





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



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We would like to officially welcome you and your family to Barry Athletic Football Club for the 2024/25 season.

2023/24 was another great success for us on and off the field. Stand out performers were the men's first team and both Under 13 teams who all had cup final victories. The club also passed the required ground criteria for the South Wales Alliance League for the first time, unfortunately we came runner up in the league so did not qualify for promotion. We made significant developments to the ground to meet the criteria and our thanks go out to all those that contributed but in particular our chairman, Rich Harris, who worked tirelessly to make it happen.

For those new to the club it was established on 11th July 1946 at The Royal Hotel, Cadoxton and called Cadoxton Albion. "The Albion" relocated to our home ground on Barry Island in 1973 and subsequently changed their name to Barry Athletic on 11<sup>th</sup> July 1975.

We are very proud of our predecessor's legacy and will soon be discussing potential events to commemorate our 80th anniversary in 2026. This will mark the achievements of the hundreds of players and volunteers 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 42 teams in 14 separate age groups ranging from adult's teams to under 5's!!

We are extremely proud to be fielding our first ever female only teams at adult and under 7 levels! This has been something we have been hoping to do for some time and we envisage that we start at least one new girl's team every season going forward.

We now have over 400 players registered at the club!!!

The club is affiliated to The South Wales Football Association and The Vale of Glamorgan A.F.L.

We have recently reapplied for the highest accreditation standard of Platinum from the Football Association of Wales. We have held this status for the last 5 years. A very proud achievement for all involved as this is only been held by a small number of clubs across our nation.

We are also the only football club in the Vale of Glamorgan to be accredited to The Boys and Girls Clubs of Wales. This allows us to enter teams from aged under 13 – under 16 into regional federation cup competitions and also recommend our players for trial to the national selection panels. This summer we have had our first successful trialist - Karol Wojciechowski represented Wales Boys and Girls Clubs Under 17s versus Scotland in July. Well done Kaz!!



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 a code of conduct, these can be found on the website and can be digitally signed and returned to your coach.

**Social Media** – The club has a fantastic online presence thanks to our marketing officer, Jordan.

Facebook - Barry Athletic Football Club

Twitter - @BarryAthleticFC Instagram – @barryathleticfc

Please like/follow the pages to receive regular updates of club wide events and updates.

Please sign up to the club's quarterly newsletter:

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**Teamwear** – the club shop can be viewed and purchased at: https://macronstorecardiff.co.uk/barry-athletic-fc-club-shop

Social Events - Numerous club wide events will be provided throughout the season. Please support us if you are able to. Any funds raised are much needed for the development of the club.

The club committee meet every 6 weeks and consists of:

President: Adrian Heathfield Chairman: Richard Harris Vice-chairman: Ady Gratton

Secretary: Ryan Walker assisted by Brian George and Martin Bryant

Treasurer: Deanna Heathfield Groundsman: Richard Harris **Accreditation Officer:** Ady Gratton Safeguarding Officer: Annemarie McKay

Comet Officer: Simon Bell Social Officer: Vacant

Football Co-ordinator: Richard Harris

Marketing Officer: Jordan Day Fundraising Officer: Ady Gratton Bar Manager: Martin Bryant Plus the head coach of each team.

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

The club has vacancies on the committee, if you are interested please contact the club Chairman direct on 07971236008. 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.

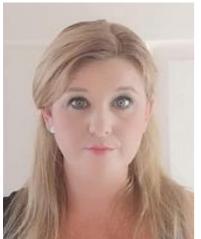
Club accounts are available on request.

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



# 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.

# **BAFC 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. Please contact Jordan Day on details on bottom of this letter.

#### **BAFC Advertising Boards**

With the barrier now around the pitch, we have the ability to add your company logo/ details/offering to the surrounds of our pitch.

The pitch hosts junior/youth games Saturday morning, men's games Saturday afternoon and youth games on a Sunday.











**Design your own Advertising Board** Board size 2400mm wide x 600mm High Add 3mm bleed all around. CMYK. High-res PDF, JPEG, EPS files accepted.

OR we can design one for you.

The pitch is situated just back from Barry Island beach, and is visited by hundreds of players/coaches/supporters every weekend.

#### The Packages on offer are as follows:

1st Year £300 (covers cost of board and printing)

£200 per year after first.

3 Year Package £600 (£100 saving).

£800 (£200 saving). **5 Year Package** 

If you are interested then please let me know! Thank you once again for your support.

Best regards

Jordan Day, Marketing Officer

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