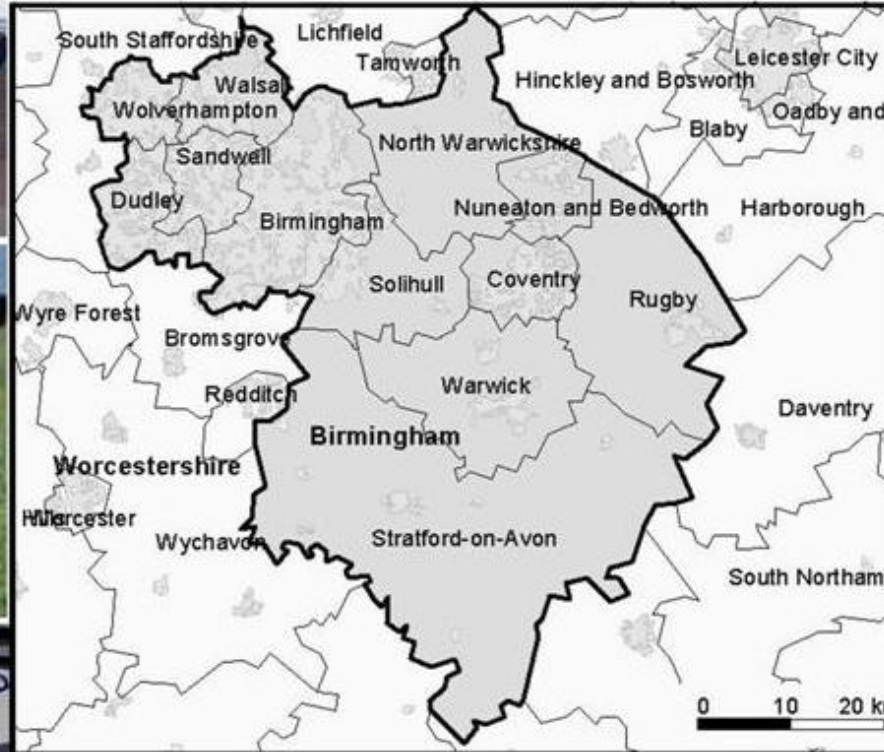


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QUARTERLY REVIEW

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Headline Achievements

- Over 60 schools competing every week in one of our girls schools leagues in conjunction with the ESFA
- Kingshurst Sporting and Balsall & Berkswell Hornets achieve FA Charter Standard Community Club status
- England Futsal team achieve first win in Birmingham!

Coming up next year....

- **Your Game, Your Say...Your County FA** – have your say at one of our 3 consultation events in February and March next year. Download an application form from <http://www.birminghamfa.com/GetIntoFootball/YourGameYourSay/>
- Pilot Special Schools Football League in the Black Country.
- Education: New Education modules are to be delivered across the County. These courses; include KS 2 National Curriculum, Futsal, Working with Teams, Inclusion, Movement & Handling Skills, OSHL, JFO, Mentoring. All modules link in closely with the National Curriculum ensuring all coaches and teaches will benefit from the courses. For further information contact Mike Smethurst (FDO Education)



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Education

School – Club Link Projects

- A school-club link project with 6 primary schools within the Kineton SSP ran smoothly from September through to early November. After school sessions were delivered to all the schools as well as a Junior Football Organisers Course with students from Southam College. The highlight of the project was the festival organised by the JFO students working alongside Southam United Football Club staff members. Over 85 children were involved in the project with a number of these children carrying on into the soccer centre delivered by the club on Saturday mornings.
- 5 primary schools have been targeted within the Ninestiles SSP. Due to their not being any exit routes for the children. The aim of the project is to produce a new team within the area. Schools' coaching is currently being delivered in the schools with a festival aimed to be delivered early in 2008. Students from the International school, who are undertaking their Level 1 in football, will hopefully be involved in helping the new team out.
- 2 projects have been organised to start in January linking in with Our Lady & St Chads SSP and Alderman Smith SSP. Both projects will be aimed at secondary girl's football.

Charter Standard Schools

- In the forth quarter 17 schools achieved Charter Standard Status.
 - 2 Special Schools
 - 8 Primary Schools
 - 2 primary Development Schools
 - 5 Secondary Schools
- Regional charter Standard winners, George Salter School received their award at the West Bromwich Albion's game against Queens Park Rangers on the pitch at half time.
- National winners Myton School received their awards at Wembley before England's game against Estonia.



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Education Working Group

- The Education working group was organised for the first time in December to discuss all matters arising across the County. Further meetings have been arranged for 2008 and interest should be passed onto Mike Smethurst (FDO Education)

Competitions

- An Inter-school Futsal tournament was delivered at George Salter's High School. 6 schools from Sandwell, Birmingham and Walsall, after 5 weeks of Futsal training participated at the festival, which was aimed at 'Fair Play'.
- Powerchair schools league is up and running. Fixtures have been played in October and November at Nechells Sports Centre with 5 schools attending. Fixtures will continue to take place in 2008, once a month, at a central venue.

