

## Chiseldon FC – Annual report to CPC

- Chiseldon Football Club has just completed it's 11<sup>th</sup> season since being re-formed in 2008. For the season the Club had junior teams at U8 and U10 alongside two adult teams. Down from previous years but still a good number for a village in Chiseldon's surroundings.
- **Teams:**
  - In their first season, the U8s made great progress both individually and as a team. The team is almost all players from the local community so great to see.
  - The U10s continue to develop very well and are in a great position to continue their progress when moving to 9 a side next season.
  - Both adult teams had a great start to the season competing towards the top of their leagues. Not great ends to the season but still a decent run
  - Senior Saturday team again awarded the fair play trophy – taking part in a memorial game this Saturday.
- Over the last year the Club has worked hard to forge closer links with, and raise awareness within, the local community. The main success stories of this work include:
  - Sponsoring the running costs of the village Christmas tree lights
  - Using local facilities, including Chiseldon House Hotel, for committee meetings and end of season presentations
  - Updating the Club badge to be based upon the Chiseldon Parish Council logo thus closer ties to the history of the community.
  - Obtaining t-shirts for all members of the club (adult and junior) to advertise the club – t-shirts have been seen in Devon, Wembley Stadium the Maldives... and around the village!
- The Club has also been working alongside Chiseldon Parish Council to improve the facilities at the Recreation Ground. Work to improve drainage at the Rec (always a problem between November – March) has proven very successful with only a handful of games postponed due to conditions this year.

- Another improvement has been the Club owning its own tractor mower enabling pitches to be cut on a regular basis. Many positive comments from parents, players and opposition etc.
- As a small village Club, recruiting players, coaches and volunteers continues to be a struggle. For example – approx 7/8 local U6 players were ready to be created as a squad but we couldn't find a coach to take them on. As such players now moving to other teams and likely lost to the Club. Any help towards managing or running the Club would always be welcome.
- New season starts in August and hoping for another promising year. Thanks to sponsors and the Parish Council for ongoing support.