

Welcome to Brixham AFC



Thank you very much for joining Brixham AFC and welcome on board.
This pack has been put together to give you an introduction to the club
and provide as much relevant information as possible.

We please ask that you both read through this welcome pack and
keep to hand for future reference.

We do hope you enjoy your experience with our club.

History and Structure

Brixham AFC was formed in June 2012, when South Devon League clubs Brixham United and Brixham Villa merged. Brixham Villa were founded in 1953 and had previously won the league in the 2006–07 season, while Brixham United had competed in the Western Football League and FA Vase during the late 1970s.

We now have a first team which will be playing in the Jewson Western League after securing Promotion as Champions from the South West Peninsular League East in 2022/23.

Our Reserves will play in the South Devon League Division One in Season 24/25.

Brixham AFC are an FA Charter Standard club.

Our nickname is “The Fishermen” & “Billy the Fish’ is our mascot.

Check out ClubForce for more...

<https://brixhamafc.clubforce.com/>



Brixham AFC Mission Statement

The primary aim of Brixham AFC is to create a community focused organisation, providing positive life-enhancing experiences using football to help the people of Brixham and surrounding areas achieve their goals.

We will look to be both as successful and as sustainable as possible in order to support our primary aim. We strive to deliver an environment where football can be played and enjoyed by all, regardless of ethnicity, gender or ability. We seek to provide an opportunity to develop the physical, mental and emotional growth of our players and other club participants such as coaches, volunteers, committee and family members.

Through experience derived from playing football we aim to enhance life skills such as teamwork, fair-play and commitment in a supportive environment and we strive to be role models for the youth in our club as well as the larger community in which we operate.

Committee Members

Philip Thomas – Chairman

Mark Buley – Club Secretary (inc Youth Secretary)

Alan McCoy – Vice Chairman

Jane Cook – Financial Advisor

John Charles – President

Nicki Severn – Welfare Officer

Mike Crimp / Rhys Hook / Mike Douglas / Jason Couch / Tim Porter

Andy Raybould / Jobie Triffitt / Ian Whiscombe

Where we are

All our adult teams play league and cup games at Wall Park Road (1st team, Reserves and Under 18's)

25 Wall Park Rd, Brixham TQ5 9UE



Our Youth Teams play at St Mary's Park in Brixham.

St. Mary's Park, Vicarage Rd, Brixham TQ5 9RE



This is our first season playing at St Mary's as it provides a facility to play at which isn't impacted by adult games and will enable more flexibility when scheduling and ensuring that our kids get to do the thing, they love most.....playing football.

We have big aspirations for St Mary's Park & what Brixham AFC can bring to the community there. Please ask us about our thoughts / plans & we would welcome your feedback & assistance.

Although Youth games cannot be played at Wall Park regularly, we will do everything we can to ensure that your child experiences playing at Wall Park under the lights for games where the ground is available such as cup semi-finals etc.

Training

Our training sessions take place at Paignton Community College on the 3G pitch during winter months (October to March). The times are as follows:

- From 22nd October 2024 to 29th April 2025 inc at Paignton College
 - Tuesdays 7pm to 8pm – U13s

- From 23rd October 2024 to 30th April 2025 inc at Paignton College
 - Wednesdays 5pm to 6pm - U12s
 - Wednesdays 6pm to 7pm - U14s

- From 24th October 2024 to 27th April 2025 inc at Paignton College
 - Thursdays 8.30pm to 9.30pm - 1st Team, 2nd Team and U18s

Training Organisation

Some coaches may conduct training sessions outside of these times, but they will liaise with you directly.

We do train during the summer months primarily at St Mary's on an ad hoc basis, again, these will be arranged by your coach.

Notification of training sessions and matches will be sent to you by your coach using Clubforce connect. You will be added to the relevant team / group when you register with us.

If there are any issues, please speak to your coach in the first instance.

YOUR COMMITMENT TO US

The fundamental things we will ask for are positivity & commitment. We're looking for players who can attend training & wherever possible and make themselves available for games.

We appreciate work and life do get in the way of training and matches, so if that does happen, please let your coach know as soon as possible so they can plan accordingly.

We will strive to provide a positive, fun & enthusiastic environment & all we ask is that you do the same when you are representing Brixham AFC.

We are a 'Family First Club' & although winning and learning how to win is a part of football, we endeavor to learn from every aspect of the game, not just the final score.

First Aid at training

The training venue at Paignton Community College has an onsite Defibrillator.

Wall Park has an on has an onsite Defibrillator.

