



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **BOLLINGTON UNITED FC ACHIEVE FA CHARTER STANDARD CLUB STATUS**

Cheshire County Football Association has awarded Bollington United FC the prestigious FA Charter Standard Club award for grassroots football.

The FA Charter Standard programme, supported by FA partner McDonald's, was established six years ago and helps clubs to improve standards of coaching, administration, player development and child protection. The FA Charter Standard award is presented to those clubs like Bollington United FC who have raised their standards in these areas and lead the field in promoting best football practice, both on and off the pitch in grassroots football.

*Paul Gibbons* Bollington United FC (*Chairman and U15's Coach*), said "my thanks go out to members of our football club who have worked diligently over the years to ensure that Bollington United FC could be put forward for consideration for charter status, in addition I would like to thank our club sponsors, who have provided funding support, without which we would not have been able to achieve some of the criteria required for Charter Status. Receiving chartered status recognizes that managers, players and the back room staff have committed themselves to achieving and maintaining the highest standards in junior football. It means that as a member of our football club, players can be assured that we are continually working to ensure that they receive the best facilities and opportunities in junior football that we can offer. "

Terry Harrop, Chairman of the Cheshire County FA Football Development Committee comments: "The FA Charter Standard award acknowledges the fantastic support that Bollington United FC is providing within the local

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community and its efforts to provide opportunities for players to develop their skills and play football in a safe and positive environment.”

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James Self, Cheshire County FA Football Development Officer comments "The Cheshire County FA is committed to raising the standards of football at grassroots level and the dedication and achievements of clubs like Bollington United FC make this possible".

Bollington United FC was presented with their award on Sunday 24 February, by James Self, Football Development Officer.

Since 2002, over 60 clubs in Cheshire have achieved FA Charter Standard Club, Adult Club, Development or Community Club status.

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