

CROFTON SAINTS FC



Our Identity



More Than a Club

Crofton Saints was formed in 1990 from within the Don Bosco's Boys Club, run by the Catholic Church in Bells Lane. It was from these beginnings that the name 'Saints' was born.

From those early days, Crofton Saints has grown into a thriving community football club, providing opportunities for hundreds of local children and adults to play the game.

Our roots remain firmly within the local community. Generations of players have joined us from Stubbington, Hill Head and the surrounding area, building friendships, developing confidence and creating memories that extend far beyond football.

In 2007, Crofton Saints took another important step by introducing adult football. Today, our Development Programme, Youth Teams and Adult Section provide opportunities from a child's first experience of football through to the senior game.

As our club continues to grow and evolve, we remain united by the principles that have shaped Crofton Saints throughout its history: community, opportunity and belonging.

We don't just develop footballers; we develop people.

**One badge. One identity. One Crofton Saints.
MORE THAN A CLUB.**



Our Football Club

Crofton Saints provides opportunities for players from their first introduction to football through to the adult game. Our club is built around three sections, each supporting players at a different stage of their football journey.

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

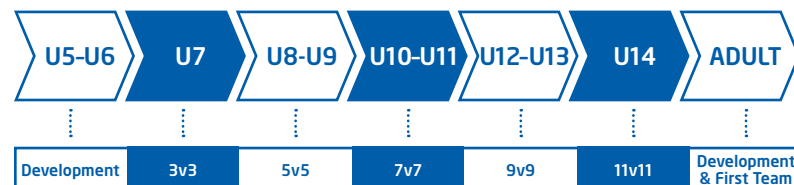
U5 - U6

Where the journey begins

Our Development Programme welcomes our newest players to Crofton Saints, with each new U5 intake beginning towards the end of September.

The first year is focused entirely on training, enjoyment and introducing children to football. Initial sessions are supported by club officials before parents are encouraged to step forward and begin leading the group.

At U6, players begin forming teams and managers can introduce friendly fixtures as they prepare for the transition into youth football.



YOUTH TEAMS

U7 - U16+

Growing with Crofton Saints

Our teams enter organised youth football from U7, traditionally competing in the Mid Solent Youth Football League, which we believe provides the best environment for our teams to play and develop.

Players progress through the different formats of youth football as they grow, while each team develops its own identity under the leadership of its volunteer managers and coaches.

Although many teams naturally conclude around U16, Crofton Saints has previously supported youth football through to U18.

ADULT

Development & First Team

The journey can continue

Our Adult Section gives players the opportunity to continue representing Crofton Saints beyond youth football.

Our Development Team competes in the Hampshire Combination Football League and provides an important opportunity for young players to make the transition into adult football.

Our First Team competes in the Hampshire Premier League and represents the senior level of the Crofton Saints football structure.

Three sections. One badge. One Crofton Saints.

Our Identity



OUR IDENTITY

Our identity is about more than the badge we wear. It is reflected in the way we play, the way we lead, the way we support one another and the way we represent Crofton Saints.

Across every team and every section of the club, five shared values help define who we are.

RESPECT

We treat people the right way

Players, coaches, parents, volunteers, opponents and officials should always be treated with respect. How we conduct ourselves matters.

INCLUSION

Everyone should be treated fairly and feel welcome at Crofton Saints

We want our club to be a welcoming and inclusive environment where people are valued and treated with dignity and respect, regardless of their background, ability or experience.

DEVELOPMENT

We help people grow

Development isn't just about becoming a better footballer. We support our players, managers, coaches and volunteers to learn, improve and grow in confidence.

COMMUNITY

We look after our own and support those around us

Crofton Saints has always been rooted in its local community. We value the people who give their time to the club and believe we are stronger when we work together.

ENJOYMENT

Football should be something we look forward to

Whatever the age group or level, we want Crofton Saints to provide positive experiences, lasting friendships and memories that extend beyond the game.

**These values belong to all of us.
How we live them defines Crofton Saints.**

One Club, Many Teams

WE TRUST OUR MANAGERS TO LEAD

Every Crofton Saints team is different. Different players, personalities and coaches all contribute to creating their own team identity and we believe this is a strength.

Our managers and coaches give their time voluntarily and are trusted to create an environment in which their team can develop and enjoy their football.



YOUR TEAM, YOUR LEADERSHIP

Managers have autonomy over the footballing decisions within their team. This includes player recruitment and retention, squad composition, team selection, playing time, positions, tactics, training and the overall management of their group.

We recognise that managers know their players and teams best. Decisions will not always be the same from one Crofton Saints team to another, nor do we expect them to be.