The nearest defibrillator to St Mary's Park is:

SHIPSHAPE TREATMENTS, 1 Burton Street, Brixham, TQ5 9HT

Or Brixham Hospital

<https://www.defibfinder.uk/>

All our Coaches are FA standard First Aid Trained.

Brixham AFC Youth Approach

Our Under 12's play 9v9 format and we encourage squads of 12 or 13 players where possible.

Under 13 and older play 11v11 format and we encourage squads of 16 players where possible.

Our club Coaches for season 24_25

U12 – Sean Ingham / Kevin Lovell - *Pioneer Youth League*

U13 – Alan McCoy - *Friendlies only*

U14 – Rhys Hook / Tim Goddard - *Pioneer Youth League*

U18 – Matt Green / Ross Bovey – *Devon u18 Youth League*

Reserves – Jobie Triffitt – *South Devon League Division 1*

First Team – Jason Couch / Tim Porter / Andy Raybould – Jewson Western League Premier Division

AS A GUIDE, THE MEMBERSHIP FEE COVERS

We often get asked so here is a quick guide as to what your membership covers at our club.

- Affiliations to the Devon FA and Pioneer Youth League
- League & County Insurances
- Public liability insurance
- Pitch Maintenance
- Winter Training hire (outside of that, any costs will need to be agreed with the club)
- Referee Fees

- Balls / Bibs / Cones / First Aid Kits (obtained through the club)
- Manager's & Coaches DBS checks
- FA Level 1 Coaching, First Aid & Safeguarding course fees

SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

If you have a sibling in the Club, it will be £180 for the 1st child, £80 for the second and then £40 thereafter.

NONPAYMENT OF SUBS

It is the responsibility of the manager / coach of each age group to ensure that payments are made. This must be reported to the Club Secretary as required.

Please Note: The Club will not register players with any youth football league until payment of subs has been made. The Club may exercise the right to withdraw players league registration for non-payment of subs.

If a player is playing for U12,13 &14s the player(s) or parent(s) / guardians are responsible for any Discipline Administration fees they may accrue from Devon FA or the FA.

As a club we are acutely aware of the rise in the cost of living, and we are looking at different options to try to make payments as easy and cost effective as possible.

If you have any issues, please speak to your age groups manager / coach and they will work with us on a potential payment solution.

The key here is communication, please speak to us if you need to.

End of Season Presentation

Ideally, we will hold the end of season presentation at Wall Park in our clubhouse and we will provide buffet food and staff for the bar.

When possible, there will be access to the pitch during this time so the kids can have a kick about, but this is at the discretion of the committee and the Grounds staff as there may be work taking place.

We are happy to take ideas and feedback on what you think is best for the end of the season and we will try to support this financially within reason.

Our aim is to have all the Youth Teams celebrate their seasons at the same time where possible & when schedules allow.

Team Fundraising

We have many different fundraising initiatives on the go at any one time, but new ideas, support and thoughts are always welcome. Teams are encouraged to find sponsors for playing and off field kit & equipment. We will do our utmost to supply what is needed, but sometimes this isn't always possible

Child Protection

Child protection is a vital part of what we do as a football club and a cornerstone of our FA Charter Status. No adult is allowed to join in with any training session until they have filled in a volunteer registration form and handed it in to the designated manager (for that age group) or our Welfare Officer.

If an adult is taking part regularly then they must complete a DBS application through the Child Welfare Officer. Best Practice guidelines advise a minimum of 2 adults to always be present.

Codes of Conducts are provided for parents and players and are to be strictly adhered to (links to the documents are on our website and by signing up to Clubforce for subscriptions this is taken as agreement).

In the event of a potential child protection issue contact the Child Welfare Officer at the first opportunity.

Any such issue is confidential, and communication should be restricted to the Child Welfare Officer unless he/she advises or requests that another person(s) become involved.

Our Welfare Officer is Nicky Severn.

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Complaints, Disclosures, Reporting a Concern

Please remember that all of our Committee, Managers, Coaches and helpers are volunteers and give freely of their time and commitment without financial reward.

They give their time to ensure that our young players can enjoy playing football which has a huge positive effect on both their physical and mental wellbeing, however, our managers and coaches are also “human” and will make mistakes.

Although we all strive to offer the best sporting experience possible there will inevitably be occasions when things go wrong or when concerns occur.

Complaints

While we hope that there won't ever be a need to do so, any complaint received will be taken very seriously by the club and fully explored.

The first point of contact for any complaint is via our Welfare Officer.

A very Warm Welcome to Brixham AFC.

We hope you enjoy your time with us & we look forward to seeing you either playing, supporting & contributing to the success of our club, both on and off the field.

