

**NOVEMBER 2025**

# HEREFORD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

## NEWSLETTER

As the season moves along, our teams have truly embraced the challenges of the MJPL. From early starts to long journeys across the Midlands, the commitment shown by everyone has been outstanding.

With another month behind us, we now move into December and the Christmas break. This feels like the perfect time to express our appreciation and acknowledge the hard work and dedication that make this Centre a success. What a year it has been! The Centre continues to grow and move forward, and that's thanks to the incredible people behind the scenes.

### **Thank You to Our Volunteers and Coaches**

We are proud to have five teams from Hereford participating and showcasing their talents across the Midlands. This achievement wouldn't be possible without our dedicated volunteer committee—individuals who juggle full-time jobs and family commitments yet always find time to ensure the Centre runs smoothly and provides a safe environment for all members.

Our coaches also deserve special recognition for their commitment to developing players and helping them grow in the game they love. Thanks to their passion and expertise, the Centre is in a fantastic place.

In October's newsletter, we mentioned our plans to expand the committee and volunteer base. While the current team is doing an amazing job, it's a small group—and as the Centre grows, we need additional support to ensure the long-term success of the HDC. Please keep an eye out for upcoming advertisements and updates as we work toward finalizing our new-look committee early in the new year.

# PLAYERS OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER

November brought its fair share of challenges – games played in tough conditions, unpredictable weather, and pitches that tested every player’s resilience. Despite these obstacles, our squads showed incredible determination and commitment to the game.

Congratulations to all our November Players of the Month!  
Your efforts have been outstanding, and you represent everything that makes this Centre special. Keep pushing, keep learning, and keep inspiring those around you.



## U12 - THEO

THEO HAS BEEN A STANDOUT PLAYER. AFTER A SLIGHT DIP IN FORM THEO HAS WORKED HARD IN TRAINING AND HIS DEDICATION HAS BEEN REWARDED WITH SOME OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES.



## U13 - HARVEY

HARVEY HAS SHOWN A GREAT ATTITUDE THROUGHOUT NOVEMBER AND HIS IN POSSESSION POSITIONAL PLAY HAS BEEN OUTSTANDING



## U14 - THEO

A ROCK FOR THE TEAM AND ALWAYS CALM ON THE BALL. HIS COMMUNICATION HAS BEEN OUTSTANDING AND IS QUICKLY BECOMING A LEADER



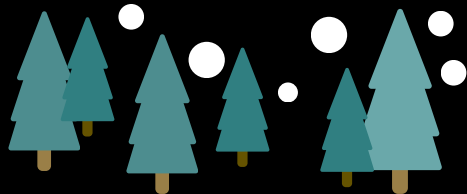
## U15 - GEORGE

CONSISTENT AS EVER. HE BRINGS THE STANDARDS AND NEVER GIVES UP. TRUSTED IN MULTIPLE POSITIONS AND ADVANCING AS A PLAYER WEEK ON WEEK



## U16 - HARRY

HAS SHOWN CONSISTENCY THROUGHOUT THE MONTH SHOWING GREAT ABILITY AND ATTITUDE





# NEWS & UPDATES



Starting in January, we'll be introducing a new initiative: one adult volunteer from each age group to act as their team representative. This role is key to improving communication and ensuring every member has a voice in the centre. Team reps will attend committee meetings and act as a direct link between the committee and their team, helping us stay connected and responsive to everyone's needs.

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Let's keep building something special – together!

## NEW SPONSORSHIP



We are delighted to announce that Limitless Employment has generously sponsored a second away kit for the Centre, ensuring all our teams continue to look professional both home and away. But that's not all – Limitless Employment has also provided our coaches with much-needed jackets, helping them stay comfortable and prepared in all conditions. We are incredibly grateful for their support, which plays a vital role in maintaining high standards across the Centre. Partnerships like this make a real difference, and we're proud to have Limitless Employment as part of our journey!



