



# **Ardoch Juniors Football Club: Football for All!**

Report for Spring Term (January to April) 2022

06<sup>th</sup> April 2022

## **Mission Statement**

Ardoch Juniors was established to give primary school children in the Ardoch area the opportunity to train and learn football skills with an SFA Qualified Football Coach. Due to the rural location and the distances to be travelled to reach existing clubs, many children in the locality miss out.

The secondary objective is to bring more girls into the game, a double whammy is that not only are established clubs difficult to reach, but many of the closer ones also do not accommodate girls.

## **Club Update**

The club increased its role through the Winter Term of 2021 with the addition of another 2 children in the 5-7 age group and has maintained the overall registration with a regular core of around 20-24 children attending across the various sessions.

The most recent term has seen children move up from the Age 5-7 classes to the 8-11 age group and continue their football journey.

The girls only sessions on Saturdays have proven popular having grown from 4 to 10 children in regular attendance. With 4 new girls joining last term and girls from the weekday sessions coming on Saturday for additional training.

I have a quote for football shirts for the children and am currently looking to get an updated quote on the shirts for name printing and adding an Ardoch Trust logo to the shirts (parents will pay for the name printing). I will forward the updated quote shortly as I plan on putting the order through in the next couple of weeks.

A local business has also approached the club (a parent of one of the children at the club) offering to buy hoodies/training jackets for the children, I am collecting a quote for that also but that will be a cost solely for the proposed sponsor and will not require any additional funding from the Trust.

## **Personnel**

The club is run and organised by Olivia Dawson. Olivia is an SFA qualified football coach and plays for Falkirk FC, she is also a university student currently completing 2<sup>nd</sup> Year of a Sports Therapy degree. Olivia has recently been accepted into Stirling University to study a degree in Sport Development and Coaching and will be changing courses/universities after the summer. Olivia is assisted by her father, Mark Dawson (and, on occasion her younger sister Georgiana). Both Olivia and Mark are PVG cleared and have Disclosure Scotland certificates.

## **Expansion**

The club is currently looking at options for providing a summer camp through the school holidays in July and into August. Current thinking is to provide multi-sports as well as some creative/craft activities. A separate funding submission is being worked on currently as this will likely require additional personnel to run and subsequently a higher cost for parents.











