

BURTON F.C.REPORT TO BURTON PLAYING FIELDS 2021 AGM

The 2020/21 season was for the second successive year curtailed by factors outside our control. Last season a combination of postponements for waterlogged pitches and laterly Covid allowed Burton F.C. to play only approx 50% of home game and this season (2020/21) lockdowns resulting from Covid have resulted in a similar 50% reduction in games played.

Our results in the games played were mixed but the support given to the club by our players and management was excellent. We were regularly able to field several players on the subs bench for matches and the turnout to our Wednesday evening training, both at Loughborough University and at Towles Field, was superb with in excess of 20 players per session attending.

The Leicester and Charnwood Sunday Football League have expressed some interest in creating a Veterans Division for the forthcoming season and our management team have expressed some interest in fielding a Vets team. However the initial support in terms of Vets teams wishing to affiliate to our League currently appears rather tentative with only six clubs requesting affiliation details and no Vets teams actually affiliating to date. Should that still remain the case in the next few days, as the affiliation deadline approaches, we would not consider any Vets participation next season. The creation of a separately structured and managed Burton Vets team would also be conditional on approval from Burton PFA for use of the Towles Field pitch on Sundays when Burton F.C have not got a home game.

It is to be hoped that the extensive Covid vaccine programme will allow the present relaxation in the playing of outdoor competitive sports to continue and for consideration then to be given for the regular use of the changing rooms at Towles Field which, to date, due to its confined space, have not been opened for recent games with players changing at pitchside. Clearly the present pitchside changing arrangements will be more difficult come the winter months.

Let's hope that later this year they can provide an effective booster jab to keep Covid at bay and the coming winter weather is kind. Then we may get a full season of football!

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