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'A CHARTER STANDARD CLUB'

The Smithy Row Ground, Hurst Green, Lancashire BB7 9QY
Members of 'The Bay' West Lancashire Football League

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Dear Andrew,

On behalf of all involved with Hurst Green Football Club we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in recent months / years. This support, in terms of time, materials and finance has been absolutely vital for the successful running and progress of the club.

At the end of last season our first team were crowned Champions of Division 2 of the West Lancashire Football League. This was a tremendous achievement by manager Graeme Seedall and his team in our first season in the North West's most prestigious amateur football league. The team has made an excellent start to the new season and are currently lying fourth in Division 1 and are unbeaten for seven weeks.

Our reserve team moved into the West Lancashire Reserve Division 2 at the beginning of the season and whilst experiencing a difficult start, with injuries, holidays, work commitments and a management change, the team are now also unbeaten over the past seven weeks and are storming up the league. With special recognition going to Hurst Green legends Stephen Young and Andrew Holden as our dedicated management team.

Hurst Green FC incredibly has run two teams over forty years. Its main asset is the pitch and facilities. It is thanks to your generosity that the club has been able to continue to invest in it. The pitch is regarded as the best playing surface in the West Lancs League and Barry Bolton has done an incredible job, maintaining and improving it. The Smith Row Ground have undergone a large transformation over the last few years including new showers and match officials room. We have also had to invest in many new pitch-side facilities; changing rooms, barriers, hard standing pathways, dugouts and advertising boards all now in existence, most of which are expensive but a pre-requisite for this standard of football.

With these improvements in place we now plan to start an under-18's team next season, something which we hope will be a fantastic building block for future players and will provide excellent support and facilities for those who want to carry on with football after other junior age levels have finished.

All funds generated are directed straight into improving the facilities and experience of being part of our club. To demonstrate this, and in recognition of your valued support, we hope you will be able to join us for our Sponsors Day next spring. This event will involve a first team game at our Smithy Row Ground. Complimentary drinks and refreshments will be served before and during the game in a marquee adjacent to the pitch. Full details will be confirmed nearer the time, subject to fixture confirmation. We really hope you can join us to see how far we have progressed – on and off the pitch.

Fundraising is a vital function for all sports clubs and something which has been traditional at our club is the annual Cabaret Evening. (This year Saturday 7 December) This show is run by the club with some of our more "talented" players and staff, performing an evening of music, comedy and dance.

Tickets for this event generally sell out within a couple of weeks; we will be promoting the event shortly but will try to give priority wherever possible should you wish to join us for this fantastic evening.

Club Treasurer Jeremy Riding is our main 'promoter' and source for the sought-after tickets: Contact Jeremy on 07944 716249

Once again, thanks for your very kind and generous support. We plan to keep you informed of our progress and hope you can continue our journey with us.

Kind Regards

Gary Young

Vice- Chairman Hurst Green FC

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