



# Lawford Football Club

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## Groundsman of the Year

Lawford FC's Dave Atton has won the 2018 Essex FA Groundsman of the Year award. Dave is a tireless supporter of the Club, not only ensuring that our pitches are kept in prime condition, but also helping run the bar and coffee shop as well as being Treasurer for the Senior Section. With much of Dave's work behind the scenes, it may not appear to everyone the very significant contribution he makes to the smooth running of the Club. Thank you, Dave.

During the Awards ceremony held in July, Leyton Orient manager, Justin Edinburgh paid tribute to scores of local football volunteers. "At grassroots level there's that real bond and that real special connection between the fans,

the players and everyone connected with the football club. For everyone here tonight who collects an award it's very well deserved and I'd like to congratulate them."

While our pitches remain in first class condition thanks for Dave, with help from Steve Rand and Jason Tilstone, other improvements include new goals for main pitch, partly funded by the Football Foundation. There are also new goals for use on the 5x5 or 7x7 pitches. The U10s are delighted with the new goals and would like to thank the Club. They are pictured showing their appreciation, well actually just 13 boys going a little crazy!!



Dave Atton with his award

Aynsley Davidson, manager of Frinton & Walton U16s Blues, told us when he visited School Lane last month, "We've always enjoyed playing at your ground, such lovely pitches. Your Groundsman was a worthy winner of the Essex FA Award " Aynsley went on to say "He does a great job, prepares the best pitches for miles."





# Short Corner

## News from around the Club

### What a Scorcher!



Richard Finan will share the role of Secretary for the Junior section, while Corrina Dolso has taken on responsibility for fund raising activities.

Sadly, we say goodbye to Richard Pilkington. For the last six years Richard served as Junior Secretary, working hard to keep us in good shape with all administrative matters. We will miss his encyclopaedic knowledge of league rules, his diligence and good humour.

### Coffee Morning



Saturday 20 October in the Pavilion at School Lane from 10am until 1pm. Any raffle prizes would be gratefully received - see posters in Pavilion for details

### Save the Date:

Lawford FC Quiz Night  
Saturday 10 November  
More Details to Follow



### New Sponsor for U10s



A huge thank you to ARC Legal Assistance for sponsoring new kit for the Blues and Reds U10s

With this year's Five A Tournament taking place in the middle of the summer heat wave, ice cold water and sun cream were order of the day for players and spectators alike. More than 50 junior and youth teams joined this year's tournament, with 150 games during the day and participation by over 300 players. As always, a fantastic day for grassroots football and thank you for the hard work from all those who supported the event.

### World Cup Feast at the Bengal Diner



U16 players and parents would like to thank the Bengal Diner at Fox Street for welcoming us to their summer garden party. Not only did our hosts serve a delicious lunch but also set up a screen outside for us to enjoy England's 6-1 win over Panama. Happy days!

### New faces on Management Committee

We are delighted to welcome four new members to the Club's management committee. Lloyd Bellett has taken over as Secretary for the Senior section. Susanne Grimswade together with

### Green Tokens



Thank you to everyone who supported the Club through the Green Token scheme at the Co-op. Last time I looked we were "knocking it out of the park".

### Spend on-line and help the Club

Every time you shop on-line you can support the Club simply by signing up to

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/lawfordfc/>

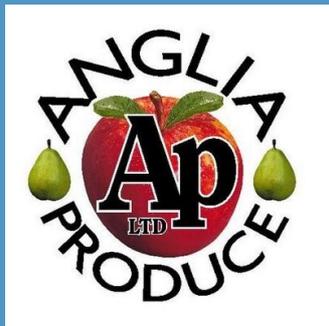
No catches, no hidden charges and Lawford Football Club will be really grateful for your donations.





