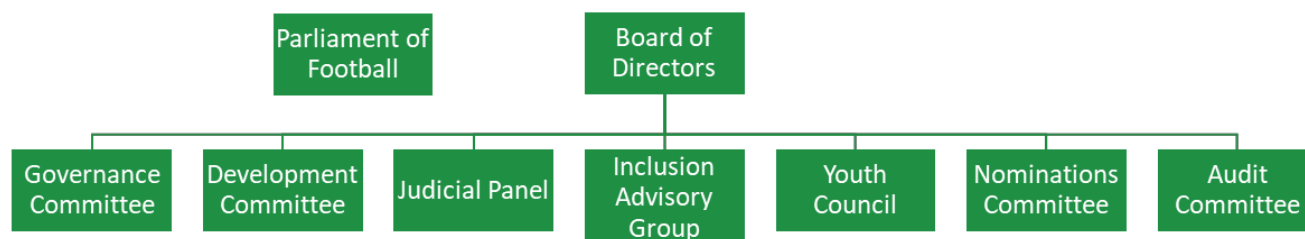


Annual Report 2022-23 Season

I am delighted to be able to provide my first CEO report having succeeded Sue Hough at the end of July. Sue has led the County to great success over a number of seasons and once again Season 2022/2023 saw a further return to some normality within football in Dorset with competitions and cups being contested and completed.

Following our success in becoming the second County in the Country to achieve the Code of Governance, the staff and directors are now working towards the revised code, to be in place with all County FA's by the summer of 2024. This will see further change in the composition of our Board of Directors and the decision-making process in terms of our committees.

Our committee structure is now as detailed below:



Our Board of Directors is comprised as detailed below:



Dave Drew chaired the Board for his first season during 2022/2023 and led them very well with Chris Charlton, our Finance Director supporting him as Vice-Chair. The decision-making structure has continued to work successfully during the second Season and the Committees have benefitted from the additional responsibility over their areas of work.

I would like to congratulate the Clubs who reached our County Cup Finals:

Competition	Winner	Runner Up
Senior Cup	Poole Town	Weymouth
Senior Trophy	Wimborne Town Reserves	Sturminster Newton
Intermediate Cup	Cranbourne	Maiden Newton & Cattistock
Sunday Challenge Cup	Sturminster Rovers	Poole Rovers
Women's Cup	Sherborne Town Ladies	Poole Town Ladies
Junior Cup	Yetminster United	Westover Bournemouth
Minor Cup	Stalbridge Reserves	Sturminster Marshall Reserves
Under 18 Youth Cup	Dorchester Town	Merley Cobham Sports
Under 16 Girls Cup	Poole Town Youth Girls	Holt United Girls
Sunseekers U16 Cup	Hamworthy United	Holt United Youth
Sunseekers U15 Cup	Sturminster Marshall	Hamworthy United
Under 14 Girls Cup	Sherborne Town Ladies	Poole Town Youth Girls
Sunseekers U14 Cup	Poole Town Wessex	Holt United Youth
Sunseekers U13 Cup	Dexter Sports Youth Lions	Ridgeway Falcons
Under 12 Girls Cup	Wimborne Town	Weymouth Girls
Sunseekers U12 Cup	Poole Town Wessex	Holt United Youth
Sunseeker U11 Cup	Lilliput AFC	Holt United Youth
Sunseeker U10 Cup	Dexter Sports Youth	Corfe Mullen United Juniors

Our Senior Clubs had a mixed Season: Weymouth finished 19th in the Southern Section of the of the National League

In the Southern Premier Division Poole Town finished in fourth position, Dorchester Town in 13th position whilst in the Southern South Division Hamworthy United finished 3rd two places above Wimborne Town, losing out on the play-offs.

In the Premier Division of the Wessex League Portland United and Shaftesbury both finished mid table, in Division One of the Wessex League Hamworthy Recreation enjoyed their first season at Step 6, finishing in fourth, only two points off of the runners up spot, Verwood Town in 14th.

In the west and north of the County Sherborne Town finished 17th in the Premier Division of the Western League, whilst Gillingham Town finished 17th in the Division One of the Competition.

In the South West Peninsula League, Premier East, Bridport finished mid table.

In the women's game Sherborne Town Ladies finished fourth in the South West Regional Women's League with Poole Town Ladies finishing in ninth. Weymouth Women finished their first season in the Division 1 of the league in seventh place. Congratulations to Ridgeway Ladies and Shaftesbury Ladies who were both successfully promoted to the South West Women's Regional League for the 2023/24 season.

The Dorset County FA have continued to perform well against our KPI's and examples of this can be seen below:

	March 2021 Baseline	2022/23 Target	2022/23 Actual
PLAYER PATHWAYS			
Male Player Pathway	12,209	12,209	12,736
Female Player Pathway	1,637	1,963	2,045
Disability Player Pathway	251	327	257
REFEREE EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT			
All Referees	160	160	179
Retention	128	129	128
Recruitment	40	40	37
Conversion	24	24	36
Progression	12	11	5

COACH EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT			
Youth Teams with a Qualified Coach	96.2%	89,5%	95.7%
CPD Attendances	N/A	219	481
FACILITIES			
Quality Grass Pitches	35	56	24

Once again, in addition to our KPI's we have maintained our high standard of diligence in respect of Safeguarding. Dorset FA passed their Safeguarding 365 Assessment at the first time of asking for the fourth assessment in succession and received a very positive Report from the NSPCC who continued as auditors. In addition to this our compliance level remains extremely high and we have a sound reporting system for any issues that arise.

The Association remains in a sound financial position as can be seen from the enclosed Accounts. We were able to have the 3G surface re-laid in the summer as part of the warranty which once again this will provide us with a fantastic community hub for football as well as the home for Hamworthy United. We faced the challenge of having to demolish the old stand once it was declared unsafe towards the end of last season and this has continued to present challenges in the new season which we are meeting and will address moving forwards.

Sponsorship and Commercial relationships remain a high priority within the County and one I am happy to lead on in my new role. Unfortunately, the agreement with Sunseekers International has been terminated and we are actively seeking a main sponsor for our County ground which we hope to confirm in due course.

I would like to thank the staff for all the work they have done over the last season and in welcoming and supporting me in my new role since my arrival. Sadly, Ed McKenzie left the Association in August, and I would like to thank him for his enthusiasm and support while he was with us.

I would also like to thank the Directors of the Association and the members who serve on Committees who give up their time freely to govern the game in Dorset who have all supported me since I have come on board.

Roger Vaughan
(Chief Executive)