The club will respect and support the footballing decisions made by its managers, provided they are made within the wider framework and responsibilities of Crofton Saints FC.

ONE CROFTON SAINTS

With that freedom comes a shared responsibility.

Every team represents Crofton Saints FC. Safeguarding requirements, club policies, standards of conduct and our shared values provide the framework within which every team operates.

Managers are trusted to make decisions for their team, but they are never expected to manage alone. The club is here to provide guidance and support whenever it is needed.

Different teams. Different approaches. One Crofton Saints.

Leading a Crofton Saints Team

LEAD RESPONSIBLY, HELP CHILDREN ENJOY THEIR FOOTBALL

Our managers and coaches are at the heart of Crofton Saints. They give their time voluntarily to provide opportunities for children to be active, enjoy football and play the game we all love.

We trust our managers to lead their teams, and in return ask them to do so responsibly, creating an environment in which players can enjoy their football and develop both individually and as part of a team.

YOUR TEAM

Managers have the freedom to shape the football environment they believe is right for their players.

Training sessions, coaching methods and playing styles remain at the manager's discretion. We have always enjoyed seeing the ball on the floor and the beautiful game played in the right way, but Crofton Saints does not impose a playing philosophy on its teams.

We encourage managers to communicate openly with their players and parents, remain organised and represent Crofton Saints positively whenever leading their team.

For parents, the team manager should ordinarily be the first point of contact. Where additional support is required, our committee is always available to help.

OUR SUPPORT

We don't expect our managers to do it alone.



COACH DEVELOPMENT

100% funded

Introduction to Coaching Football for the team manager.

50% funded

Introduction to Coaching Football for additional team coaches.



SAFEGUARDING

100% funded - DBS checks, safeguarding and first aid qualifications.



FACILITIES & EQUIPMENT

Training facilities from September-April, funded through team subscriptions. Equipment provided where required and within reason.



CLUB SUPPORT

Support with league fixtures, referees and opposition communication, alongside guidance from key club officials whenever needed.

Your team. Your leadership. Our support.

Adult Football

THE JOURNEY DOESN'T HAVE TO END WITH YOUTH FOOTBALL

Our Adult Section is an important part of the Crofton Saints identity, providing opportunities for players to continue their football beyond the youth game while representing the club at senior level.

Our Development Team, competing in the Hampshire Combination Football League, provides an opportunity for young players to experience adult football and continue their development.

Our First Team, competing in the Hampshire Premier League, represents Crofton Saints at senior level and provides a platform for players who want to challenge themselves and progress within the game.

Together, our adult teams allow players to remain part of Crofton Saints, continue playing the game and represent the same club they may have grown up with.

OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH GOSPORT BOROUGH

Crofton Saints is proud to work in partnership with Gosport Borough Football Club, while remaining an independent club with our own identity and ambitions.

Our First Team plays its home fixtures at Gosport Borough's AEI Stadium, providing our players with the opportunity to represent Crofton Saints at an excellent senior football facility.

But our partnership extends beyond sharing a ground.

By working collaboratively, both clubs can create greater opportunities for players to develop and progress. Players may move between, train with or gain experience across the two clubs where appropriate, providing opportunities that might otherwise not exist.

As the partnership continues to develop, our aim is simple: to work together where it benefits our players, our clubs and the wider football community.

**Two clubs. Shared opportunities.
More ways for players to progress.**



in partnership with



Representing Crofton Saints

WHEN YOU REPRESENT THE BADGE, YOU REPRESENT ALL OF US

Whether playing, coaching, supporting from the touchline or representing Crofton Saints online, we all contribute to the reputation and identity of our club.

We want Crofton Saints to be known not only for the football we play, but for the way our players, coaches, parents and supporters conduct themselves.



PLAYERS

Play with pride, compete with respect

Enjoy your football, give your best and support your teammates. Whatever the result, show respect to teammates, opponents, coaches and officials.



MANAGERS & COACHES

Set the example

Lead responsibly, communicate respectfully and create an environment that reflects the values of Crofton Saints.



PARENTS & SUPPORTERS

Support, Encourage, Enjoy

Create a positive environment from the touchline. Encourage our players, respect the opposition and allow managers to coach and officials to officiate.



ONLINE OR OFFLINE

The badge still represents Crofton Saints

Whether using a club, team or personal account, remember that activity connected with Crofton Saints can reflect on the wider club.

RESPECT THE GAME

Football relies on volunteers, coaches, officials, opposition teams and facilities. Treat people with respect, look after the facilities we use and leave a positive impression wherever Crofton Saints plays.

