



CHAIR'S REPORT 2026





Welcome to the 2026 Warmley Rangers Annual General Meeting.

This is a general report on what's been going on at Warmley over the last 12 months, and aims for the next 12.



*There is no failure...you
either win or learn*



Security for the future



Geordie will be going into the details of the club finances in his report, but suffice to say the income and outgoing look reasonably healthy on an ongoing basis.

This year, the Committee will be recommend that subs for all will become £25 per month. This means that some age groups will remain the same, while some other will experience a rise.

We will also recommend a staggered increase of £1 per month each year for the next 5 years. We believe we will still be highly competitive at this level, while providing greater ability to invest.

Thanks to Geordie for his hard work, especially around claiming Gift Aid - a very manual and tedious, but lucrative process.

Lease

We were very pleased to finally sign on the dotted line for a new 7 year lease on our grounds. The new lease gives us greater freedom of use of the grounds, plus hands responsibility for maintenance to us, giving the club ability to produce a superior playing surface.





Developing our community #GreenArmy



I'm pleased to say that we have welcomed a number of new volunteers to the team this season. But we always want to welcome more!

Chalrie has been doing a great job as Club Secretary as well as Vice Chair, and we have added HML Secretary Kris and AYL Secretary Lewis to the Committee, adding fresh energy and spreading the load for the rest of us.

Lewis in particular has been taking on a number of roles, including Social Media Manager.

I'd still love to be able to hand over the spreadsheet to a fixtures secretary, but we are just about coping between us.

One really important role I'd love to see taken on is that of Sponsorship Coordinator. I really feel we are missing out on thousands of pounds of income because we aren't making the most of sponsorship opportunities. The role wouldn't just be about canvassing for sponsors, but also ensure that we have an ongoing relationship, and that we are providing a really good return for their money. A pretty interesting role for someone to get their teeth into.

Thank you to everyone new and old who goes above and beyond to keep our club not just running, but growing and improving. You are all amazing.



Warmley @ 50

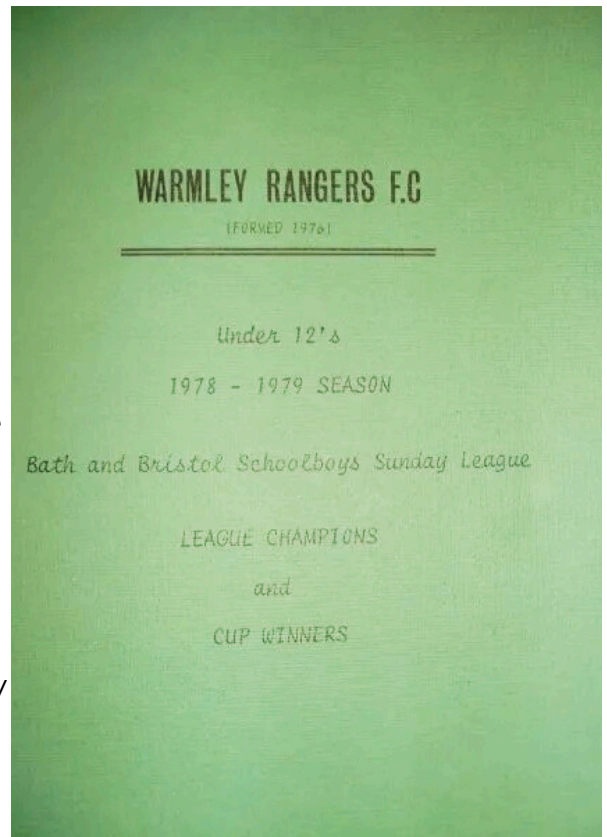
2026 marks an incredible anniversary, one we all need to celebrate.

It's the 50th anniversary of Warmley Rangers FC founding in 1976 when we were formed playing at the Grange School.

The fact that we are still here and thriving is testament to our founders and all those that have taken stewardship of the club since then.

Many would have noticed our anniversary badge - thanks to Lew for designing - which is being displayed on all kits in this season and next.

We took the decision last year to celebrate our anniversary at our 26/27 Presentation Day. Any ideas or offers of support very welcome - the day will creep up sooner than we think.



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Developing our teams

We welcome 1 new youth team, this season:

Our new under 7s is on the process of formation, with 3 parents stepping forward to coach. Thanks guys for stepping forward, and welcome to all the new kids and parents to their football journey with Warmley Rangers.

