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STANSTED FC

OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME  
**BIGGLESWADE UNITED**

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# CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

With the hard work behind the scenes now successfully completed we can now look forward to the coming campaign with the necessary financial backing in place.

The news announced yesterday that Verdant Financial Advisers have purchased the stadium naming rights for the coming season is a fantastic boost for everyone at the club as are other deals that have been negotiated and will be revealed within the next few weeks.

As a club we have done really well to secure these much needed financial commitments and it's now over to our teams to build on our successes off the pitch with their performances on it.

Our men's first team partnership of of Gaz Hunt and Jordan Wright have settled in and have been joined by club stalwart, Martin 'Marv' Russell who in addition to first team coaching duties will also act as an important link and liaison with the men's reserve side.





We have already hit the floor running with a couple of excellent pre-season results against teams from a higher league, an achievement we hope to replicate this Saturday when we travel to Bury Town from the Isthmian League North Division for an FA Cup extra preliminary round match.

We certainly aren't going to go into the game with any fear or trepidation because while we may not be the strongest of teams individually, as a collective unit with a great team spirit we feel we can be a match for anyone at this level or just above.

But first we welcome Stansted FC to the Verdant Stadium and wish them well in their first season in the Spartan League following their enforced move by the FA from the Essex Senior League. Trust me, we know what you're going through; we feel your pain!

Our women's red side begin their campaign away to Dussindale & Hellesdon Rovers F.C. Women on Sunday August 13 and have their first home game on August 20 against Fakenham Town.

Our policy to ensure that our women's senior side - like the men - should not have to pay subs was a radical move but such policies mean that there has to be a budget in place if we are to be able to stick to our commitment that ensures we can offer them exactly the same as we do our men's first team.

It isn't going to happen overnight and to get where we want to be we will need more sponsors and more local support but get there we will if for no other reason than it is the only fair and proper way to go.

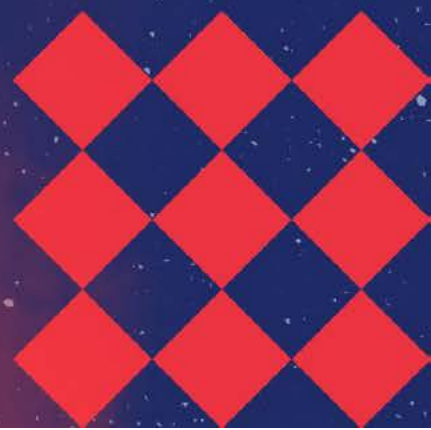
Meanwhile the emphasis is primarily on youth with our men's reserves and also our Women's Blue side with both sides looking to improve on their performances of last season as they gain more experience.

Of course we would love for all of our sides to achieve promotions in their various leagues but we are in no rush to do so and will look very much to achieving a success that is built on solid foundations and achieved by playing our type of game, the right way.

The really great news is that Stratton Upper School will soon have a 3G playing surface which we, alongside other members of the community, will be able to benefit from. It will allow us to improve and train together and hopefully will only be the first of other such much needed pitches to be built in the Biggleswade area.

It's going to be a fantastic season. I can't wait.

Guillem Balagué  
biggleswadeunited@gmail.com



# STORY OF OUR CLUB

Biggleswade United Football Club was re-formed on the 16th July 1959. However, local history records indicate that there was a Biggleswade United side playing at Second Meadow as early as 1929. Our first season (1959/60) saw us competing in Division Three of the North Herts. League (NHL). After 10 successful years in the NHL the club made the step up to South Midlands League (SML) football. But towards the end of a 15-year association with the SML the club began to struggle and after three years of finishing in the bottom three of Division One we sought fresh fields. The club joined the Herts. Senior but club continued to find the going tough. In 1986 we elected to return to local League football, joining the Bedford and District Football League and began to build again.

The appointment of Brian Swords as first team manager in 87/88 proved to be the turning point in the club's fortunes. During the next ten years the club achieved a tremendous amount of success on and off the football pitch. Our record of League and Cup honours speak for themselves but aligned to this a great deal of work went on behind the scenes to match the on-field success. The club now boasts one of the best clubhouse and ground facilities in the Mid-Bedfordshire area. The success of the club also attracted many new players as well as commanding a great deal of loyalty from those players who helped the club progress from Division Three of the Bedford and District League to County Senior Club status in just 15 years.

