**WITNESHAM WASPS FOOTBALL CLUB REPORT FOR 2024/25 SEASONS**

A big change for the club this year with the re-introduction of an Adult team in the SIL. Additionally, we have grown our youth team structure and the club continues to flourish with aims to further expand the adult set-up to include a reserves team next season, possibly a Sunday adult team and more youth side development expected.

As at the time of writing, the current progress of our teams is as below:

Adult 🡪 top of Division 5 and on course to win that division. Promotion has already been secured.

U18s 🡪 sitting 4th in their league with hopes of finishing 3rd

U14s 🡪 sitting 7th in Division 4

U13s Yellows 🡪 sitting bottom of Division 1, having been promoted from Div 2 for this season the team have found the jump in level a bit too much to cope with.

U13s Blacks 🡪 currently sitting bottom of Division 5 and unlikely to continue into next season

In addition, the club continues to promote grassroots soccer to children of all ages, and we have 6 teams from U7s through to U11s in development leagues.

In total we have 144 boys and girls registered to the club as well as 39 adults.

The pitches at Witnesham continue to churn up in the wet and wintry weather which inevitably leads the club to use alternative pitches for winter training.

Following the traffic congestion and complaints of last year, we have tried to move our game start times at Witnesham, as well as re-locate some teams elsewhere in the Ipswich area, to alleviate the problems. This appears to have had the desired results as I have personally had zero complaints from residents about parking issues this season. Long may that continue.

The club are planning to hold a Fun Day on Saturday 14th June 2025, this was discussed at the most recent Field Committee meeting.

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