### KEY DATES

18<sup>TH</sup> DEC - LAST TRAINING 2025

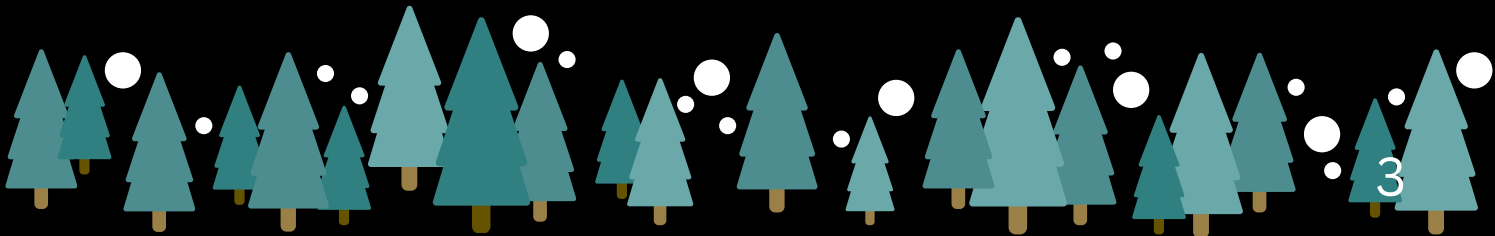
20<sup>TH</sup> DEC - LAST GAME 2025

5<sup>TH</sup> JAN - FIRST TRAINING 2026

10<sup>TH</sup> JAN - FIRST GAME 2026

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# MONTHLY ROUNDUP



## Player Reviews

In November, we held our player development reviews, giving coaches the opportunity to provide detailed updates on each player's progress. These sessions are a vital part of our commitment to individual growth.

We are incredibly privileged to have coaches who dedicate their personal time to prepare these reviews. Their effort goes far beyond the pitch.

This level of commitment is what makes our programme special. We hope all players found the feedback valuable and use it as motivation to keep improving.



# WE REMEMBERED



Every one of our teams wore the poppy with pride—a small symbol of a huge sacrifice. We honour the courage, service, and memory of those who gave everything so we could live in freedom.



## TEAM FOCUS - UNDER 13S

The first half of the season has been a journey of growth and resilience for our U13s. From early setbacks to dominant wins, the progress has been clear.

### Early Tests

Two narrow defeats to Hampton and Redditch United started the campaign, but the team bounced back with a gritty 2-1 win over Kewford Eagles and followed up with a 1-0 victory—their first clean sheet.

### October Highlights

A statement 14-0 win at Bustleholme showed attacking quality and discipline. A tough 5-2 loss to Kidderminster was followed by a superb 5-3 comeback against Shrewsbury Town.

### November Surge

Momentum built with a 6-1 win over Eccleshall and a 5-4 thriller against Oldbury Park.

### December Dominance

The team's most assured display came in a 6-0 win over Redditch United—high-tempo football and relentless pressing.

### Looking Ahead

From early inconsistency to strong performances, confidence is growing. The challenge now: keep the momentum and push on in 2026!



## MEET THE COACH



Ben brings over 20 years of coaching experience to the centre, backed by his UEFA B qualification and a proven track record of success at multiple levels of the game.

Ben's early coaching career included time at Fulham FC, where he worked within a professional academy setup, and a stint in the USA, gaining valuable international experience and insight into different playing styles. Returning home, Ben made a significant impact in the women's game, founding and leading Westfields Women, guiding them to Step 6 of the female football pyramid—a testament to his ability to build and develop teams from the ground up.

At youth level, Ben has enjoyed notable success with Hereford FC U12s and U13s, taking squads to National Finals and helping young players thrive in high-pressure environments. Last season, Ben coached our U12s to an outstanding 16th-place finish in a league of 79 teams, showcasing his ability to nurture talent and achieve results against strong competition.

# Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thanks goes to every player, coach, volunteer, and parent for your incredible commitment and support throughout the year.

Enjoy the break, recharge, and we look forward to an exciting 2026 full of football, growth, and success.

Stay safe, stay active, and see you in the new year!



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