexanders Nissan of York.

8. The Teams

Companthorpe Football Club teams are split in to 5 broad categories, each of which play in different league structures and with a variety of team rules. Our aim is to provide a natural pathway through 5, 7, 9 and 11 aside juniors and ultimately into senior football.

Senior Teams

The Senior teams consist of players who are over the age of 16. Senior teams are often referred to in the FA parlance as 'open age' teams. The First and Reserve Saturday teams compete in the Minster Engineering League and adhere to the normal FA rules for football. Our Under 19 team play in the York & District Under 19 league.

Junior 11-a-Side Teams

The under 13 to under 16 teams play the full 11-a-side game and compete in the York and District Youth Football League.

Junior 9-a-Side Teams

The under 11 and under 12 teams play a 9-a-side game, with smaller goals than 11 a-side and a reduced-size playing area.

Junior Mini Soccer

Mini soccer involves teams of boys and girls playing a version of football on smaller pitches and with fewer players. For Under 7s and 8s team sizes are 5 versus 5. At Under 9 and under 10 the team sizes are 7 versus 7. Mini Soccer does not involve competitive leagues and results are not recorded. This is to encourage a mentality of developing over playing solely to win.

Disability Teams

The club fields a Senior Disability team that compete in the West Yorkshire Disability League. We also have a Junior disability team who play friendly matches.

Cerebral Palsy

The Copmanthorpe Cerebral Palsy team play under the banner of Yorkshire and the North East in the National Cerebral Palsy League.

Mini Cop

Mini Cop is a development group of Foundation and Year 1 players. The players attend weekly fun football sessions designed to provide them with the fundamentals of football in a safe and fun environment.

9. The Future

Copmanthorpe Football Club is a true community club who are forward looking and dedicated to providing football for all. Copmanthorpe village, being separated from the city by the east coast main line, has retained its identity and independence as a local village club. However, due to the efforts of the management committee and team managers over the years, we still manage to attract players from around the local area. This wider exposure has enabled the club to field so many teams across the FA's defined groups from mini-soccer through to senior (open age) football. The future of Copmanthorpe FC is about building upon what we have, the immediate aims of the club over the next few seasons are:

- To work with the Recreation Centre Committee, the Parish Council and the North riding Football Association to identify and develop a suitable site so that all Copmanthorpe teams can train and play within the village.
- To build a girls section of the club.
- To establish an open age woman's team.

Our long-term vision of providing our community with a site that can accommodate all training and matches for our junior teams is one that is shared by the Copmanthorpe and District Recreation Centre, a registered charity. They have pledged both financial and practical support to help us achieve this aim. Although several years away yet, much work has been and is being conducted to achieve this.

9. Volunteer with us

Whether you would like to try your hand at coaching, get involved with fundraising, become a committee member or simply help out on match day there are many rewarding volunteering opportunities available to you. Fundraising in particular is something that has become very important to the club over recent years. Please get in touch if you feel you can bring some ideas, experience, enthusiasm or energy into running this fantastic club. The Club Committee aims to build upon what we have and ensure that the future of the club remains bright. We want Copmanthorpe FC to be a club that will always attract quality players and provide successful teams.

We can only do this, though, with the continued support and passion of you, the people who make the club what it is. With your support the club will continue to thrive and to build upon the reputation it has as a true community club.

Use our website www.copmanthorpefc.co.uk to find out more about us or to contact us.

Remember, above anything else, that this is *your* club.

Martin Brooks

Chairman

Copmanthorpe Football Club

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