

# GARSTANG FOOTBALL CLUB

## YOUTH TEAM 2010/11



### INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE PLAYERS AND PARENTS

#### **A welcome from Garstang FC Youth Development Officer, Dave Porter:**

Thank you for coming along and supporting this, the last Garstang Juniors U16's match, between Garstang and Myerscough Juniors. As I am sure most of you know, Garstang are to have a youth team next season and hope to be playing in the Lancashire Evening Post Sunday Football League Youth Division. This is open to any player aged over 16, but under 18, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September.

Over the last few years, the Garstang junior football scene has become isolated, with the surviving teams left to their own devices, as are many other junior teams, simply because of the lack of resources and commitment. Under the current GFC Management Committee, lead by Chairman Adrian Wilding, Garstang now have a team of people who are willing and wanting to make a Garstang Youth Team an integral part of Garstang FC, and Garstang FC an integral part of the Garstang community. With your support, and the dedication of the team and the people behind the scenes, we can ensure that up and coming young players are not abandoned, but continue in a youth team, set up to develop them as players and as individuals, who can progress through to represent the Town's senior teams.

Here is our current view of the 2010/11 Garstang Youth Team:-

**Status:** The Youth Team will be fully integrated into Garstang FC, having the same importance as the First and Reserve teams. It will play in the same football strip and be responsible to the GFC Management Committee via a Youth Team representative on that committee. There will be no separate financial accounts; they too will be integrated into the GFC Accounts. The team will play at The Beeches, whose facilities are being upgraded to match the requirements of the LEPSFL.

**Team Management:** The team will be managed by Lee Baker, who has coached the current juniors side since the U11's age-group. Paul Gahan, the previous manager, assumes the role of Secretary responsible for liaison with the league authorities. Alec Curwen is responsible for The Beeches and it's facilities. Dave Porter 'steers' the youth development programme, lends support on a day to day basis where needed, and represents the team on the Management Committee.

**Playing Costs:** As with the senior teams, the football club is responsible for all direct playing costs. These costs are significant, but they can be offset by all players finding a sponsor, an individual or business who will contribute £100 per season to support him. Sponsorship rules are the same for all Garstang players and they do have benefits for the sponsor who receives recognition on the club website and on the 'players sponsors' board displayed in the clubhouse. Individuals can also support the club further by joining the 'Score' Lottery.

#### **Contacts:**

**Dave Porter:** mobile:07827989124 email: dave.porter@garstangfc.com

If you need more information regarding youth team players or management, or you are a young player who wishes to join the Garstang Youth Team, please call Dave.

**Les Taylor:** mobile: 07979 235217 email: les.taylor@garstangfc.com

Les is the Garstang Commercial Manager. Contact him if you need any help regarding player sponsorship.

**Adrian Wilding:** email: adrian.wilding@garstangfc.com

Information regarding the 'bigger picture' at Garstang FC is available from the Chairman.

**Website:** To keep abreast of all that is happening at Garstang FC, log on to [www.garstangfc.com](http://www.garstangfc.com) - you could start in a day or so by checking out today's match report!

**In summary,** thanks again for attending this briefing session and I hope we were able to answer your questions. These are very exciting times at Garstang Football Club and I hope that you will become a part of it. If you didn't get all your questions answered today, please use the contacts above. This information sheet can also be downloaded from the club's website, where you can follow the development of the Garstang Youth Team.

Regards,

Dave Porter  
April 11th 2010

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