The 1995/96 season was the most successful in the club's history - winning five major honours; the Beds Intermediate County Cup, Bedford and District League Championship, League Cup Championship and as the League's representatives the club won the Beds. FA Centenary Cup. Having won every major Bedford League honour the club felt it was time to move on and made the decision to make the step up once again and returned to Division One of the

SML. In an exceptionally successful first season we celebrated a Division One "double" by winning the Championship and the Division One Cup. We also retained the Beds. FA Intermediate County Cup, only the second club in the competition's history to achieve this feat. To crown our success the club were awarded the SML Special Achievement Trophy in July 1997.

In the season 1997/98 we finally achieved Senior status. This was achieved not only through the endeavours of the players on the field but ultimately as a result of an extremely hard working committee. With the help of the Biggleswade Town Council a new stand was erected and perimeter fencing installed. And two seasons later the club erected floodlights and on the evening of 26th October 1999 we played our first-ever floodlit game at Second Meadow, Ryman League side Leighton Town were the visitors in the Bedfordshire Premier Cup.

The next eleven years saw the first team led by Steve "Snowy" Wright and under his management the club continued to enjoy a very high level of League and Cup success ultimately achieving promotion to the Molten Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division and with it the opportunity to compete in the FA Cup. And under Snowy the club made three Beds FA Senior Challenge Cup final appearances, winning two of the three with victories over Stotfold (4-1) and Leighton Town (1-0) but missed out in 2006/07 going down 2-0 to Dunstable Town. Snowy's other cup successes came in the form of the Hunts Premier Cup, North Beds Charity Cup, Hinchbrook Cup, the SML Division One Cup and the SML Special Achievement Award once again. The end of the 2006 2007 saw Snowy step down as manager with his assistant, Nick Burton taking over the first team reins. January 5th 2009 saw the club embark on further ambitious ground improvements. With financial backing from Biggleswade Town Council, Mid Beds District



Council and the Football Foundation we installed a 260-seater stand, fully enclosed the ground with a double turnstile entrance and players' secure walkway which raised the ground to Grade E status. After several years of stability in terms of first team managers the next six years saw a regular turnover of first team and reserve team managers with Nick Burton, Dave Elkin and Phil Childs all taking over the first team reins for a time.

At the start of the 2013 2014 season we appointed Mick Reardon and Mark Royal as first team managers both of whom had enjoyed success as coaches at the higher levels of football. Their disciplined approach was quickly adhered to and responded to by the players and under their stewardship we achieved the highest Premier Division position in nine years and first silverware in seven years winning the North Beds Charity Cup for the first time in the club's history.

In November 2014 the club took a further positive step to realise our ambitions with the appointment of Sky Sports Presenter and renowned author, Guillem Balague as Biggleswade United's Director of Football. Following Mick and Mark's decision to step down at the end 2014 2015, Guillem was quick to act and recruited a new Head Coach in Cristian Colas Beccera. Cristian was assisted by former professional player, Stuart Bimson, and under their guidance the team finished in eighth spot in the Premier Division in 2017 2018 - the highest position in the club's history. Having built a strong reputation for their outstanding coaching ability and playing philosophy Cristian and Stuart moved up to Step 3 level club, Staines Town, for the start of the 2018 2019 season. Guillem was again in search for a high quality coach and Jimmy Martin came highly recommended by his predecessor, Colas, who worked with Jimmy at Stevenage FC Academy. Jimmy was appointed Manager in May 2018 but he tendered his resignation in October 2018 having been offered a "hard to refuse" opportunity to take up a coaching role at Premier Division club Watford. Despite the setback the first team went on to record their highest ever League placing - a fourth spot in the Premier Division.

