**Hitchin Town Youth AGM 2nd September 2019**

**Chairman’s Report 2018/2019 Season**

In advance of the AGM next week please find attached the Chairman’s report for last season.

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**Season 2018/19**
I take this opportunity to welcome you to the 2019/20 season at Hitchin Town Youth football club. I would like to thank the committee and volunteers for their hard work this year as well as the team sponsors and parents for their support.

**North Herts College**
I know that many are now aware off the situation at the college, we are now working closely with them with a view and understanding on making a permanent home for Hitchin Town Youth FC. We do have a Sub Committee working on this, and any news we may have shall be reported to all.

**On The Pitch**
The club entered a number of teams from age group under 7 through to under 18’s. There were many notable success including County Cup finals, Mid Herts and Royston Crow League cup finals, as well as some great achievements in all the leagues which our teams play in.

We now have teams playing in three different leagues, E J A, Mid Herts and the Royston Crow.

**Moving Forward**
This season coming will be my sons 9th year playing for Hitchin Town Youth, and it will be my 8th year on the committee, 5th year as Chairman. The club has grown massively over this period, I believe that we had around 150 boys plying for the club back when my son started playing, and all teams playing in one league. We now have around 450 boys playing for the club, in three different leagues.

We have been a victims off our own success and the workload incredible. We are a very small committee for the workload that we have (all members hold full time jobs also) and would welcome as many volunteers as we can. We have had to take necessary actions over the summer, due to the need off a break from football, i.e. out of office relies on emails. We hope that all understand.

We also installed deadlines to actions which needed to be carried out by mangers and teams, this included sending in affiliation details, registering teams and kit ordering. We were very lenient with these deadlines, but next season we shall not be, during the course off the season we shall send out dates for the diary, these dates will be set in stone, so please keep to them.

**Social and Fundraising**
The club held its annual end of season presentation day in July which again was a most enjoyable day. I would like to thank the presentation day committee and all those that helped out and attended the day, which helped to make is such a success.

Regarding fundraising, we have decided that as a club we will be making fundraising apriority, costs are getting higher for everything, and we had to make the increase in fees last year, we would like to keep the cost the same for a number of years to come, but this may only be achievable if we start to fund raise.

**Finances**
Due to circumstances beyond our control, we are unable to produce a treasures report for this AGM. Gillian has kindly taken on the role this season, and due to the nature off this role it’s not a straight forward handover. We have had an accountant pull out (due to their workload) and we now believe that a new one has been found. We plan to get out a detailed report for last season’s accounts before Christmas, the new accountant will be working on this years also, so everything shall be up to date by next seasons AGM.

Yours
Paul Males - Chairman