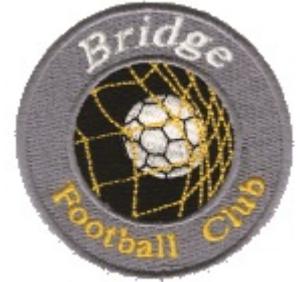


Charter Standard



We, as a Club Hold the 'FA Development Level' Charter Standard Status.

This is the highest level available to us as a Club at the moment, and places us in front of most of our local competitors. TO HAVE THIS STANDARD IS FANTASTIC NEWS FOR US AS A CLUB.

Our Standing in the local Football Community

The Charter Standard Status is a statement about who we state we are as a Club, and about parents being able to trust us with their Child – nothing is more important to us than this.

What is it and why is it so important to us as a Club?

Over the last few years the FA has been gradually pushing all involved in Junior Football, quite rightly in our view, to raise the bar in regards to the standards of coaching and support offered to young children getting involved in Junior Football.

Nationally more and more Clubs have achieved Charter Status;

So why is it important for us?

Let's just look at what Charter Mark encourages.

A Code of Conduct for all involved in the Club

Both on, and more significantly off the pitch, we as Adults must set the right example when supporting our Child, Team, Club or Colleagues.

We always need to be aware that we are always on duty and Children will always mirror our behaviour.

- Being a positive role model is crucial to setting the right example
- We must always remember that

CHILDREN DO NOT MAKE MISTAKES ON PURPOSE

We as a Club already have a code of conduct in place for Players, Managers, Assistants, Parents and Supporters and Club Officials, it's on our Club Website

If we were to have Charter Standard removed, it would happen because we didn't address our coaches qualifications, or because our discipline record was poor. We would lose access to a whole host of benefits open to the club, and this can be removed because the club gets a reputation of being badly behaved both on and more importantly off the pitch.

This is why we are very conscious of how Teams, and Adults behave when representing us.

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- **All Coaches, Assistants, Officials and Volunteers (where appropriate) to be trained to at least FA Level 1 in Football Coaching (and beyond where appropriate)**

Again, as a Club we have probably the most extensive training programme when compared to other Clubs. We have now got some 100 plus fully trained volunteers in Football Coaching to FA Level 1, this costs us as a Club each time someone undertakes this badge so you can see where some of the cash the club generates season on season goes. We ask volunteers to pay 50% of the overall cost for this.

- **All involved in the Club to undertake a Safeguarding Child Protection Course (renewable every 3 years)**

Everyone in the Club, again 100+, has this, is working through or preparing to work through this certificate. It is a certificate, which has FA endorsement to ensure people are aware of what to look for in regards to football and once again just look on our policies page on the Club Website.

The Club pays 50% of the cost for this certificate.

- **All involved in Coaching Children to have an FA endorsed First Aid Certificate (renewable every 3 years)**

Again, everyone at Bridge who coaches is in possession of, or is planning to undertake, this certificate.

The Club pays 50% of the cost for this.

- **Charter Standard demands good financial management of Club funds**

The club protects its finances very carefully by having robust systems (including double signatory accounts) in place to manage, maintain and protect your contributions to the club.

This ensures there is a safe management of every element of club finance.

This is so we can ensure we do not ask for you to contribute more than the amount agreed at the point your son/daughter registers with us for participation in each playing season.

Conclusion

All of the above bullet points only scratch the surface of why Charter Mark is crucial to our continued development as a Club.