In the season 2019 2020 the club were sitting in a highly commendable third position in the Premier Division and under the management of Chris Devane and Trishnan Patel were hoping for a promotion play off opportunity. However, in March 2020 the season was declared Null and Void by the FA after the devastating outbreak of the Coronavirus. The club were also to learn that Chris and Trishnan had accepted the offer to work at Step 4 and departed the club at short notice. Fortunately the club were

able to call upon the services of former Head Coach Cristian Colas. Cristian took the club to its highest ever position in the club's history at the curtailment of the 20/21 season leaving us second in the table on PPG. The club applied for promotion to Step 4 but were unsuccessful. A double whammy came when the club were subjected to a lateral move to the UHlsport United Counties League. The FA's actions had a devastating effect on the club and we spent most of the 2021 2022 season at the foot of the table. But we rallied and secured Step 5 football on the final day of the season. The club have now been re-instated in to the SML and with a strong squad will be looking to put that season's nightmare in to a distant memory and push on to return as a top of the table club.

With the nightmare season confined to the history books we kicked on and finished a very creditable 8th in the Premier Division but the highlight of the season was achieving the best ever run in the FA Vase. Starting at the qualifying round stages we came through five rounds reaching the fourth round proper but fell to Coventry Sphinx. At the end of a great season Cristian Colas made the difficult decision to step down after 7 (-2) seasons as head coach. Two United players came forward with the right experience, credentials and knowledge of the football world at this level and the next and the decision was felt to be the right one. Gareth Hunt, who had captained the side and had been instrumental in helping us through the difficult season, will be partnered with Jordan Wright who captained the FA Vase winning Newport Pagnell Town team. Highly respected by their peers we are confident that Gaz and Jordan will see us enjoy further success in the years to come.

The club has certainly come a long way in relatively few years but we could not have done it without the help of a very supportive Town and District Council who clearly understand the benefits of having a community based club in Biggleswade. Our success is also very much down to a very hard working committee who throughout the year - not just the football season - continue to volunteer their time and commitment to the club, to help it continue to thrive and be a source of enjoyment for our supporters and the Biggleswade community.



# CLUB NEWS

Biggleswade United's sides will play their home games this season at the Verdant Stadium following the sale of the ground naming rights to Verdant Financial Planning Ltd., a firm of Independent Financial Advisers.

Since March 2021 the ground has been called the Keech Hospice Care Stadium in support of the Luton based hospice charity.

Verdant managing director, Jimmy Monger said that, "Given our core values, the general love of football across the company and with three of our directors either living or working close by, the close association with the Biggleswade United appears a natural fit. We are proud to be able to help Biggleswade United achieve their goals."

He added that "Our Director, Helen is from Biggleswade and her father Dave 'Macker' McCormick, is a former Chairman of the club. We wanted to support a local football club and Biggleswade is geographically perfect for us and our clients".

While it is the first venture into the world of football sponsorship by the company, supporting the local community is very much a part of the company's culture. Verdant currently provides an annual budget to each of their employees, to donate to a cause close to their hearts. They have supported a wide variety of causes including providing Christmas presents for under privileged children, helping youngsters who are suffering with their mental health, the World Mosquito Program, Secret World Wildlife Rescue and Young Lives versus Cancer. They also support the Angela's Small Cell Ovarian Cancer Research Fund at The Eve Appeal, which is run by Biggleswade based Mark Butcher and his family.

A delighted Club chairman, Guillem Balagué said he was thrilled that Verdant had taken the decision to back the club.

"We have many things in common with Verdant. They have historical family connections with the club, they love grassroots football and are keen on supporting us and helping us to grow."

"We hope we will be able to take advantage of their financial acumen to enable us to do things better and for our part I know we can give them enough reasons to justify their faith in us and help us to move in the right direction."



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# TEAMSHEETS

## BIGGLESWADE UNITED FC



MEKHI ANGOL  
JOE BABBAGE  
CALEB CHANDLER  
MARKEL COUSINS  
AARON DADA  
CALLUM ELLIOTT  
SAM GIBSON  
GARETH HUNT  
CONOR INSKIP  
JAIDEN IRISH  
JORDAN JARROLD  
MILO KEANE  
ANTHONY LESLIE  
JESUS MENDOZA  
JACK SHERWOOD  
CADE STEPHENS-ABBEY  
JAKE STRONGE  
JOSH STURNIOLO  
MASON WATKINS-CLARK  
COREE WILSON

**JOINT TEAM MANAGERS:**  
GAZ HUNT & JORDAN WRIGHT  
**COACH:** DEL DIGWEED &  
MARTIN RUSSELL  
**GK COACH:** JOSH THOMAS  
**PHYSIO:** LILY HYDE

