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Annual Report for Somersham F.C.

The 2025/26 season has seen the welcome expansion of youth football at the club.

This time last year we were faced with the prospect of becoming a two-team club, comprising a single youth team and a Veteran's team. The Adult Men's Reserve team was disbanded at the beginning of last season and the Adult Men's First team departed at the end of the season, having won promotion to the Senior Division. Our facilities at Somersham do not meet the standards required for Step 7 football and so the Adult Men's First team was forced to look elsewhere. The team (largely unchanged) has made a strong start to life in the Senior Division, following a move to Old Newton Football Club. We wish them continued success.

With the future looking less certain, the committee was delighted when Thomas and Sarah Hitchcock asked to form an Under 12s team (the Somersham Wyverns) and club stalwart, Al Chester asked to enter an Under 18s team.

The first season for the Under 12s has been a learning curve, but great progress has been made. The team has grown in strength and ability, taking the skills and sportsmanship learnt in training onto the pitch. Parents have been really supportive, encouraging the children and helping to run things behind the scenes. The squad size has grown from 12 to 14 regular players and the team has scored in most games. With several draw under their belt, a first win is only a matter of time.

The Under 15s team has had a strong season, finishing mid-table in a very competitive division. The team is unbeaten in the last 8 games and has made the Sommy slope a fortress, only losing once at home. The progress Stephen Skeets has made over the years with this group of players is fantastic.

As is often the case, the first season has been a challenging one for the Under 18 team. In the words of Al "they started badly, faded a bit in the middle and the less said about the end the better". With that said, the Under 18s did register two wins and the team spirit across the squad is superb. The team will remain in the Under 18 division next season but will no doubt benefit from players being a year older.

Having reached the dizzy heights of Division 1, the fall from grace continues for the Veteran's team! The team finished the season welded to the bottom of Division 2. Most players are now the wrong side of 40 and competing with teams comprising 35-year-old whippersnappers is proving more and more difficult. An injection of youth is much needed! Nevertheless, the players still enjoy it and fully intend to carry on next season.

The club is really well positioned for next season and we very much look forward to seeing the youth teams develop further. The committee is in early discussions about forming an Under 12 girls' team, which will be a great addition to the club and the local area. Thank you again to all those that give up their time to run Somersham Football Club. We are grateful to have the continued support of the Parish Council in funding pitch maintenance - more important than ever with the increased football.

The club is having its End of Season Presentation Evening at the Limeburners on Saturday 6th June. Please do stop by if you have chance.

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