**Wear The Badge With Pride.
Represent It With Respect.**



Safeguarding & Policies

CREATING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR EVERYONE

The safety and wellbeing of our players is at the heart of Crofton Saints FC.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. All managers and coaches are expected to understand their responsibilities, complete the required checks and training, and help create an environment where children feel safe, supported and able to enjoy their football.

CHILD WELFARE

If you have a concern, don't ignore it, speak to someone



Our Club Welfare Officer (CWO) is the first point of contact for safeguarding and child welfare concerns and is available to provide advice and support.

Guidance, support and contact information.

CLUB POLICIES

Our policies provide the framework for our club



Our policies and rules allow Crofton Saints to operate safely, fairly and consistently, providing detailed guidance across important areas of club life.

View our current club policies and guidance.

This Identity Booklet introduces the culture, expectations and operation of Crofton Saints FC. It should be read alongside the Club's formal policies, procedures and relevant FA guidance.



Running Our Club

POWERED BY VOLUNTEERS

Crofton Saints FC is run by volunteers who give their time to ensure hundreds of players have the opportunity to enjoy football each week.

Our committee provides the governance and oversight of the club, while much of the day-to-day operation is led by a small team of key volunteers.

Managers are trusted to lead their own teams, but behind them sits a wider club structure providing administration, guidance and support when required.

OUR COMMITTEE

Our wider Committee provides governance, oversight and support across Crofton Saints, helping to ensure the club is run responsibly and sustainably.

Meet our Committee



*View current club officials
and contact information.*

YOUR KEY CONTACTS

- › **JOHN MUNDY**
Club Secretary
Keeping our football running
Fixtures · Registrations · Referees · League Administration
- › **BILLY BROADWAY**
Head of Club Development
Moving Crofton Saints forward
Teams · Facilities · Partnerships · Projects
- › **PHIL BROADWAY**
IT, Marketing & Events
Keeping our club connected
Systems · Technology · Marketing · Events
- › **CHRIS LOFTUS**
Club Welfare Officer
Safeguarding our players
Safeguarding · Child Welfare
- › **Gordon Day**
Chairman
Providing oversight and leadership
Governance · Fundraising · Donations · Club Support

Built by Our Community

CROFTON SAINTS IS POWERED BY THE PEOPLE AND BUSINESSES AROUND US

From managers and coaches who volunteer each week to local businesses whose names appear on our shirts, their contribution helps make grassroots football possible.

SPONSORSHIP

Local businesses supporting local teams

Each Crofton Saints team is encouraged to develop its own relationship with a sponsor. From U6, managers are encouraged to secure sponsorship for their first playing kit, with sponsored kit invoiced directly to the supporting business.

Our Adult Section also provides opportunities through individual player and Adult Section sponsorship.

FUNDRAISING

Bringing people together, supporting our teams

Fundraising events are an important part of life at Crofton Saints. Each year, we traditionally hold two quiz nights and a race night, bringing people together while raising funds to support different areas of the club.

Our quiz nights support the U12 Tour Fund, helping our youth players enjoy a memorable football experience, while our race night supports the Adult Section and its continued development.



VOLUNTEERING

The people who make it possible

Our club couldn't operate without volunteers. Whether coaching, fundraising, helping with events, administration or offering professional skills, there are many ways to contribute.

You don't need to coach a team to play a part in Crofton Saints.

OUR SPONSORS



Meet our sponsors

We're incredibly grateful to every business that supports Crofton Saints.

General Information

BALLS

Ball Sizes and Recommended Pressures

U5	Size 2	0.4 - 0.6 bar / 5.8 - 8.7 psi
U6 - U11	Size 3	0.4 - 0.6 bar / 5.8 - 8.7 psi
U12 - U13	Size 4	0.5 - 0.7 bar / 7.3 - 10.2 psi
U14+	Size 5	0.6 - 0.9 bar / 8.7 - 13.1 psi

GOALS AND NETS

Please use plastic net clips or bungee cords only to secure nets to goalposts at all venues used by Crofton Saints.

For matchdays, please liaise with John Mundy, Club Secretary, in good time to confirm whether keys and/or nets are required for your fixture.

KIT AND EQUIPMENT

Need something? Just ask.

Crofton Saints provides equipment to support our teams where required and within reason.

If you require new or replacement kit or equipment, please speak to the club. We would much rather managers ask than go without something their team needs.

CROFTON SCHOOL TRAINING ON THE 3G

For evening training at Crofton School, the team using the 5-6pm slot is responsible for having the keys required to access the facility and switch on the floodlights.

If your team does not intend to train, please let John Mundy know in good time so alternative arrangements can be made.



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