## STANSTED FC



CHARLIE ADAMS  
JACOB BARLOW  
JAMES BAUGHURST  
FREDDIE BURRELL  
CABHAN CLARKE  
JOHN CLARKE  
CARL CONWAY  
BILLY COYNE  
BILLY GANNON  
FINLEY GREGORY  
STANLEY GURNEY  
ARCHIE HAMMOND  
TOM MASSEY  
MICHAEL MIGNOT  
TOM MILLETT  
JACK MITCHELL  
LOUIS MONK  
THANDO MOYO  
GEORGE O'CONNOR  
JASON REYNOLDS - BLANCHE  
CHARLIE TURNER

**MANAGERS:** PAUL PITTUCK &  
JOHN WATTERS  
**COACH:** NEIL TILLOTSON & DAVE  
LIMBER  
**PHYSIO:** LISA MILLS





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**MIND YOUR LANGUAGE**



**Respect**





# OUR OPPONENTS

At the end of 2018 – 19 season many Stansted followers (The Airport Army) were reflecting on what had been the most successful club season we have had for many years. To be able to display not just one trophy, but three because as well as collecting the League cup and the Gordon Brasted Memorial Trophy we also received the Shield for our Second place finish in the League. The club were not considered by many to be in contention for any honours after the experience of the previous season when the club won a late reprieve from the FA and avoided relegation to step 6 status. That made the success even more remarkable and was great testament to the hard work put in by the whole coaching staff and players.

With the Essex Senior League now in its 53rd season of competition we are proud to still be able to promote the club as being one of the Leagues founder members, although prior to the success of 2018 - 19 season our only other honours were a League Title in 2009-10 and two League Challenge Cup wins in 1983-84 & 2010-11, therefore the club are now hoping to build on these latest achievements.

Operating a football club at this level in the FA pyramid is extremely challenging. What with financial burdens, player expectations and the need to compete with other major sports organisations in our geographical area a great strain is placed on all the volunteers associated with the club.

Records show that the club goes back as far as 1892 and although success has mainly been confined to the League and Cups, our club name still stands proudly in the FA Handbook as winners of the FA Vase when in the 1983-84 season the players and fans made the trip to Wembley and in front of a crowd of 8,500 beat Stamford 3-2, a memorable occasion where the memories of a great day are portrayed in the Club Committee Room.

There was however a period of dark days when in 2012-13 the future of the club looked bleak where lack of leadership at the helm of the club led to a situation whereby outstanding debts meant there could have been a distinct possibility of the club folding. However a new committee of fresh faces was found and under

the stewardship of Glyn Warwick the club managed to see off the threats of the bailiffs knocking at the club door. The new motivated Committee members were able to put plans in place, and over several years has attracted both new sponsors and supporters to the club, thus ensuring a brighter future.

Further evidence of that was the introduction of Over 45's Veterans Football which has introduced an avenue for those ex-players who thought their playing days were over and in season 2021/22 competed in the Premier Division of the Greene King Essex Veterans League after gaining promotion the previous season.

In 2020 - 21 season the club embarked on a new adventure with the introduction of 3 Junior teams at different age groups competing for us, which we hope will kick start the clubs long term plan of having a pathway in to Senior football but at the same time bringing junior football to Stansted.

We now embark on a new challenge for our first season in the Spartan South Midland Football League hoping we give a good account of ourselves in 2023/24.







# SUMMER OF SMILES

**It's summertime, so let's unwind!**

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**A few hot ideas to get you started:**

**SPORTS DAY**

**FOOD/DRINKS  
STALL**

**HOST A BBQ**

**TAKE A TREK  
OR HIKE**

**THEMED  
OPEN  
GARDEN**

**OUTDOOR  
MUSIC EVENT**

**PICNIC IN  
THE PARK**

**GARDEN  
CAMP OUT**

**CAR BOOT SALE**

**CHARITY CAR  
WASH**

**INFLATABLES  
RACE**

## How to fundraise

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Please email [letmehelp@keech.org.uk](mailto:letmehelp@keech.org.uk) and the team will be happy to help!



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# BUFC MEN'S 1ST TEAM PEN PICTURES

## Tracey James - Club Secretary

**Ollie Leslie (29) (Goalkeeper)** Long serving player who has been at United since 2018 and has been the club's number 1 in over 100 appearances. Great shot stopper and uses his aerial prowess to great effect. Previous clubs Hoddesdon Town, Colney Heath and Leighton Town.