Girls Schools Leagues – Birmingham (in partnership with the ESFA)

- 4 girls secondary schools leagues (under 13's) took place during October and November at:
 - Ninestiles School (7 schools)
 - Aston PL (20 schools)
 - Colmers Farm (16 schools)
 - Wyndley (5 schools)

This totals around 390 players competing each week. Young leaders take up the running of the leagues and officiating on match days supported by a mentor at each venue.

Girls Schools Leagues- Black Country (in partnership with the ESFA)

- A pilot Walsall Schools League launched in October, 14 teams entered in U13 and U15 age groups. The league was a success, and will run again in January 2008 at two venues in the borough.
- The Wolverhampton Schools league ran in Oct-Dec, with 13 schools taking part. The winners of this league will go on to represent Wolverhampton in the county girls football championships in June.



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Club Development

Charter Standard Clubs



New Charter Standard Clubs	Redditch United Girls FC, Portobello Rangers, Deer Park Juniors, Walsall Development Girls, Stourbridge FC, Burton Albion Girls,
New Charter Standard Adult Clubs	University of Birmingham Women's, Team United Birmingham (Futsal), Walsall Development Ladies FC, Burton Albion Ladies,
New Charter Standard Development Clubs	Racing Club Warwick,
New Charter Standard Community Clubs	Kingshurst Sporting, Balsall & Berks Hornets
Renewed Charter Standard Clubs	Stockingford AA Juniors, Northfield Saints, Chapelfields Colts FC, Redditch Utd Minor, Trysull Tigers, Woodloes Juniors, Hill Top Youth,
Renewed Charter Standard Adult Clubs	Trysull, Hill Top Rangers,
Renewed Charter Standard Community Clubs	Withymoore Colts,

- Black Country Charter Standard Forum delivered – 12 people attended representing 9 different Charter Standard Clubs.
- Birmingham County's first Futsal Club received Charter Standard Adult Club award



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Player Development

- **BCFA Disability Centre of Excellence** – a 4 week trial period was held in October and squads have now been selected at U14 and U17 age groups. An induction evening was held for players and parents on 7th November. Birmingham County FA hosted the first set of fixtures on 11th November at Moseley Rugby Club. The day was a huge success. Training for both squads takes place on a Wednesday evening, 6.00pm – 8.00pm at Nechells Community Sports Centre.
- **Girls centres of excellence** – All four centres of excellence (Aston Villa, Birmingham City, Coventry City and Wolverhampton Wanderers) are well into their season as part of the midlands fixture programme. October half term saw the centres nominate players to attend the first ever regional player camp where they received coaching and were seen by England scouts. Coaches at all of the centres are also part of a mentoring and training programme in conjunction with Sports Coach UK.
- **Goal-keeping days** – Clinics have taken place for youngsters aged between 7 – 16 helping to develop their technical ability, skill, awareness and helping them to become more confident with Goalkeeping. October Half term saw 3 clinics throughout the week with over 100 youngsters participating
- **The Birmingham Skills team** are busy and active across the County by coaching over 5,000 5-11 year old in the last 6 months



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Workforce Development

Volunteers

- **Workshop** - A girls and women's football development workshop was held on 18th October at BCFA HQ with 22 candidates attending – ranging from league committee personnel, club secretary's, coaches, young leaders, teachers, and players. Candidates heard from Rachel Pavlou (National Girls and Women's Football Development Manager) and Jenny Wilkes (BBC Radio WM) as well as having the opportunity to give their thoughts on how to develop the game.
- **Club Welfare Officers** workshop delivered at Ray Hall Lane with full attendance of 24 candidates.
- Heather Cowan (BCFA Football Development Officer) completed the FA leadership course where each candidates were handpicked across the Country to undertake a year long intensive course.
- National Governing Body Accreditation Workshop planned for 28th Feb 08 in CSW
- Young Leaders Day delivered at Sutton College with 44 in attendance.
- **Race Equality Advisory Group** (REAG). The first meeting of the advisory group took place on 29th November 2007. Following an extensive advertising and application process, the group now has a diverse and experienced membership. All members will be undertaking the FA Football for All equality workshop in the new year.

Coaches

- **CDF Course** – held on Sunday 2nd December at Crestwood School in Dudley. 15 candidates successfully completed the course.
- Birmingham Coach Development Day delivered with 32 in attendance.
- 9th Dec saw the launch of the West Midland Female Coach Mentoring project. The aim of the project is too link coaches with mentors, who will guide them through a 12 month process, ending with them obtaining their Level 2 CCF in December 08. BCFA have 7 coaches and 6 mentors involved- look out further updates throughout 2008!
- **BCFDS Coach Education Courses** – Courses have been as popular as ever throughout the areas. Details as follows:
 - Level 1 – over 350 candidates attended, 95% pass rate including over 30 females and over 50 from BME community
 - Level 2 – another 34 new level 2 coaches, 65% pass rate
 - First Aid For Sport – 1 course registered approx 14 candidates attended, 100% pass rate
 - Futsal – 17 candidates attended the FA introduction to Futsal course



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- **Birmingham County Coaches Association** – The coaches association is now in its third year, with 125 full members. The membership renewal process is on-going from month to month as we aim to retain our existing members. Members receive regular news letters with the following information:
 - Course Information
 - Job Vacancies
 - General county updates
 - Discounts on seminars and other events

Referees

- Powerchair Referee Training course took place at Wilson Stuart School on 4th November.
- Disability Referee Training Course was held at Aston Villa Academy on 3rd December. The course was delivered by Ray Olivier and covered all aspects of disability football.



