





Barry Athletic Ground, Paget Road, Barry Island, Barry, CF62 5TQ

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## Welcome

# We would like to officially welcome members both old and new to Barry Athletic Football Club for the 2020/21 season.

As you will know this year has brought new challenges for us all, not just in sport but everyday life. We are doing our upmost to get our players back on the field in these difficult times but this has to be done safely. We are guided by the Football Association of Wales Return to Play protocols and you can keep up to date with this at: https://www.faw.cymru/en/covid-19/

The club was established in 1946 and called Cadoxton Albion. 'The Albion' relocated to the Barry Athletic Ground, situated on Barry Island, in 1973 and subsequently changed their name to Barry Athletic on 11th July 1975. We are very proud of our predecessor's achievements and currently working on a book to commemorate our 75th anniversary. This will mark the achievements of the hundreds of players and volunteers over the years that have shaped the club to be what it is today.

We are also proud of the current committee's role in shaping the club's future. In 2012 the club only had one junior football team. This season the club will field over 20 teams in 11 separate age groups ranging from men's teams to under 5's!

The club is affiliated to The South Wales Football Association and The Vale of Glamorgan A.F.L. We have recently achieved the highest accreditation standard of Platinum from the Football Association of Wales. A very proud achievement for all involved as this has only been achieved by a small number of clubs across the nation.

Barry Athletic F.C. is one section within Barry Athletic Club. Located between Barry Island beach and the Old Harbour the site is also home to Barry Athletic cricket, tennis and bowls clubs. Parking, changing rooms and a clubhouse serving hot and cold drinks are available on site. Please ask your coach for a parking permit.

The club website can be found here: https://www.barryathleticfc.uk/

The club's aims and objectives can be seen on its constitution on the club website.

**Codes of conduct** – all parents, players and coaches will be expected to agree to and sign a code of conduct, these can be found on the website: https://www.barryathleticfc.uk/info and can be digitally signed and returned to your coach.



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### Meet the Safeguarding Officer at Barry Athletic FC – Annemarie Mckay



I have a significant background in children's services, child protection and safeguarding and I am employed in this field. I have had many experiences of managing complaints involving professionals and children. Barry Athletic follows the same safeguarding rules as the Football Association of Wales. We want children and young people involved with our club to have a fun, enjoyable and positive experience and safeguarding is vital to this.

Our full safeguarding policy can be found on our website.

Every coach who comes into contact with your child has to have a valid DBS check. Parents can, at any time, request to see coaches safeguarding cards.

Part of my role as safeguarding officer is to act as the point of contact for safeguarding and welfare issues at club level, I will also discuss further issues with the area safeguarding officer. Therefore, it is really important that if you have any concerns or complaints you raise it with me immediately. My details can be found alongside the committee members attached to the letter head or alternatively you can email me on **annemarie.mckay@hotmail.co.uk**.

**Social Media** – The club has a Facebook page – Barry Athletic Football Club, please like the page to receive regular updates of club wide events and updates. The club also has a Twitter account and encourage you to follow and retweet if possible. Find us at **@BarryAthleticFC** 

**Sponsorship** – The club are always looking for sponsors so if you are interested in supporting us yourself or if you know anybody that might please let us know. We have numerous opportunities ranging from sponsoring a match ball, an advertising board at our ground or a team kit.

**Costs** – Monthly fee's are payable to your age group's section. Each age group manages it's own finances. Please arrange this via standing order if possible, your coach can provide more details.

#### Teamwear – The club shop can be viewed at: https://www.classicsportswear.co.uk/barry-athletic-club-shop

**FAW Kickback Scheme** – The club can access up to 50 tickets for every Wales home match. Buying tickets through the club enables us to receive 25% of our ticket sales money back.

**Social Events** – Numerous club wide events will be provided throughout the season (Probably not this year though due to Covid). Please support us if you are able to, any funds raised are much needed for the development of the club.



### **Barry Athletic FC Committee**

The club committee meet once a month and consists of:

President:	Adrian Heathfield	Comet Officer:	Simon Bell
Chairman:	Ady Gratton	Social Officer:	Vacant
Vice-chairman:	Mark Hunt	Football Co-ordinator:	<b>Richard Harris</b>
Secretary:	Brian George	Website and	
Treasurer:	David Govier	Fundraising Officer:	Ady Gratton
Groundsman:	Richard Harris	Social Media Officer:	Vacant
Accreditation Officer:	Ady Gratton		
Safeguarding Officer:	Annemarie McKay	Plus the head coach of each team.	
Clubhouse Manager:	Dave Dranfield		

All coaches and committee members are volunteers who are vital to the running of the club on behalf of the players.

The club vacancies on the committee, if you are interested please contact the club Chairman direct on 07722124759. Alternatively, if you are keen to help the club in any way, please get in touch. We always need more help!

A Social Officer will take the lead on all current club wide events and fundraisers and develop the club's social scene to help create a sense of belonging and loyalty.

A Website and Social Media Officer will manage the club website and social media platforms. Providing regular updates for team fixtures and results you will also try to raise the club's profile in the local community.

Club accounts are available on request.

Thank you for reading and becoming part of "**The Athletic Family**". We hope you enjoy many years creating football memories with us.

# YOUR CLUB **BE PART OF IT**

Regards

The Barry Athletic FC Committee.