



**KDR Juniors AGM, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019.**

### **Chairman's Report**

This is my 6th report as Chair of KDR Juniors.

I am proud of the progress the club and its age group, both boys and girls sections, has made over the last year and the success the teams have had over the season. Grange Park has again proved in the main to be a venue that does not hinder our games through loss of use through poor weather and careful management of the ground midweek and at weekends has ensured that all of our home fixtures and many reversed fixtures have gone ahead and enabled all home fixtures to be completed where time allowed following such a poor winter.

I have been fortunate to be able to continue to build on the hard work and success of the committee in previous years. This has enabled me to act as the Chairman whilst continuing the role of Safeguarding Officer.

The use of the facilities has been achieved through nothing less than hard work and commitment from members of the committee and the many volunteers, working in the background to ensure smooth operation and necessary maintenance is completed in a timely fashion. Not least the endeavours of our Car Park volunteers who in the face of many challenges make the process work each weekend and still smile throughout. My thanks to Tom Diggle for his diligence as Club secretary, as he continues his relationships with County FA and the various leagues our teams participate in for this and ongoing seasons. Particularly the way he has embraced the annual affiliation process.

Nicky Holliday has been a great support to the Club in the administration and her commitment in continuing in the role of Club Player Registration Secretary, A vital role in the successful administration of players.

I would like to be able to encourage age group representatives to get involved and share their feedback and ideas to help us gel as a community club and provide long term success of future fundraising goals.

Steve Pierce has continued to add essential support and experience, with his years at the club and in spinning the plates as KDR treasurer, Grange Park treasurer and groundsman, continued to improve and maintain the playing pitches and surrounding areas. His work with updating all managers with the progress of annual subscriptions being paid, the reclaim of Gift Aid and his influence in this regard is invaluable.

My thanks also to Brian Colling, President, for his continued support and football wisdom.

The launch of our Club kit and merchandise shop facility, in association with Pendle Sports, has helped cement our squad look and feel and reinforce our Club identity. My thanks to Jane Mead for her great work on the Annual Charter Standard administration and her work on the volunteers courses and qualifications, Stefan Kusinski for all of his work on the Club's website and Rob and Nicky Holliday for their communication for the club via the Facebook page.

It was a disappointment not to be able to host the Junior Schools event this season with the potential risks of having insufficient volunteers to allow the event to be organised and go ahead safely. I hope that we will see this return next season. It was refreshing to be able to host the



Harrogate and Wharfedale Junior Friendly League Gala for the U7s to U9s which was a vital addition to our end of season calendar. My thanks for the support of all the helpers before, during and after the event. The challenges on the day, caused by a very small minority, led to severe upset and have not gone unnoticed or unreported either at Club or League level.

I send my thanks to Geoff Hall, who has completed his Junior football career as a Manager, after over 10 years, as the U17s completed their season and folded as a squad at the end of the 2018/19 season.

The work that that our managers, assistants and coaches do week in week out with their teams to improve our players and their own coaching skills is very much appreciated and they should be rightly proud of everything they do for all involved.

I am immensely grateful to all of them alongside the many other Volunteers and Helpers and to our Sponsors for all of their time, energy, commitment and support, you are the ones that help us ensure the success and atmosphere that we have at KDR Juniors and ensure a firm footing for our future.

As we go into 2019/20 season we continue to go from Strength to Strength, Nicky Holliday continues to work hard over the summer to cement the player registration system on The Whole Game system element as we come to terms with working across the various boys and girls leagues and the ongoing changes to the requirements presented and I know that Nicky will do everything she can to ensure that all the age groups are ready to start their first matches, but my plea to all age groups to provide everything that is needed to make that happen.

I look forward to my next season and to your continued support and success and the future of 'Team KDR'.

*Mark Unsworth*

*Chair.*

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