



JULY 2026

NEWSLETTER

Malmesbury Youth Football Club

We're back for a new season, bigger and better than ever with a huge number of players, teams, and waiting lists, and we're excited to get going again!

But all of this doesn't happen by itself. A huge amount of work goes into running the teams each weekend - over 60 coaches give up their time, week in and week out, to give your kids a great football experience.

Behind the scenes the committee also work hard to ensure our great facilities are safe, every child is registered with the FA and the correct league, they are protected by DBS checks and coaches qualifications, order new kit, ensure the club stays profitable so that it can continue and all the other paperwork that comes with running a football club.

But we need more help. We are especially looking to the parents of the younger players that are at the start of their football journey to bring longevity to the committee and see it through for the next generation.

So please get involved in any way you can - half an hour in The Dug Out whilst your kids team warm up for their home match, a few hours at the tournament on the day your child isn't playing, or one of the roles we're advertising today. If everyone just gave **5 hours a YEAR** it would make a huge difference.

For those of you already regularly getting involved, thank you!

We also have two goodbye and thank you's to make - to Gemma Duff (Vice Chair) & Kate Church (Club Secretary) who have both contributed a huge amount to the running of the club over the last few years. More about Kate's role further in the newsletter, and Gemma will be sticking around to help us out with pitch bookings over the winter period, and of course with the tournament.

Thanks to both of you for your amazing contributions.

From
The MYFC Committee



ROLE VACANCIES

After literally running the show for 5 years, Kate Church has decided it is time to hand the baton on to someone new and has handed in her resignation as Club Secretary.

It is testament to how much she does for the club that her role has been broken down into 5 roles over the last year:

Club Secretary (vacant)

Registration Secretary (filled by Emma Grayson)

Assistant Secretary (filled by Laura Moore)

Facilities Manager (vacant)

The Dug Out Manager

CLUB SECRETARY (COMMITTEE ROLE)

The club secretary is the main point of contact for the leagues and the FA, and ensures the coaches are kept up to date, as well as organising our committee meetings and AGM.

FACILITIES MANAGER

The facilities manager will be responsible for the upkeep of the facilities at the Dave and Marion Pictet Pitches (just the facilities - changing rooms, kitchen, signage etc - there is also a Groundsman already in place).

ASSISTANT WELFARE OFFICER (COMMITTEE ROLE)

Assist Margo in her role as safeguarding officer, and potentially take over the role in the near future.

A huge thank you to Kate for all of her hard work to ensure the club runs smoothly - if you would like more information on any of these roles please email Kate.Church@malmesburyyouthfc.co.uk



VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

The Dug Out - The simplest way to help us raise funds for the club! Just half an hour whilst your son or daughter is warming up for their home game would be really appreciated - if everyone did 30 mins PER YEAR we would have the rota easily covered.

**SIGN UP ON
THE DUG OUT
ROTA HERE**

No experience necessary, great for Duke of Edinburgh, and you might even enjoy it!!



MYFC Future Planning Team - More information on the next page, but as a rapidly expanding club, with waiting lists, we want to future proof the club for the next generation of footballers - so we have big plans!

Summer Tournament - This weekend relies on a team of volunteers to make it the huge success that it is year after year. Financially this tournament is our biggest source of income for the year so it's an important one!



CLEANER WANTED

PAID ROLE: 2 hours, every other week.

To maintain the changing rooms, toilets and The Dug Out.

Please email Kate.Church@malmesburyyouthfc.co.uk

AGM 2026

[Read the minutes of this years AGM here.](#)

AGM 2027 - SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday 30th of June, The King's Arms, Malmesbury.

Every age group should have a representative present.



CHILD WELFARE
OFFICER

MARGO
PANTING

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I'm Margo the clubs Welfare and Safeguarding officer which sounds very official, but really I'm here to make sure our players are safe, happy and enjoying their football.

No niggles are too small or silly to mention, I'm always happy to help where I can. My details are on the club website, and the notice board at the pitches.



**IN CASE YOU MISSED IT IN THE
LAST NEWSLETTER!**

EXCITING PLANS FOR THE FUTURE OF MYFC

The last few years have seen MYFC expand rapidly which is amazing to see. To ensure we can continue providing great facilities for our players the committee are starting to think about the next steps for the club.

