

Welcome to Shelley Community Football Club



SHELLEY COMMUNITY FOOTBALL CLUB
Storthes Hall Park, Storthes Hall Lane, Kirkburton,
Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, HD8 0WA

Shelley FC was founded in 1903, and for 70 years played football in the Huddersfield District League, before folding in 1972, and being reformed in 1980 by Ash Berry, Paul Hirst and Steven Shephard.

The club slowly grew and with the support of The Leslie Sports Foundation and the Football Foundation, moved to our current Storthes Hall Park ground in 2011, forming a junior section to run alongside the adults.

After several years of hard work to develop the facility and the club, the ground was formally opened by Sarah, Duchess of York in June 2015.

Since the move to Storthes Hall Park the club enjoyed several promotions, from the Huddersfield District League, through the West Yorkshire Association Football League and into the North-West Counties Football League, all under the guidance and management of Ash Berry and his assistants.

After two successful seasons in the NWCFL Division 1, and with the team on track for promotion to the Premier Division, the season was cut short due to the Covid-19 pandemic. As a result of the economic downturn the club returned to it's amateur status and resigned from the NWCFL.

After a couple of successful seasons in the West Yorkshire League the club were re-elected to the North-West Counties league for the 2023/24 season; moving laterally to the North-East Counties League for the 2024/25 season.

After a restructuring of the club over the summer, the club has returned to an amateur status for the 2025/26 season, with our adult team playing in the Yorkshire Amateur League.

We also run a walking football group who meet on a Wednesday, and our newly formed under 21s side who will participate in the North Midlands Development League will bridge the gap from our junior section.

We hope you enjoy our facilities, and the football on show, and ask that you respect the facilities, the players and coaches, staff and supporters whilst doing so.

The Leslie Sports Foundation

The Leslie Sports Foundation is the Registered Charity that owns the Storthes Hall sports facility and Shelley CFC.

All income, sponsorship, subscriptions and donations that the football club receives are reinvested into the football club itself, with the charity being focused on raising additional monies to cover the shortfall, and to maintain the facility for the use of the wider community.



The Leslie Sports Foundation is committed to helping the people of Kirklees to access excellent sporting facilities, and to support local community groups.

Contact Craig Leslie (07788 668959) for enquiries about the work of the charity

Investment, Progress and Plans

The Leslie Sports Foundation and Shelley Community Football Club have invested heavily over the years developing the site into what it is today.



The clubhouse and terracing c.2011



The clubhouse and terracing 2025

Projects which have recently been undertaken are the **relaying of the All Weather Pitch in 2023/24**, used by Shelley CFC and local teams for football training, as well as being the home of Huddersfield Dragons Hockey.



Projects underway include the building of **new changing rooms adjacent to the clubhouse**, to provide additional changing facilities, and **changing facilities at the existing All Weather Pitch..**

Planned

A **new tractor** has been ordered and should be here November 2025!

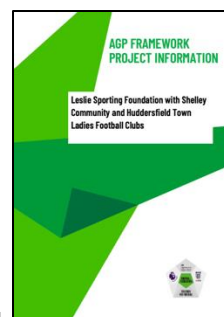
Our application has been submitted for the laying of **two 3G Football Turf Pitches** at the clubhouse end of the site. We should learn over the coming months whether we've been successful with our application and whether one or two pitches will be laid. If successful, it is expected that the pitch(es) will be ready for the 27/28 football season, with an outside chance of them being ready for 26/27 season

There are also **plans to develop the Clubhouse** including general refurbishment; a new kitchen area and a larger function room space. This will require the clubhouse to be extended.

Hopefully this demonstrates the continued investment in the site to make it even better than what is already!



The **floodlights** on the main pitch have also been **switched to LED**.



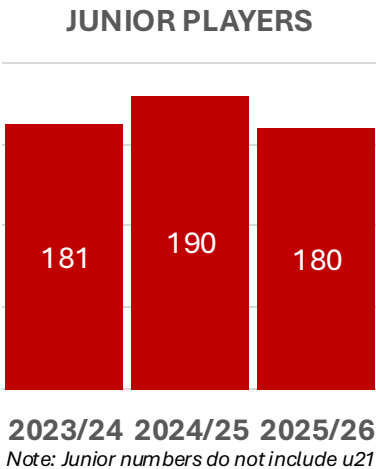
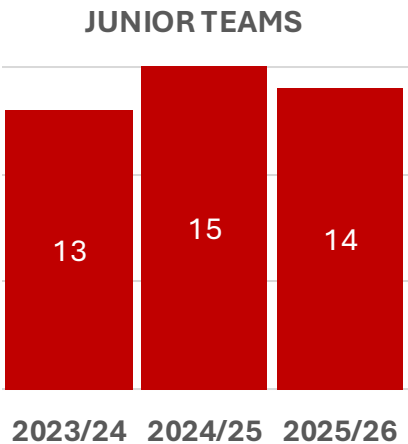
Shelley at a glance

The football club currently runs 14 junior teams, an under 21s team, an adults team and a walking football team. In addition, we run Saturday morning sessions in partnership with Project Sport to introduce youngsters to football.

Our vision remains to have 2 teams at every junior age group; an under 21s as a pathway to adult football; a minimum of two adult teams competing locally and regionally; and the provision of walking football.

TEAMS	23/24	24/25	25/26
U8	2	2	2
U9	1	2	2
U10	1	2	1
U11	2	1	2
U12	1	2	1
U13	1	-	2
U14	-	1	-
U15	2	-	1
U16	2	2	-
U17	1	2	1
U18	-	1	2
Juniors	13	15	14
U21	-	-	1
Adults	2	2	1
Walking	1	1	1

Correct at 11/10/25



Site from above

14
Juniorteams

180
Junior players

27
Teams using site
on a weekend

5
11v11 pitches

2
Mini soccer
pitches

1
All Weather Pitch

Our vision and purpose

Our vision is to be one the the top clubs in West Yorkshire by providing football opportunities for all ages and abilities, from under 4s to adults, and walking football, while fostering a strong community spirit.

Our purpose includes helping juniors progress through grassroots to adult football, achieving the highest possible level for the first team, and ensuring sustainability by developing a pathway for young players of all abilities.

Did you know?

We are also the home ground for **Huddersfield Town Women FC** whose first team development team and u23s, as well as junior teams use the site for their games

Interested in joining us?

If you're interested in joining us as a coach, a player, or as a volunteer then please get in touch.

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