**Tom Wyant (25) (Goalkeeper)** First joined United in 2015 as a 17 year old who went on to make 14 appearances in his first season and the following season became the club's youngest player to achieve over 40 appearances in the number one shirt. Returned to United last season after successful spells at Leighton Town and Newport Pagnell. Suffered a fractured leg in our cup tie against Luton Town last season but is back training and looking to return soon.

**Caleb Chandler (18) (Goalkeeper)** New signing, young goalkeeper who is making a great impression with the United supporters for his maturity and confidence around his defenders. One for the future who will no doubt follow in Wyant's footsteps.

**Jordan Jarrold (30) (Defender)** Highly experienced player who is starting his third season at United. Wonderful left peg that sends long crosses to the right side with Exocet accuracy. Loveable character who is great to have around in the changing room and clubhouse.

**Milo Keane (23) (Right wing back)** Another long serving United player who is getting better season on season. Started out as a striker but his energy allows him to go box to box and scores his fair share of goals. His work rate and enthusiasm earned him the votes of the supporters last season as their player of the year.

**Anthony Leslie (27) (Right wing back)** Another new signing who has already made his mark in pre-season impressing the coaches and supporters with his energy and skill when going forward. Previous club Totternhoe.

**Cade Stephens-Abby (26) (Defender)** A highly versatile player who joined United at the back end of 2021. Adept as either central defender or wing back and confident in going forward creating chances for the front men. Previous clubs Bedford Town, Bedford.

**Mason Watkins-Clark (28) (Defender / Midfield)** Joined United in 2021 and starting his third season. Outstanding defender who commands the back line superbly well. Leads by example and will always put his body on the line. A real asset and presence in the lineup and the coaches will want to ensure he stays injury free.

**Joe Babbage (22) (Defender)** Joined United from Baldock Town towards the end of last season and immediately secured his place in the United back line with his courage and determination to win every ball. Strong player who turned defender from striker so will always look to score when given the opportunity.

**Aaron Dada (25) (Left wing back)** New signing who has proved a strong full back in pre-season. Looks to break down the flank and has impressed with his crosses into the danger areas. Another who will be working hard to secure himself a regular place in the starting lineup.

**Jaiden Irish (32) (Midfield and Captain)** Longest serving player in the current squad who joined United in 2015 and has made over 200 appear-



ances for the club. Always at the forefront of the action and a key player in United's engine room. Not known for his goalscoring prowess but his assists are legendary.

**Gareth Hunt (29) (Midfield and Head Coach)** Also joined in 2015 with a few stints away. Re-joined the club from Newport Pagnell at the back end of 21/22 and was instrumental in rallying former United players to help the club fight off relegation. Has now taken over the reins with Jordan Wright as United's joint head coaches. Known for scoring the odd worldy here and there.

**Conor Inskip (26) (Midfield)** No nonsense player who wears his passion and desire to win on his sleeve. Great motivator on the pitch with stamina to burn. Third season with United and previously with Biggleswade FC.

**Josh Sturniolo (29) (Midfield)** First played for United in 2015 and returned in 2021. Tenacious terrier in the heart of the midfield who will make an impact in every game. Never one to shy away from a tackle but will be the first to admit he sometimes sees a red mist. Great goal poacher.

**Markel Cousins (22) (Midfield / Striker)** Third season with United, "Kel" has already shown in pre-season that this could be the season that he rises to the top. Pacy, skilful player who has an eye for wonder goals. Previous club Langford.

**Sam Gibson (23) (Midfield)** New signing who will be looking to cement a place in the United midfield this season. Previous clubs Shefford Town and Biggleswade Town.

**Jack Sherwood (22) (Midfield)** New signing who sadly suffered an ankle injury in one of our early pre-season matches. Will hopefully make full recovery in time to feature in our early season fixtures. Made 29 appearances for Step 6 side Langford last season.

**Jesús Mendoza (21) (Midfield/Striker)** Joined United midway through last season having impressed fellow latin, Cristian Colas, when playing for Arlesey Town. Made 22 appearance and scored 5 including 4 in one game. Quickly became a supporters' favourite with his tantalising skill and non-stop running.