We are rapidly running out of pitch time and space, and overused pitches do not fair well in the winter! The lack of lighting in the evenings also means a big financial burden on the club to pay for winter training facilities. Our current location at the DMP playing fields does not allow us to develop it or to extend, so we are beginning to think about other potential locations where we could create an amazing facility for Malmesbury footballers. We are thinking about:

- Do we want our own 4g pitch?
- Where could we move to?
- How could we raise the substantial amount of money required to buy land?
- Could we join with other local sports to create a sports ground similar to the one in Chippenham, either as joint partners, or maybe we could lease space to them as a future revenue stream?

At the moment this is purely a big audacious goal - but we'd love to get people involved to make it a reality! With thanks to those that have already come forward to offer support, if you would also like to be involved in a new committee looking at the future of MYFC please let us know. We are particularly looking for people with experience in:

- Grant/bid writing
- Sports funding
- Project management
- Budget management
- Any other skill you think would be useful, or just enthusiasm for the idea!

If you'd like to get involved and be part of the **MYFC Future Planning Team** please get in touch with Craig.Duff@malmesburyyouthfc.co.uk



UPDATE

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All these plans come at a cost. As such, a preliminary step is to change the structure of the club to a Private Company Limited by Guarantee and become a registered charity. This new structure will open up the maximum number of funding streams and ensure that no one individual is personally liable for the associated costs.

We plan to hold an Extraordinary General Meeting on **Wednesday 14 October 2026 at the King's Arms pub on Malmesbury High Street from 1930** to formally approve the creation of the new entity. All members are welcome to attend.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER

7.30PM

KING'S ARMS, MALMESBURY



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ANOTHER FANTASTIC SUMMER TOURNAMENT!

- A record 231 teams were entered from clubs all over Wiltshire & Gloucestershire.
- The girls tournament has grown so much we had to extend to the following weekend!
- Over 2000 burgers flipped and over 1000 bangers bbq'd!
- Over £16,000 was raised for the club!
- Over 50 volunteers who made the whole thing possible.

Thanks to everyone that helped to make this event a success - organising the teams, putting up (and taking down!) tents, serving food, marking out pitches, directing traffic in the car park, the list goes on - we literally cannot run this tournament without you!

DID YOU KNOW?

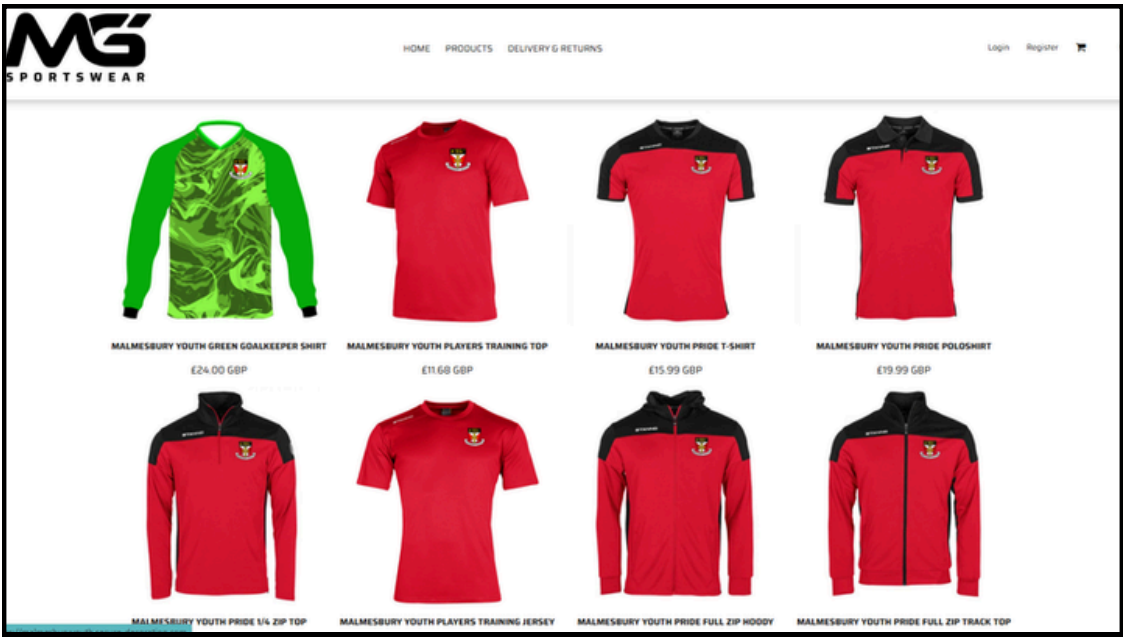
The tournament has become such a beast that it has it's own committee to make sure it runs smoothly - if you would like to get involved next year please get in touch at tournament@malmesburyyouthfc.co.uk