This year the under 7s will play the new 3v3 format. It'll be interesting to see how that works out.

With the Future Fit changes, all ages are staying at the same format this year - which will also be interesting.

Our under 18s reached the end of their Warmley Youth journey at the end of the season with a second consecutive Coup Final, and both Under 17s teams made the decision not to continue to U18s. Tommy's team is now our only Under 18s. Many many thank yous to the outgoing coaches, players and parents from those teams.

Our Minis for Reception and year 1 school ages, run by Soccer Shooters at SBL Sports Centre on Saturday mornings, need a bit of a push. Please spread the work far and wide. Signup link can be found here <https://warmleyrangers.com/our-teams>

As with other opportunities, such as women and girls, and disabled football, I'm always keen to hear suggestions, although it must be remembered that these things don't organise themselves.

Finally, I've also taken steps to support our coaches through restarting our relationship with E-Can, the coach training company. To start, we will be looking to host a couple of summer coaching sessions, and I'd love as many coaches as possible to take part. That increase to subs will go towards this.



Developing our facilities

Projects



Mark will provide a full update, the project to increase the size and renew our changing rooms continues. Planning permission has been applied for, FOotball Foundation grant secured, so we are aiming for this to be completed in the next few months.

Pitches

Last season was one of the worst I can remember for weather, hardly any football played in January and February across grassroots football.

I've been working hard on pitch repairs, but the hot dry summer so far means there's still lots to do. There may be times where I have to take a pitch out of commission for short periods during the playing season, in order to repair bare patches and ensure the pitch will last the season. We will need to manage around this.

As mentioned, with the new lease, we are taking on more of the site maintenance ourselves. One of the reasons for increasing the subs is to allow investment in equipment, including a small tractor with attachments. Doing so will greatly improve the playing surfaces, even past what we've achieved with the ongoing Football Foundation grant.

More and better football - what more appropriate investment could there be?



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Expanded pathway - Adult football



It's been really pleasing to see adult football back at Warmley this season through Warmley Redbridge.

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We can confirm that the committee will recommend that Redbridge formally become part of the club as our Men's team this season, to be confirmed at the AGM. In addition, they are looking to add a Reserve team.

I think it's really important to add that reserve team, in order to give greater options to Warmley kids reaching the Adult stage.

Redbridge has another successful season, finishing third in the Suburban Prem. What's been really wonderful is that a number of Warmley under 18s have been playing in the teams, which is what we were really looking for when starting the relationship.

The Men have proven their value in other ways too by leading the changing rooms project. They've secured grants, arranged planning permission, and secured labour and materials at knockdown prices and on favorable terms. It's really been an amazing job, many thanks to them.





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Our Tournament



Another incredible tournament this year, over one weekend this time. Some stats from this year:

- 187 Teams
- Exactly 500 matches
- 709 bottles of water
- 893 burgers
- 191 cans of Thatchers Gold
- 532 pick & mix bags

Our tournament is an amazing event, regularly described by participants as the best organised in the region, and is a jewel in the club's crown.

It's also a major earner of the club - subs would be much higher without it.

Having enough volunteers to run it safely is always a struggle, and it was again this year. It is an expectation of club membership that at least one volunteer is provided for **each child**.

It's always the same date, last weekend in June, which in 2026 will be the 26th and 27th. So please please, put yourself forward, get those babysitters arranged, rope in grandparents and friends! If we get more volunteers we can reduce the length of the stint each is expected to do, which will be more fun for all.

Many thanks of course to those that did volunteer this year, you did an incredible job. Many thanks to Andy for arranging the traffic management company Buco to manage the High Street entrance, it was a huge help.





Celebrating our successes

On the pitch successes this season include:

In the Avon Youth League:

- Division 3 title win for our under 13s Blacks

In the Bristol U18 Combination League:

- Cup Final appearance for the Under 18s.

In the Hanham Minor League there were successes in Winter and Spring Cups.

Fingers crossed for even greater success next season.





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Finally



Finally, thank you to all of our volunteers, players and parents, and to all the businesses that donate to the club through sponsorship. There's a huge list that can be found on our website.

Particular thanks to local business McBraid, who have generously sponsored a number of our teams.

Here's to another successful season. Of course, I'm always happy to chat to anyone about anything.

Thanks

Nick

