



# OXFORDSHIRE FA WOMEN'S EURO 2022 LEGACY BOOKLET

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# INTRODUCTION

**It might be a year later than planned, but it's not going to dampen our enthusiasm. If anything this will make the Women's EURO 2022 even bigger!**

**Welcome to the Oxfordshire FA Women's EURO Legacy Booklet.**

This details all of our opportunities across the county for Women and Girls' to get involved in football. Whether you're 5 or 75, want to play for competition, or for fun, there's something for everyone, from Weetabix Wildcats, to Walking Football.

In Oxfordshire we have made great progress in recent years in growing the female game. From mini soccer through to adult teams, coaches and referees; all areas of the game have, and continue, to develop. We want to continue this trend and utilise the wonderful opportunity we have with EURO 2022 to do this.

Our aim is to leave female football in a better place following what will be an amazing tournament. With Europe's best players in the country, it's an opportunity to inspire the next generation to get involved for the future of the game. Whether that's as a player, a coach, a referee, or volunteer, there's plenty of opportunities to play your part.

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to the amazing volunteers that keep the game growing and improving. Thank you to those who have driven success, whether by introducing girls to the game, developing entire female pathways within clubs, and those who have played their part in expanding and running the local league systems. I look forward to working with everyone again in the future, and welcoming new volunteers, coaches and referees as we develop our beautiful game even further.

I hope I speak for us all when I say we are very much looking forward to seeing how far the Lionesses can go in this home tournament; a first since 2005, and we wish them every success. It's coming home.

**James Shiplee**

*Senior Football Development Officer &  
Oxfordshire Women's EUROs Legacy Lead,  
Oxfordshire FA*

# ***CURRENT LANDSCAPE***

**173**

**Women and Girls' Teams**

**3278**

**Female Players**

**34**

**CLUBS OFFERING  
FEMALE FOOTBALL**

**17**

**Wildcats Session**

**142**

**Schools engaged in Oxfordshire  
Girls Football Schools Partnership**

**81**

**Female Coaches and  
Managers**

**59**

**Female Coaches and Managers  
qualified to at least FA Playmaker**

**24**

**Female Referees**



# AIMS AND COMMITMENTS

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This is a huge opportunity for us to make strides in our progress of growing the female game. In addition, it's an opportunity to continue to show the physical, and mental, benefits that football has to offer.

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## Therefore we will:

- Continue to develop opportunities for women and girls to play football for the first time and stay involved through enjoyment
- Continue to increase the number of teams in mini soccer (U7-10)
- Work with schools to ensure an equal opportunity for girls to play football as boys
- Provide learning opportunities for women to become coaches and referees

## Leading to:

- Opportunities in each local authority area for anyone to get involved regardless of age
- Increase the number of mini soccer teams to over 65 by 2024 (Currently 52)
- Achieve 90% of primary and secondary school girls accessing girls' football within school, and through extra curricular opportunities, by 2024
- An increase in the number of female coaches and referees aligned with Oxfordshire FA and our clubs

# PLAYING OPPORTUNITIES – WEETABIX WILDCATS

**The perfect introduction for girls to get involved in football; Weetabix Wildcats offers girls aged 5-11 the chance to Make Friends, Have Fun and Play Football.**

