



# Lawford Football Club

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## Football's Coming Home

### LFC@LFC! Launch Event

Our campaign, named LFC@LFC, to build an all-weather facility at School Lane is gaining momentum. At the launch event, the development committee outlined the objectives of our project to create a -

- Local & sustainable hub that is a
- First class facility, supporting wellbeing &
- Community-wide participation



The launch presentation and our new Football Development Plan can be found on the website [www.lawfordfc.co.uk/allweatherproject](http://www.lawfordfc.co.uk/allweatherproject)

The launch event was combined with an EGM, where members agreed that the Club should apply to the Charity Commission to be Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Football's Coming Home, the 1996 release to mark England's hosting of that year's European Championships has become an anthem for our national team. Today we find ourselves in extraordinary circumstances, with many of us largely confined to our homes. The Premier League and the EFL has announced their intention to complete the season, albeit behind closed doors, while the European Championships in the men's game has been postponed. The only football taking place at the moment is at home whether this is in our back gardens, re-watching memorable games or too many hours spent on FIFA (I've heard all the excuses many times before).

Despite the challenges, and for some sadness, of our current circumstances, better times will return. As a Club this will mean football coming home, coming back to School Lane. The opportunity to train and play alongside team mates once again. The excitement that comes before a Saturday afternoon or a Sunday game. Banter, bacon rolls and half-

time oranges. A chance to chat with familiar faces that you haven't seen on the touchline for many weeks. All this will return.

Given the current uncertainties, planning for events in the near-term is challenging. Unfortunately, it's not feasible to run our highly regarded five a-side tournament this year. However, it is important to mark the achievements of the current season and we are committed to hosting awards events when we can.

Behind the scenes work continues on building the Club's long-term potential through increased community participation and the development of an all-weather facility. Last month, the Club's application to be registered as a charity was approved by the Charity Commission. This marks a major milestone in our development plans and in particular will help the Club access new sources of funding.

We look forward to seeing everyone back at School Lane and in the meantime, keep safe.





# Keeping in Touch

## Messages for our Players & Supporters

### BBC Essex Woman's Trophy: Semi-final Success

Many congratulations to Lawford Ladies for their success in the semi-final of the BBC Essex Woman's Trophy. After extra time the game between Lawford Ladies and Hutton FC Ladies was drawn at 3-3. Lawford finally prevailed, winning 4-3 on penalties. This is the second consecutive year that the Ladies have reached the final of the competition - a tremendous achievement.

### First Trustees

As part of our application to become a charity, Club members appointed eight inaugural trustees. These individuals are responsible for the general management of the Club and have ultimate responsibility for directing the affairs of the Club, and ensuring that it is solvent, well-run, and delivers the charitable outcomes for the benefit of the public for which it has been set up.

Our first trustees are—

John Duchars (Chair)  
Carl White  
Dave Atton  
Jim Tait  
Lloyd Bellett  
Mark Simons  
Nick Anderson  
Susanne Grimwade

### Newsletter via E-mail

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### First Team

Thanks to everyone involved at the Club from John Duchars to Henry in the kitchen - the place wouldn't be the same without you. We'd like to thank the players for yet another season at Lawford and look forward to seeing you all next season so we can push up the table after showing what we can do in the last 3 months. Many thanks to Paul Skinley (aka coach) for his continued hard work sorting out training for all senior sections. Big shout out to the golden oldies on the chairs outside every Saturday and all Club supporters. Everyone involved with the First Team wishes all Club players and supporters a healthy and safe summer. We also want to thank our NHS for the tremendous work. See you all next season much love Andy and Paul (First Team management).

### Jay Welham writes

Thank you to everyone involved at Lawford Football Club this season. It has been a pleasure to be work with you all in my first season of management. The attitude, passion and desire to make the Club the most professional it can be, have been key to a successful season for the reserves. Right from the players, supporters and impeccable work from all of the volunteers, we could not have done it without you. I look forward to pushing on as 'one club' in the upcoming season, but for now I wish you all a happy and healthy summer. Please stay home and stay safe.



### Aaron Finch writes

It's been a rollercoaster of a season and its premature end was certainly not how anyone had expected for it to finish, however health and safety of everyone comes first. I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone at Lawford Ladies for welcoming me into the fold and being a pleasure to work with. We may have been up against it at times, but

each and every player has given their all and made my first venture into management an enjoyable one! I would also like to extend my thanks to everyone behind the scenes, John, Lloyd and Dave to name just a few, who have been right behind the Ladies in everything. Whilst we look forward to next season whenever that will be, please all stay home and stay safe. We will get through this, together!



### Under 18s

It has been great to work with you all over the season and to see you develop into such a tight group. You've shown great ability, determination and always given 100%...as well as being the best footballing team in the league! There have been so many great performances, results and laughs along the way. Wishing Travis, Jack, Ross & Ross all the very best as they finish their time in youth football. A massive thank you to Paul for the fantastic training sessions and support. Stay safe and looking forward to catching up soon ahead of next season. Lee, Pip, Nick & Deri

### Under 15s

Hello to all the parents and players of the U15's. Hope you are all staying safe and well. As soon as we are able, we will return to training and will hold a few friendly games in anticipation of a big under 16 year coming up. So, use your daily exercise slot wisely, otherwise the first few training sessions will be beep tests. We know how you look forward to those! Hopefully see you all soon, Matt and Mark.

### Carl White writes

A message to all the U14 Blues, great effort this season in a very competitive league. There have been ups and downs as there always will be, but you have stuck together and are maturing into a great bunch of lads. Looking forward to next season. Carl.



