

FREELAND FC

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Report for Annual Parish Meeting 2017

The football club has had a strong year this year, with the reserves already finishing their season and hoping for a top 4 finish, and also having reached the semi final of the league cup.

The 1st team still have a few games left to play, and are also hoping for top 4 finish. They have had a fantastic season in the cup competitions, in the Senior Cup they reached the 4th round – the clubs best ever progression in the cup, beating 2 Hellenic sides along the way. The match in which they finally bowed out in, saw a crowd of over 180 at Freeland, with spectators travelling from as far as London, Birmingham and Chester to specifically watch the match.

At the time of writing they are also in the Charity Cup final on April the 25th, to be played at Ardley Utd (7.30ko) if any villagers would like to come and support the lads in their mission to bring a trophy back to the village the support would be much appreciated.

Once again it has been pleasing to see a number of youth players progressing from the reserves to the 1st team.

Our two youth sides (under 10s and U13's) both have had great seasons, competing in the Witney and District youth league.

The U10s have had a great first season at the club, and finished winning more games than they lost. The U13s had an amazing season – winning their league and going the whole season unbeaten, which is a tremendous feat.

Off the pitch we have still found it hard with the associated spiralling costs of running a local football club, wherever possible we have tried to subsidise costs for the men and specifically youth sides so it is not prohibitive to their participation. We have run two successful fundraising golf days and also held our annual boxing day match. To this point, we would welcome any willing sponsors to help us continue the great success of this season.

We have also been pleased to be able to make small donations to the appeals for the new Memorial Garden at the village hall and to the restoration of the Village war memorial.

Once again we have achieved the FA's national recognition of being a charter standard club.

We would also like to thank our sponsors, especially Trevor in the Yeoman, and everyone who puts in a lot of hard work and effort to run the football club, and welcome villagers to come to watch your local side.

Ben Symonds, Secretary