**With centres across the county, there's sure to be an opportunity to get involved near you!**

PROVIDER NAME	LOCATION	MAIN CONTACT	CONTACT EMAIL
Banbury United	Banbury	Ryan Jones	<a href="mailto:CommunityCoach@BanburyUnitedFC.co.uk">CommunityCoach@BanburyUnitedFC.co.uk</a>
Bure Park	Bicester	Ben Hillier	<a href="mailto:Hillibe@sky.com">Hillibe@sky.com</a>
Crowmarsh Youth	Crowmarsh	Stephen East	<a href="mailto:Eumulie@gmail.com">Eumulie@gmail.com</a>
Easington Sports	Banbury	Jamie Hunter	<a href="mailto:JamieHunter@hotmail.co.uk">JamieHunter@hotmail.co.uk</a>
Goring Robins	Goring	Colin Williams	<a href="mailto:colinscoaching@gmail.com">colinscoaching@gmail.com</a>
Heyford Park Girls	Heyford	Hayley Clements	<a href="mailto:Hayley.Clements@Cherwell-DC.gov.uk">Hayley.Clements@Cherwell-DC.gov.uk</a>
Imperium Sports Coaching	Kidlington	Scott Latham	<a href="mailto:ImperiumSportsCoaching@gmail.com">ImperiumSportsCoaching@gmail.com</a>
Kidlington Youth Girls	Kidlington	Hayley Clements	<a href="mailto:Hayley.Clements@Cherwell-DC.gov.uk">Hayley.Clements@Cherwell-DC.gov.uk</a>
Launton Ladies and Girls	Bicester	Claire Finn	<a href="mailto:ClaireFinn7@hotmail.co.uk">ClaireFinn7@hotmail.co.uk</a>
Leys Academy Football Centre	Blackbird Leys / Northway	Michael Williams	<a href="mailto:Info@LeysAcademy.co.uk">Info@LeysAcademy.co.uk</a>
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Oxfordshire	Carterton	Rachel Mills	<a href="mailto:Millsie75@AOL.com">Millsie75@AOL.com</a>



## DISTRICT COUNCIL

Rotherfield United	Rotherfield	Andy Tidswell	<a href="mailto:AndyTidswell@gmail.com">AndyTidswell@gmail.com</a>
Thame United	Thame	Richard Carr	<a href="mailto:Admin@ThameFootball.co.uk">Admin@ThameFootball.co.uk</a>
West Oxfordshire Wildcats	Stonesfield / Charlbury	Paul Charles	<a href="mailto:Paul.Charles@Isinglass.uk.com">Paul.Charles@Isinglass.uk.com</a>
Witney Vikings Youth	Witney	Steve Bott	<a href="mailto:Bott6@hotmail.com">Bott6@hotmail.com</a>





# PLAYING OPPORTUNITIES – #LETGIRLSPLAY

A national campaign to provide more opportunities during the WEURO period, #LetGirlsPlay is a great opportunity for clubs to get involved and setup taster sessions for girls and / or women to play.

Easy to sign up for on The FA Events Platform, and with rewards up for grabs, this is a great opportunity to grow your female players, or to kickstart it at your club.

For more information on #LetGirlsPlay, contact us on [Development@OxfordshireFA.com](mailto:Development@OxfordshireFA.com).





# ***PLAYING OPPORTUNITIES – GIRLS' TRADITIONAL***

The traditional game. From 5-a-side at the youngest age groups to the 11-a-side game we all know and love. There's clubs and teams across the county and these are ever growing so we will have a team for you to join. Below is a list of the clubs that offer girls' football and the age groups they've run in the 2021-22 season.

To find your local girls' team, use the FA Find Football Tool (<https://find.EnglandFootball.com/>)

For any support in finding, or joining, a club, contact us on [Development@OxfordshireFA.com](mailto:Development@OxfordshireFA.com).



# ***PLAYING OPPORTUNITIES – WOMEN'S TRADITIONAL***

The adult game in Oxfordshire gets stronger every season and with more teams than ever, if you've thought about giving football a go, or want to get back into it after a few years out, there's something for you below.

To find your local women's team, use the FA Find Football Tool (<https://find.EnglandFootball.com/>)

For any support in finding, or joining, a club, contact us on [Development@OxfordshireFA.com](mailto:Development@OxfordshireFA.com).





# PLAYING OPPORTUNITIES – WOMEN'S RECREATIONAL

With more recreational opportunities than ever, if you're looking for something fun and casual with friends, or even just a turn up and play session, then the opportunities below are for you!