How well do you know Lawford Football Club?

1. Name the Lawford Lads 1967 -68 goalkeeper?
2. In which newsletter edition does the same player appear in photos of two different junior teams?
3. When did the Club move to School Lane?
4. Lawford U18s were C&DYFL Division A champions for two successive seasons. Who managed these teams?
5. What do Club President, George Bibby, and James Thompson (Rio) have in common?
6. Which team does the Starlight Tea Chapel sponsor?
7. Who are FJG and what do they do?
8. Hearts Delight and Atlas Autos have been generous sponsors - how many times do shirts sponsored by each appear in our photographs of past teams (count the shirt if you can see any part of the sponsor's logo)?
9. What was our First Team manager 100% focused on?
10. When the Club says it wants to create LFC what does it mean?
11. Pictorially, in which month did no 2 go missing?

Prizes for three best responses sent by 31 May to [lawfordfc@gmail.com](mailto:lawfordfc@gmail.com)  
Bonus points for answers that make the editor laugh!  
The editor's decision will be final. Our website is [www.lawfordfc.co.uk](http://www.lawfordfc.co.uk)

# Keeping in Touch

## Messages for our Players & Supporters

### U14 Reds

Congratulations to all U14 Reds players for a good season that finished on a strong note with the team unbeaten in their last seven games and only losing three times all season. Our division was one of the few to complete all league fixtures with the Reds ending third in the table. Hope everyone is keeping fit and healthy. Doug

### David Gray writes

The U12's have had an amazing season and at the closure of play were in a huge position to either win the league or become runners up losing only 2 league games all season and hugely impressive in their defensive displays. Since the lockdown we have continued close communication and the boys have a weekly skills challenge that are posted onto our Whatsapp group for parents. Next season looks very very positive for Lawford U13s

### Under 11s



Hoping all players and family members from the U11s are staying fit and healthy in these testing times. Thanks for taking part in the football challenges that I've set, hopefully you've enjoyed them. I'm sure your all itching to get back to training and playing football (and school), fingers crossed we'll be able to take part in some sort of football whilst the weather is still good. Well done for all your commitment, hard work and effort throughout the season. And let's look forward to U12s competitive football later this year. Dave D

### Ben Seaman writes

A message to all the U10 Blues, Hope you're all well and keeping yourself safe and sound in these strange times. I look forward to seeing you all very soon as U11s. Plenty of time to get used to the offside rule ready for next season.

### U10s Reds

Well done to all U10 Reds players for all your enthusiasm and hard work this season. Thank you also to our supporters for your tremendous encouragement from the sidelines. Looking forward to seeing everyone back at School Lane, whether you are moving up to play as an U11 or as part of our new U10s team. Charlie

### Under 10s Yellows

Thank you to all the players for their hard work and to the parents for their continued commitment. We've had a great season and although cut short due to these unprecedented circumstances, it's been another successful year together. Stay safe. Jon

### Under 8s

Dear Spence, Thomas, Oaks, Grant, Henry, Fred, Travis & Ronnie. It was such a shame that the season ended, as we had a wonderful season, with great improvement individually and especially the team. The effort and determination to improve has been exceptional, especially after the difficult start of the year playing all the top teams. I am proud of all of you. The highlight of the season will always be our trip to Stanway, with the team performance on the day gaining the praise of the opposition manager and opposition parents. I hope you are keeping well during these trying times, and practicing your football as much as you can. When we are allowed to play again then we will get together and start preparing for next season on the bigger pitch. In the meantime, stay safe, missing you all, Mark O

### Jack Cansdale writes

An unbelievable first proper season of football for Lawford Juniors U7s! Goals galore! You're an incredible group of players and parents and I can't wait for us to pick up where we left off. Plus, we've also grown in numbers, so hopefully we will have Blues and Reds teams as U8s.

As for the U6s, we've seen the group blossom as they learn the rules of the game and make new friends. They're quick learners and, fingers crossed, they'll have remembered most of what we've done thus far! Looking forward to getting you guys sorted into your teams for next season. Stay safe!



Jack Allam

### Keeping Active

We've added some information to the website about staying physically active and mental wellbeing during this time, which can be found at [www.lawfordfc.co.uk/keeping-active](http://www.lawfordfc.co.uk/keeping-active)

Mark Orion also devised a virtual running race for the U8's. His report on the race can be found at [www.lawfordfc.co.uk/latest-news](http://www.lawfordfc.co.uk/latest-news)

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# The School Lane Profile

## Jack Allam, U18's Captain & First Team Player

How did you first become involved in the Club?

I first started played for Lawford at under 8s

Other than Lawford FC, which team do you support?

Arsenal

What has been the highlight of your time at the Club so far?

Scoring two goals against Brantham Reserves

What is your all time football highlight?

Winning the quadruple last season for Great Bentley under 18s

Who is your football hero?

Cesc Fàbregas

If you could change one thing about the game what would it be?

Referees to be more consistent

Half-time oranges - good idea?

No I would rather have Jaffa cakes

Bacon sandwich or ham & cheese panini?

Bacon sandwich

Do you have a football nickname?

When I was younger it was jackattack

Outside of football how do you spend your time?

Working, Xbox and seeing my mates

What is the best advice you've been given?

Your last touch is your most important

What was your favourite children's TV programme?

Ben 10

How many pairs of football boots you own?

Two pairs

If you could choose one piece of music to be played as you come on to the pitch what would it be?

Kanye West - Power

Thank you, Jack

Editor's Note: we wouldn't normally profile a youth or junior team player, however Jack celebrated his 18th birthday a few months ago..

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