



# Lawford Football Club

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## One Lawford Club

Club Chairman, John Duchars

Over 6 years ago the fundraising for the new pavilion began. A big part of that was making sure that we focused on the promotion of football at School Lane - To make it inclusive and of a high standard to deliver the investment our people and financial partners committed to (including the Football Foundation; Essex County FA; Tendring and Lawford Councils, also many others). Underpinning that was a 5 year football development plan for growth and player retention, enhancing Club standards and policies, development of players, coaches and volunteers.

A key part was the acknowledgement that the Senior and Junior/Youth sections (both FA Charter Standard) had to find a way to harmoniously provide a clear pathway from Junior to Youth and ultimately Senior Football. The reality is that Junior teams sustain Youth teams and they sustain Senior Football. There is clearly a dependency on the development and retention of Junior/Youth players at Lawford to backfill the Senior teams. It is an intertwined and essential relationship.

The vision of 'One Club', shared by many in the committees supporting the vari-

ous sections, was finally realised in June 2015 and a result of the above. This is Lawford FC's second year of being and I am proud as Chairman to reflect on how everyone is focused on the big picture, not just their own area. We have the best facilities (pitches and pavilion) around, play with the right ethos, discipline and governance. It all relies on the collective hard work of volunteers.

Together we can achieve many things, but it's a 'One Club' journey we've only just started in reality. If you share our vision to continually drive the Club forward and want to join us as a volunteer, please let me, your manager, or a committee member know. Your help will be invaluable and warmly embraced. Believe me, there are a lot of things we need/want to do and specific roles to fill within the club. Together we can make a huge difference. We are investors in people, football and ultimately sport for all.

Enjoy the 2016/17 season!



John Duchars  
Club Chairman



#### Lawford FC Website

We have launched our new website - [www.lawford.co.uk](http://www.lawford.co.uk).

The site is intended to help raise our profile in the local community, particularly with player recruitment, and to share information across the club. Please let us have your feedback on the new site.

If you would like to get involved in helping run any other aspects of the Club's media activities contact Nick Anderson.

#### Early success

Congratulations to our Ladies team on their unbeaten run this season. The team lead the Premier Division of the Essex County Women's League with six wins out of six since the start of this season.

#### New Club Badge

A big thank you to U18s player, Ben Rand, who designed the new badge for the Club and to Keith Seville, who graphically enhanced the image. Combining elements of the Lawford Lads and Junior badges, the new badge will be introduced as kit is replaced over forthcoming seasons.

# Short Corner

## News from around the Club

### Five Aside Tournament

Over 300 young footballers from across 47 teams participated in the Lawford Football Club Five Aside Tournament at the start of July. It was fantastic to see so many younger players from different teams enjoying their football and for the first time for the club to host a girls competition. Well done to all players that participated in the tournament. The sun shone for almost the whole day!

Many thanks to all of those from across the Club for their hard work in helping to organise the event. This is one of our most important fund raisers, helping the club to continue to invest in better equipment and facilities for our teams.

### U18 League Champions

A huge well done to our U18 Blues who won the 2015/16 U18s A League of the Colchester & District Youth Football League. Many congratulations to all of the players and manager, David Strike.

### U8s play in their first League Trophy Event

Our U8s played in their first league Trophy Event on Sunday 16th October. According to David Dines, U8s manager "The team thoroughly enjoyed the experience and played some really good football." More pictures can be found in the Gallery page of our website, [www.lawfordfc.co.uk](http://www.lawfordfc.co.uk).



### U11s Long Service Awards

On Friday 9th September, recognising their participation in three seasons of mini soccer, Colchester & District Youth

League presented long service awards to Harley Toleman, Alex Hazell, Zak White, Sonny Dines, Will Metcalfe, Alfie Abblett and Ben Holden from our U11s team. Congratulations to our players. We hope they enjoy many more years playing football at Lawford.

### New Sponsor for U12s

A huge thank you to Aquatronic Group Management (AGM) for sponsoring new kit for this season's U12s team.



### Young Leaders

At the end of July a number of Lawford players from our U13s, U14s and U18s teams participated in a Junior Leaders Course. Held at School Lane, the course provided an introduction to leadership skills for those involved in football. Over two days topics covered included getting involved and helping those involved to 'get better', creating a safe learning environment, organising games, preparing to referee, whistle techniques, player safety, game safety and managing player's expectations. Respect, promoting the game and developing the game were issues embedded throughout the course.

Well done to all our players that participated and a special thanks to Jay Welham for organising and running the course. A number of the players are putting their skills into practice by assisting at the Saturday morning training for our younger age groups.





### Fair Play Trophy

Last season's U13 were awarded the Colchester & District Youth League Trophy for Fair Play from across all U13 teams in the League. Manager Jonathan Sly was delighted saying that this was "A fitting and well deserved reward for the way in which we play the game. As a team we have always promoted hard work and competition whilst ensuring we play each game with dignity and integrity." Well done to all of the players in the team.

### League Tournaments

At the start of October, Lawford FC hosted Mini Tournaments for U7s and U8s on behalf of the Colchester & District Youth League. It was fabulous to see so many youngsters enjoying their football at School Lane.

Many thanks to the volunteers that helped set up the pitches for the tournaments and run the coffee bar. Bacon butties, teas & coffees are great sellers at these events and over the last 12 months the coffee bar has become an important source of funding for the Club.

# Ninety seconds with Marc Lawson, Ladies Team Manager

**How did you first become involved in the Club?**

I've only been with the club for a few months, after replying to an Essex FA advertisement for a new manager and coach for Lawford Ladies

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

The team is unbeaten in all of its pre-season friendlies and the six league games so far this season

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

**What is your all time football highlight?**  
When my ten year old son, as goalkeeper at Elsenham Youth FC, was voted an unsung hero by the FA

**Who is your football hero?**  
Bill Shankly

**If you could change one thing about the game what would it be?**  
More money in grassroots football, developing the next generation of England players

**Bacon butty or ham & cheese panini?**  
Bacon butty every time!

**Half-time oranges - good idea?**  
No



**Do you have a football nickname?**  
Moet, as in the champagne

**Outside of football how do you spend your spare time?**  
It's all about football (and work)

**What is the best advice you've been given?**  
It takes a better person to lose than to win

**How many pairs of football boots you own?**  
Four (must be black)

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

Thank you, Marc

## School Lane scenes





### New Players

Do you know anyone interested in playing football for Lawford FC? Please find contact details for all teams at our website -

[www.lawford.co.uk](http://www.lawford.co.uk)

### Subs Second Instalment

A quick reminder that the second instalment of subs for the Junior & Youth teams is due by the end of this month. Thank you.

### Share your experience

Do you have news items or images that we could use for our website & newsletter? Please e-mail to Nick Anderson.

For the Youth / Junior section, please first check with team managers that everyone is happy for photographs to be taken and also remember these should always be of groups of players rather than individuals.

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