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Social Inclusion Projects

Greets Green NDC UEFA Hatrick Project

300+ participants a week attending project.

1 new Level 2 Coach , Abdul Kahar manager of Real West Brom in the Shapla league.

4 new level 1 Coaches

4 teachers attended FA FA Tops course run with BCFA

3 players now signed to WBA Academy from project. Also 1 player on trial with U11's.

Lodge Primary and Ryders Green become first schools in Sandwell to achieve Charter Standard Primary Development status.

All primaries have been linking in with Greets Green Albion and WBA ladies as a club link.

Greets Green Albion in application for Charter Standard.

3 Kick it out events held in Greets Green during Kick it out week.

Aston NDC UEFA Hatrick Project

Kickz has started in Aston, with 160 young people registered, and special links already made with 2 different Birmingham Youth Offending districts, East and West.

A 6 team U16s league on the Aston S4S pitch has being taking place

Nechells Street Games Project

57 youngsters involved weekly

3 coaches

3 new volunteers

3 sessions per week

Linking in with neighborhood safety bureau and police

Working with advisory group

Central venue league set up (start date 5th January)



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Yardley Street Games Project

62 youngsters involved weekly
2 teams in Positive futures league on Tuesday evening
2 sessions per week
2 new volunteers
Little league now progressed to a club with 3 parent volunteers
Linking with Glebe forum
Shard end forum
Chestnut forum
Yardley south forum

Glebe Farm Birmingham Children's Fund

Delivering 19 coaching session per week in schools
2 full time staff supporting schools with youngsters with challenging behavior
October half term 2 venues 150 youngsters in total (kick it out week)
G.O.A.L.S project delivering 3 sessions per week
2 schools charter standard



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Investment

Facility Development

4 organisations have been successful in gaining funding to replace or buy new goalposts as part of the football foundations goalpost safety scheme:

Kings Heath Boys - £4348.00

Wood End Tigers - £170.37

Lode Heath School - £6460.00

Bishop Challoner School - £421.24

Coventry City Council have received an offer of a grant from the Football Foundation of £800,000 towards the building of a new Leisure and Community Centre. The new facility is at the heart of Coventry New deal area of Henley green and wood end. The majority of the support will go towards the building of a changing facility and Full –size third generation rubber crumb all-weather facility. The new facilities will also be at the heart of football development for the area including Coach and volunteer education, Futsal, club development and girls & women’s football.

Revenue

3 organisations have received support form the football foundation’s small grants scheme to develop new football activity:

City Road Primary School - £6005

Continental Star FC - £9971

Billiard hall United Allstars FC - £8078



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Small Sided Football

- GOALS Star City are currently running and hosting a women's 5-a-side league with 6 teams competing, ranging from existing clubs to business teams.
- Birmingham played host to 2 international fixtures at Nechells Community Sports Centre on 17th and 18th December 2007 against Greece. Attendances reached a high of 450 on 17/12/07.



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Events

Events to date

- The Rotary Disability Festival was held on 10th December at Aston Villa Academy for both SLD and MLD schools across the county.
- Birmingham played host to a England historic win! England Futsal team clocked up their first victory at Nechells Leisure Centre in December.
- The Banks Stadium, Walsall played host to an England Women's Senior international in October 2007. The development team worked with local partners to raise the profile of the game in order gain maximum support. Over 8000 saw England beat Belarus 4-0!

Forthcoming Events

- **Girls Only Ability Counts Day – Saturday 19th January, 1.00pm – 4.00pm at Aston Villa Academy. The day is free and open to all females with a disability to get involved in football. The progression from the day is to hopefully create a competitive playing structure for females in the county league.**
- **CSW Coach Development Day planned for 2nd Feb 08**
- **Your Game, Your Say...your County FA! 3 consultation events to take place to shape the future of fottball in the area.**
Tues 5th February @ Banks Stadium, Walsall
Thurs 21st February @ Villa Park, Birmingham
Weds 5th March @ Rugby Town FC, Rugby
See www.BirminghamFA.com for more details



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- This quarter in pictures...



FA leadership course graduates!



Walsall Schools League Winners!



Primary activities at Greet Green Schools



Mentoring Project Launch-9th Dec



George Salters School Girls attended Womens Game at Bescot



Kick it out at Ryders Green Primary