

AFC Chellaston and Chellaston Leisure Ltd



AFC Chellaston (formally Chellaston Boys & Girls) has been providing football coaching for all abilities and teams that play in local football leagues to the children and teenagers of Chellaston and surrounding areas for 26 years. During this time the football club has expanded into one of the largest in Derbyshire and holds the FA Community Charter Standard status. Coaches are FA Level 1 qualified as a minimum and are first aid qualified. Run entirely by volunteers, on a not for profit basis, the club has a soccer school for children starting out in football up to the age of 6 and 30 teams ranging from under 7 through to under 18's. We have

over 350 registered players. This season, for the first time in the club's history, we have entered an open age men's team.

Historically the football club has always used Chellaston Park for summer training and older age group matches but the pavilion was only open and in use when the Council sent wardens to open it on Saturday and Sunday mornings. The football club needed somewhere with facilities to support a club of its size rather than just a field. After four long years and many discussions, the Council agreed that the responsibility for the pavilion and football/cricket pitch bookings could be handed over to a third party. AFC Chellaston had a place to call home!

Chellaston Leisure Limited (CLL) was formed in July 2017 to manage the pavilion and pitch bookings. It is run by a small group of volunteers from within the football club and is also operated on a not for profit basis. CLL's aims to provide and enhance a facility that is not only used by AFC Chellaston but also by other teams and user groups from the Chellaston Community.

The first year has been very eventful and has provided both good and bad experiences. The cold weather in March caused the heating and water pipes to burst meaning that the majority of the centre had no water or gas supplies until September. That didn't stop CLL; thanks to volunteers and local businesses providing temporary fixes, it ensured that Chellaston's first park run, with over 100 runners participating, could be held. Five summer football tournaments over three weekends were organised (including one that clashed with an England quarter final) together with a football fun day. Funding was secured for the installation of a defibrillator and CCTV. Two Community defibrillator awareness sessions were also held. CLL were able to assist the Chellaston Residents' Association with a donation towards the 'Lest we Forget' Tommy statue.



Going forward there are some exciting plans for the park facilities, the all-weather court is due to be refurbished, creating two floodlit 3G courts in spring 2019 and we are looking to extend the Community room and storage provision of the pavilion so that it can be utilised for other activities and by other groups.

AFC Chellaston and Chellaston Leisure Ltd have Facebook pages and are always looking for new members and volunteers to assist these organisations.

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Chellaston in Bloom



Following the success of the Environmental Task Group, which has been meeting regularly to maintain flower beds and planters on the High Street, we are going to do something bigger in 2019. We are proposing to enter some areas of Chellaston in the “It’s Your Neighbourhood” category of the East Midlands in Bloom Project in 2019.

We are planning not only to continue with the work on those beds which we have been improving but also to create some new beds on grass verges, so we have about ten locations in total – a few of them are featured on this page. The aim is to improve these areas which will be on a route through the area, so that Chellaston will look better to visitors and residents alike.



The beauty of entering the “It’s Your Neighbourhood” section is that it means that we can concentrate on the selected areas and the judging will be about what has been achieved rather than it being a competition comparing the whole of Chellaston with other places. We have already been talking to the City Council who are very supportive of the idea and with the Littleover in Bloom team, who have been giving advice.



We want this to be a community project and we are keen to hear from residents who would like to assist. We would be particularly interested to hear from people who might like to adopt a particular area and look after it. We also would like to hear from local businesses, who could help in small ways, with the costs of materials etc.



Of course, any suggestions about the project will be very welcome.



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