KIT SHOP



FIND THE BOOT EXCHANGE IN THE CHANGING ROOMS AT YOUR NEXT HOME GAME

BOOT EXCHANGE

WE'RE KICKING OFF A SWAP SHOP TO HELP SUPPORT PLAYERS AT OUR CLUB!

**** REUSE & RECYCLE ****

PLEASE DONATE GOOD QUALITY, CLEAN PRE-LOVED FOOTIE BOOTS & ASTROS

U16 & U17 PLAYERS WANTED

COULD YOU BE OUR NEXT NEW SIGNING?



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MYFC CODE OF CONDUCT: PLAYERS



MYFC football players are expected to:

- Always play their best for the benefit of the team
- Generally attend scheduled training sessions and matches
 - Play fairly and be friendly
 - Play by the rules and respect the Referee
- Shake hands with the other team – win or lose
 - Listen to what the coach tells them
- Understand that a coach has to do what's best for the team
- Talk to someone they trust or the MYFC Welfare Officer if they are unhappy about anything at the club
 - Encourage their team mates
 - Respect the facilities home and away

The full MYFC Code of Conduct can be found on our website here: [MYFC CODE OF CONDUCT](#)

MYFC CODE OF CONDUCT: PARENTS AND SPECTATORS



Parents and Spectators are expected to play their part at MYFC by:

- Having fun
- Celebrating effort and good play from both sides
- Always respecting the Referee and coaches and encouraging players to do the same
- Letting the coaches do their job and not confusing players by telling them what to do
- When players make mistakes, offering them encouragement
 - Never engaging in, or tolerating, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Staying behind the touchline and within the Designated Spectators' Area

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CODES OF CONDUCT

MYFC CODE OF CONDUCT: COACHES



MYFC coaches are expected to:

- Always show respect to everyone involved in the game
 - Stick to the rules and celebrate the spirit of the game
 - Encourage fair play and high standards of behaviour
- Always respect the Referee and encourage players to do the same
 - Never enter the field of play without the Referee's permission
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive behaviour
 - Be aware of the potential impact of bad language on others
 - Be gracious in victory and defeat
 - Respect the facilities home and away
- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above all else
 - Never tolerate any form of bullying
 - Ensure all activities are suited for the players' ability and age
- Work with coaches/members of MYFC for each player's best interests
- Familiarise themselves with safeguarding practices and FA guidance on working with young people

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THE REHAB LOFT: 20% DISCOUNT FOR MYFC PLAYERS, PARENTS & COACHES

FOR MORE INFO:
INFO@THEREHAB-LOFT.COM
WWW.THEREHAB-LOFT.COM

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MEET THE MYFC COMMITTEE

If you fancy joining us, we're always looking for more volunteers to help share the work load as the club continues to grow.

We're a friendly bunch, committed to enabling coaches to provide as much football as possible to grow our players talents and teams.

If you want to get involved in any way, big or small, please get in touch with Kate Church, our Club Secretary.



CHAIR

ANDY
WICKS



VICE CHAIR
& HEAD COACH

JAMIE
WHATCOTT



CLUB
SECRETARY

KATE
CHURCH



VICE CHAIR

CRAIG
DUFF



TREASURER

MARTIN
RICE

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ASSISTANT CLUB
SECRETARY

LAURA
MOORE



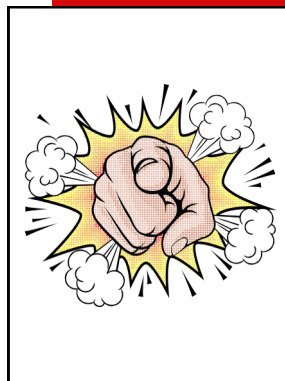
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ASSISTANT CHILD
WELFARE OFFICER

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VACANCY

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GRAYSON



KIT MANAGER
(KIT)

SARAH
GRANT



KIT MANAGER
(EQUIPMENT)

HANNAH
THOMPSON



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