## SMALL SIDED LEAGUES

Oxfordshire FA Autumn League	September to November
Oxfordshire FA Spring League	February to April
Oxfordshire FA Summer League	May to August

Contact: [Development@OxfordshireFA.com](mailto:Development@OxfordshireFA.com)

## TURN UP AND PLAY

Provider	Location	Main Contact	Contact Email
Chalgrove Cavaliers	Chalgrove	Carol Phillips	<a href="mailto:Mad4cfc@hotmail.co.uk">Mad4cfc@hotmail.co.uk</a>
West Oxfordshire Partnership	Stonesfield / Charlbury	Paul Charles	<a href="mailto:Paul.Charles@lsinglass.uk.com">Paul.Charles@lsinglass.uk.com</a>
Witney Vikings	Witney	Steve Bott	<a href="mailto:Bott6@hotmail.com">Bott6@hotmail.com</a>
Wheatley Oaks	Wheatley	Emma O'Connor	<a href="mailto:hello@coachemma.co.uk">hello@coachemma.co.uk</a>

## WALKING FOOTBALL

Oxford United Walking Football	Oxford	Ken Wroe	<a href="mailto:KenWroe8@gmail.com">KenWroe8@gmail.com</a>
Easington Sports	Banbury	Jamie Hunter	<a href="mailto:JamieHunter@hotmail.co.uk">JamieHunter@hotmail.co.uk</a>

# WORKFORCE OPPORTUNITIES – COACHING

Behind every player is a great coach – most likely several of them. Whether you're new to the game or a seasoned pro, everyone has skills that can be transferred into coaching.

Starting with The FA Playmaker your coaching journey could take you anywhere.

## The FA playmaker

The FA Playmaker is the first step on your coaching journey. This free online coaching course takes around 6 hours to complete and will give you the basics to get started with supporting a team.

## Introduction to coaching football

This is the follow on from the Playmaker and is a great introduction to leading a team. From games and sessions, to how to deliver, this will give you everything you need to coach a team from Under 7s, all the way through to adults.

To get involved in coaching, visit [www.TheBootroom.TheFA.com](http://www.TheBootroom.TheFA.com) to get started.





# WORKFORCE OPPORTUNITIES – REFEREEING

Want to be in charge of the big match?  
To enforce the laws of the game?  
Become a referee today!

If you're thinking about taking up the whistle, remember, refereeing is a great way to:

- Refereeing is a great way to be involved in football
- There are opportunities for everyone
- Remain active in the game following injury or retirement
- Make new and lasting friends within the game
- Play a huge role in ensuring the players, and supporters, enjoy their match day experience

## The FA referee course

If you want to qualify as a football referee you will need to do the basic FA referee training course.

The FA basic referee training course provides candidates with an understanding of the 'Laws of the Game' and provides them with the practical skills to be a match official. Once you've passed the course and registered as a referee with Oxfordshire FA you will have a qualification recognised throughout England.

For more information, please contact [Referees@OxfordshireFA.com](mailto:Referees@OxfordshireFA.com).



# **WORKFORCE OPPORTUNITIES – VOLUNTEERING**

There's a variety of roles outside of refereeing and coaching to get involved in.

From being a club official, to league official, sitting on the Oxfordshire FA Board, and more, there's something for everyone to be involved in football and improve the experience of those playing the game.

The best way to get involved is through your local club. Whether you can give an hour a week or 10 hours a week, all clubs will be delighted to have the extra help and support of additional volunteers. It could be supporting with a summer tournament, sorting the accounts, or arranging fundraising opportunities as just a few examples.

If you're looking to get involved but don't know where to start, get in touch with us on [Development@OxfordshireFA.com](mailto:Development@OxfordshireFA.com).



# CLUB GUIDANCE

If you're involved with an Oxfordshire FA Club, this is a great opportunity for you to get your current players interacting with you and engage with new players or groups.

You may wish to consider:

- Running a festival for schools in the local area where girls may not have tried football before
- Setting up a turn up and play session for women in your area. Some may not have played for years, or not had the opportunity to before

- Run a competition for players within the club – this could be to show their best bit of skill, a great goal they've scored at home in their garden, or just how they're watching the tournament with friends and family
- If you can, host a night where everyone can come and watch the big game together! It's a great opportunity for everyone to be social

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This is our biggest opportunity, with a home tournament, to influence the female game across the county. We can't wait to get started, and hope you will join us on this journey and beyond.

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To get involved, contact James Shiplee, Oxfordshire Women's EUROs Legacy Lead on [Development@OxfordshireFA.com](mailto:Development@OxfordshireFA.com).





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