Ollie Mann, top scorer in the Essex & Suffolk Border Premier Division

First Team New Sponsor



A huge thank you to Anglia Produce for sponsoring new kit for the First Team

# Ninety seconds with

## Ollie Mann, First Team Centre Forward & Vice Captain

**How did you first become involved in the Club?** After chatting to Andy in the pub, I decided to go to pre-season training up the lane and couldn't wait to join the lads

**Other than Lawford FC, which team do you support?** Arsenal FC

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

Promotion to the Premier League

**What is your all time football highlight?**

Playing a pre-season friendly for Brantham Reserves against Mistley Witchfinders. I'd missed 2 seasons of football due to serious injury. It was the start of my comeback and the most enjoyable game I have played in. I scored two goals and played upfront with my brother Josh

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

I would forget the offside rule and you could goal hang

**Bacon butty or ham & cheese panini?**  
Bacon Bagel with Tiptree Ketchup

**How many pairs of football boots do you own?** Four !

**Who is your football hero?**

When I first started watching football, Thierry Henry was the best player in the Premier League. He scored many great goals and played for Arsenal

**Outside of football how do you spend your spare time?**

I spend time with my wife, family, and friends as well as listening to talk sport

**What is the best advice you've been given?** Move on quickly, you'll be dead soon

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

Nickleback - Rockstar

Thank you, Ollie

## Promotion for Lawford Ladies

Last season the Ladies won promotion to the Eastern Region Women's Football League. Training and pre-season games went very well with everyone working hard in preparation for playing in a more challenging league.

The season started with a tough away game in St Ives, near Cambridge. Soon after came a home game against Histon Ladies. It was a hard fought game in terrible conditions with Lawford coming out with a 2-1 win. This was followed by an away fixture at Kings Lynn, from which the team returned with a very impressive 4-1 win. This has been followed by success in both the League Cup with a 7-0 win over Bishops

Stortford and a 4-1 win against Hoddesdon Town in the League.

This season is going to be a tough one but the amount of hard work the team has put into it so far can only see great things to come from them. The Club is very proud of what they have achieved so far from such a great bunch of ladies.

While the team face a lot of travelling this season it would be made easier with your full support at home and away games, making our Ladies team a massive part of the Club. Hope to see you all soon at their next game.

Follow the team on Twitter @fc\_lawford



### All Weather Project

We are launching a project to investigate the potential to develop the old tennis courts at School Lane as an all-weather training facility. This will be a considerable undertaking for the Club, but the benefits could be huge! If you have experience or skills that might help, and you are interested in getting involved please contact Richard Finan [richard.finan@arclegal.co.uk](mailto:richard.finan@arclegal.co.uk)

### Get Involved!

We are looking for help with the coffee bar on Saturday mornings and throughout the day on Sundays. Interested in helping, please let the club know. In addition, if anybody is interested in taking on the overall role of coffee bar co-ordinator, again let us know.

Do you have links to a local college? We would like to explore whether any organisations would like to partner with the club to provide work experience in the coffee shop to their students, or take this on as an enterprise project.

Interested in becoming the Club's Induction Officer, introducing new coaches and volunteers to the club, please contact us.

# Under 7s Make Lawford FC History

Mark Orrin, U7s Manager reports: On 9 September there was history made for Lawford FC, as I am told that it the first time that we have entered an U7s team into the League. The squad of nine players had been together last season training and therefore were very eager to get to play a match. Their excitement was increased as it was an away fixture and even more exciting was the fact that it was an "overseas" fixture with a visit to Mersea Island, playing against Oyster Youth U7s.

The kick off was due at 10:00 and even after the normal Sunday morning problem of finding a car parking place around a football ground, all players were present and ready to go. After a

warm up and the first pre-match team talk. As I was not too sure what to expect it was kept simple: "play football and have fun". What more did I need to say. Next for posterity was the team photo.

The match seemed to pass in a blink, but all the players put a great effort in and all had fun. The results at this age is not important. Every boy played to their best ability and conducted themselves in a way that was an asset to Lawford FC. They should be proud; the parents were proud and it made me proud to be called their manager and coach. The history books will show that for Lawford U7s, and the individuals involved, their first game was good day.



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