**Jake Stronge (22) (Striker)** Another new signing who has always impressed when playing for the opposition and so good to have him in the club now. Strong, highly skilful player who will be looking to score goals from around the penalty area. Helped his previous club ON Chenecks to a runners up spot last term. Jake was amongst the substitutes in Newport Pagnell's FA Vase winning team in May 2022.

**Coree Wilson (20) (Striker)** What an absolutely brilliant pre-season for the young striker who has already notched a hatrick and some more. Has been with the Luton Town academy and now looks to be making the number 9 shirt his own. My prediction for the club's leading goalscorer with his quick feet and eye for goal and the new penalty taker.

**Melchi Angol (19) (Striker)** New signing who has come to United from Biggleswade FC. The youngster's tricky, fast pace will have defenders on the back foot and he will be looking to add to his pre-season goal tally and make the number 7 shirt his own.





# PREF-SEASON REVIEW

## Tracey James - Club Secretary

No sooner had the bar closed on the 2022/2023 End of Season Presentation night than preparations for the new season began. The reins were finally handed over to new coaches Gaz Hunt and Jordan Wright by the departing Cristian Colas and the discussions with last season's successful squad began. It was common knowledge that leading goalscorer Taylor Rhiney's phone had been ringing constantly even before the season came to an end, so it came as no surprise that he would make the step up to Step 4. The next to depart was left back Cameron Hyde who had caught the eye of many managers throughout the season and Cam also made the step up. We wish them all the very best at their new club.

However, with just the two departures it was great to see the rest of last season's squad back on the Stratton school playing field for pre-season on 20th June. I have to say, they were worked very hard by the three taskmasters (Jordan, Del and Marv) who interspersed the running with some good old fun which helped to integrate the many new faces we have welcomed to the club.

First friendly saw us travel to recently relegated St Neots Town who are in the process of re-building. In front of a sizeable crowd we finished the afternoon -2-1 winners. We then made the long journey to the capital of the Fens, Wisbech Town and came back from 3-1 down to draw 4-4. It was goals aplenty for our next game when Step 6 side Letchworth GC Eagles visited for the first home game of the season. The pitch was in magnificent condition and the players revelled in it banging in 7 goals without reply.

Next up was "The Battle of Biggleswade" with Step 4

Biggleswade Town the visitors but they proved that they will be possible title contenders scoring four goals against us. A lacklustre performance at Step 6 Eaton Socon followed and although a "worldy" strike from Gaz Hunt gave us something to cheer about, a 2-1 defeat was the outcome.

In vast contrast the trip to last season's SML champions, Leighton Town, saw us put in an all-round best performance of the pre-season calendar and we finished 3-1 winners on a rain-soaked July afternoon.

Another comeback saw us trailing 3-1 to a new look Step 4 Kempston Rovers at half time. But an amazing second half saw us turn the game around and scored the winner in the last minutes to finish 5-4.

With the final game at Ampthill Town ahead of us on Saturday, I will close this review by thanking our supporters that have attended the pre-season friendlies home and away. I hope you've had lots to enjoy and I feel there is an air of justifiable optimism for the season ahead. Gaz and Jordan have certainly made their mark early on and the players certainly know what to expect. A warm welcome to the new players who I am sure will get the Biggleswade Buzz when we entertain Stansted on Tuesday night for the first "real football" of the season.



# Unleash Your Winning Potential!



Football isn't just a game - it's a holistic experience that requires the harmony of body, mind and spirit. As you lace up your boots and step onto the pitch, you're embarking on a journey of focus, fitness and unwavering determination to experience victory.

