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FOOTBALL**
IN NORTH HERTS



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Club.**

Who are Hitchin Belles FC?

In 1997 after returning from the States where he'd been coaching women and youth players, Roger Spicer saw that Hitchin needed a girls' football club. In 1999, Hitchin Belles Football Club first registered with the local league.

During the following decade, the club grew organically and became one of the largest all-female football clubs in the county.

In 2021 membership reached an all-time high and today we are proud to be running 21 teams alongside our mini Belles and Development squad.

We have over 350 players across the age groups from our Mini Belles through to our Women's Team, with the numbers growing each week, however we are always looking to expand our teams and offer a warm welcome to all new players and much needed volunteers.

We have earned a reputation for being a fair and friendly club and were delighted to be awarded the FA Charter Standard in 2010 in recognition of our high standards and road map to achieve further quality standards and have continued to pass the Charter Standard Annual Health Check each year thereafter receiving the Charter Standard Development Club status in 2021. This is awarded to clubs who have a clear pathway in place to develop players and coaches whilst running a sustainable club for all.

We aim to provide a caring, family environment where girls can develop their skills and enjoy football free from pressure or fear of failure.

The future is extremely positive for Hitchin Belles FC as we continue to grow our brand and develop the female game in our region and 2021 sees the club celebrate a partnership creating a home ground for the club for the first time in its history. Now all of our teams are able to train and place at the same location. Significant investment in the facilities will provide a new 3G pitch, changing rooms and high quality grass pitches creating a female football hub.

We certainly couldn't have done it without the support from our wonderful set of volunteers, parents, local partners and sponsors and above all, the players, who are front and centre of this thriving club and we thank each and every one of you.



How can you help?

Hitchin Belles FC are a non profit community club and every penny we receive is invested back into the girls and women who play. It costs roughly £3,000.00 to run a team each season. Despite these costs we continue to have one of the lowest subscription fees for a grassroots football club.

Football for all is at the heart of our philosophy and we believe that everyone should be able to play irrespective of background or personal circumstances.

We have big plans for the next few years to continue to grow and provide opportunities for more girls and women to play and stay involved with sport.

We are seeking partners to help us provide some of the below:

- ▶ **Schools football sessions**
- ▶ **Player coaching and refereeing courses**
- ▶ **Team kit sponsors**
- ▶ **Team equipment sponsors**
- ▶ **Club equipment sponsors**
- ▶ **Womens team partner**
- ▶ **Coaches kit and training**
- ▶ **Development Squad sponsor**
- ▶ **Mini Belles Sponsor**

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