

Welcome to our first edition of a bulletin designed specifically to provide you with an outline of news from the development group.

The DDFDG was reformed in September 2007 and the key aim is to increase the number of people with disabilities participating in football within the county.

We aim to promote playing opportunities, encourage more coaches and volunteers to get involved with disability football, encourage existing clubs to embrace disability football to gain or sustain FA Charter Standard, consult with disabled people to determine how they wish to get involved and undertake regular audits of the football opportunities available to disabled people.

I hope you enjoy the read,

Pete Collins –  
Disability Football  
Development Officer

### **Codnor Boys FC lead the way**

Codnor Boys FC became the first FA Charter Standard club to establish a disability football section to their club. They successfully ran a taster session during the February half term at Aldercar Community Language College with 10 budding players attending. Wayne Griffiths of Codnor Boys FC is leading the new scheme, with the support of the development group and Derby County in the Community. The next session is planned for Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 4-6pm at Aldercar Community Language College.



### **Festival Updates**

Three of the five festivals in the East Midlands PAN Disability Leagues have now taken place and Derbyshire are competing with great determination and effort.

The highlight so far came at the Nottingham Festival when one of the Derbyshire League teams came 1<sup>st</sup> with a 100% record. The team which comprises of players from the Derby Shooters Club produced the dazzling display to win the Notts Festival and move the team up the league overall. Another Highlight came in the Derbyshire festival when Nathan Rae of the Derbyshire Premier Team scored 10 goals in the event.

The under 16's teams have found the going tough but have displayed teamwork skills which highlights the progress they are making.

## Upcoming Events –

### Ability Counts – Parent/Child Session

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> April 5-6pm  
@ JJB Soccerdome

### Codnor Boys FC – Taster Session

Mon April 14<sup>th</sup> 4-6pm  
@ Aldercar Com  
College

### DDFDG Meeting

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> April @ Pride  
Park Stadium 6pm

### Midway FC Disability Club – Taster Sessions

Thurs April 24<sup>th</sup> @  
Pingle School,  
Swadlincote 5.30-  
6.30pm for 6 Weeks.

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## New Developments in the County

### Midway FC

Midway FC of South Derbyshire are following in the footsteps of Codnor Boys FC and are looking to establish a disability group at their club. They have proposed to run a 6 week block of coaching session on a Thursday evening 5.30-6.30pm at Pingle School, Swadlincote, where players will receive coaching from Derby County in the Community Coaches, assisted by Coaches from the club. The first session is Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April. For more information contact Pete Collins or Midway FC at [ian@midwayfc.co.uk](mailto:ian@midwayfc.co.uk).

### NDCS – Deaf Friendly Football Club Project

The National Deaf Children's Society are forging a partnership with Derby County in the Community and Derby Deaf FC to create more opportunities for young deaf footballers within the county. The partnership hopes to put on a one day festival to promote the project and then create a junior section of Derby Deaf FC where young deaf players can play on a regular basis.

More information will be available in the next newsletter and on the NDCS website in the near future. Alternatively you can contact Pete Collins.