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# WHO IS AT THE CLUB

**SECRETARY AND FIXTURE SECRETARY - TRACEY JAMES**  
**TREASURER - BRENT WILKS**

**HEAD OF COMMS - PATRICIA GONZÁLEZ MUÑIZ**  
**HEAD OF MEDIA - ARITRA BOSE**  
**MEDIA OFFICER - ARYA YUYUTSU**

**HEAD OF YOUTH - DAN WATKINS**

**PHYSIOTHERAPY - OLLIE TOWNSEND**

**SPONSORSHIP RELATIONS MANAGER - KAY MANSHIP**  
**FUNDRAISING TEAM - KAY MANSHIP, WILLIAM GLASSWELL**

**KIT MANAGER - WILLIAM GLASSWELL**  
**CLUB WELFARE OFFICER - TRACEY JAMES**

**BOARD MEMBERS - GUILLEM BALAGUE, WILLIAM GLASSWELL, KAREN DIGWEED, PETULA HUNT, TRACEY JAMES, GIACOMO MALLAMACI, DAN WATKINS, JORDAN BARROW, PATRICIA GONZÁLEZ MUÑIZ, KAY MANSHIP**

**MEN'S FIRST TEAM JOINT MANAGERS - GAZ HUNT, JORDAN WRIGHT**  
**MEN'S FIRST TEAM ASSISTANTS - DEL DIGWEED, JOSH THOMAS, MARTIN RUSSELL**

**RESERVE TEAM COACHES - CAMERON OMAR, MARTIN RUSSELL, DARREN HUNT**

**WOMEN'S TECHNICAL SECRETARY - GIACOMO MALLAMACI**  
**WOMEN'S TEAM SUPERVISOR - DEAN FOSTER**  
**WOMEN'S CONFLICTS RESOLUTION OFFICER - SUE GRIFFIN**  
**WOMEN'S HEAD COACH - ASHLEY PEAD**  
**WOMEN'S COACHES - BRADLEY JONES, PEARSE HAMILTON, MATTHAIOS SIDIROPOULOS**  
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# WE ARE BACKING PLAY SAFE

Biggleswade United is lending its full support to Play Safe – a national FA-led campaign to raise awareness of the importance of safeguarding in football.

Play Safe is being run in partnership with the NSPCC and has the full backing of the Premier League, EFL, Barclays FA Women's Super League and the FA Women's Championship. It's also supported and being run across every other level of the game.

The main element of Play Safe is a series of short films which emphasise the importance of clubs such as ours having safeguarding as an everyday reality. The films also explain to parents/carers and children themselves know what to do if they feel unsafe or worried, because nothing matters more than making sure football is safe for everyone, especially children and young people. You can see these films on our club website and we've also broadcast them on our social media channels.

"As a youth team coach, I will be working with my club to ensure we support the Play Safe messaging," says FA Chief Executive Mark Bullingham. "I am also pleased that the campaign has the support of the former footballers with lived experience of abuse in football, who are on our Survivor Support and Safeguarding Advisory Group. The Group has collectively said:

"Learning from the past is crucial, so that we can prevent the horrific experiences that happened to us and so many others in football, from happening again.

"As a group of survivors, we fully support the ethos and important messages that Play Safe conveys – whether to club officials, parents/carers and or vitally, children and young people themselves. Equally important is that Play Safe is not a one-off campaign – it will be used at key points in the football calendar to remind everyone in football, that children's welfare and keeping them safe, should be at the heart of all that we do."

As the Survivor Group points out, you'll see Play Safe appearing at various points throughout the season to keep safeguarding front of mind in football. Together, we want to do everything we can so everyone – particularly children and young people – has a consistently positive experience of our great game.

Biggleswade United have appointed Tracey James as the club's Child Welfare Officer. Tracey's contact details are [tracey.james58@btinternet.com](mailto:tracey.james58@btinternet.com) or telephone 07714 661827.





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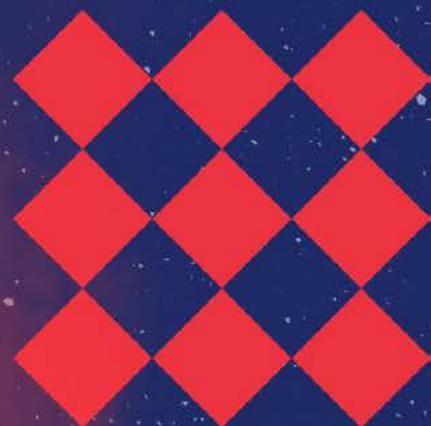


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EPISODE 2 IS OUT NOW ON SPOTIFY, SCAN THE CODE BELOW TO ACCESS ALL THE EPISODES. YOU CAN ALSO FOLLOW THE PODCAST ON TWITTER [@BIGGYTALKS](https://twitter.com/BIGGYTALKS).



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