

the kite



Welcoming in 2025



The first edition of the Kite in 2025 brings with it a bombshell of bad news in the form of yet more new houses in the Parish. Specifically Bellway Homes' development of 150+ new homes along Roestock Lane in Colney Heath Village. To say I'm angry with St Albans District Council is an understatement.

On Wednesday 19th March, SADC voted in favour to approve Bellway's application, having only a few months earlier been strongly opposed to developments of comparable size in Colney Heath. Indeed, it has supported the Parish Council and collectively we have been a thorn in the side of the developers. To those four councillors, including our Parish Councillor Graeme Shaw, who voted against the development, I say thank you for your integrity and commitment. To the seven councillors that voted in favour, I'm lost for words. Your selfish actions have now turned Colney Heath – and this Parish – into the district's 'dumping ground' of new housing. In one fell swoop you have opened the door as wide as possible to the destruction of our Green Belt, valuable farmland and all that is good about village communities.

It should not be like this, but the sad reality is that it has been allowed to develop in the UK today due to a political landscape of weak

leadership and too many politicians who only have one agenda – themselves. And now with the government tearing up the rule book on house building, classifying Green Belt as 'Grey Belt' and all-important local decisions now in the hands of a process I have little faith in, I am fearful for the future of this Parish. I hope you will excuse my approach in this statement. I'll leave the positive news to other contributors in this edition.

However, I would like to end with a personal thank you to Councillor John Clemow who sadly took the decision to resign recently. His hard work over the past eighteen months has been exemplary and we would not be moving forward with the Roestock Hut situation without his efforts. I wish him and Sue well for the future. In his place, I welcome Spencer James, someone I know is committed to helping the Parish.

Craig Craig Tallents, Chair

YOUR DIARY DATES

Parish Council meetings:
Thursdays 24th April and
22nd May 2025 at 7.30pm
at Colney Heath JMI School.
Residents are always very
welcome to attend.

• **Lambing Weekend at**
• **Oaklands College** on 10th
• and 11th May. See page 5
• for full details of the event
• and how to buy tickets
• and special VIP passes.

• **Saturday 26th April**
• **bingo charity night**
• for the **Life is for Living**
• **Foundation** at Colney
• Heath FC. Details on the
• football club's website.

We must keep going

As the Chairman has stated in his welcome statement, Bellway's application to build 150+ houses on Roestock Lane in Colney Heath was approved by St Albans District Council. Despite the evidence put forward by the Parish Council and the support of residents, our efforts fell on deaf ears. This decision has personally hit me hard, especially as I believed our case was strong. Sadly, as I have come to realise with planning, there is no such thing as logic, consistency and fair play.

The Parish Council will continue to defend inappropriate developments and therefore the **Planning Working Group** supported by the Clerk will continue to make sure that we are acting on behalf of residents' views and opinions. With a bit of luck, we just might keep some of the new applications coming our way at bay. I must personally thank Colney Heath resident Mike Rawlins for his invaluable planning knowledge, continued support and friendship.

One other piece of bad news is that despite the Parish Council's objection, the Planning Inspector has allowed the appeal for nine houses on the field at the junction of Bullens Green Lane and Roestock Lane – a patch of land that residents have long enjoyed seeing sheep grazing on. The Inspector justified his decision on the fact that the site is within a 'short' walk of South Hatfield, via an 'underpass under the A1 that is well-lit and drains well in heavy rain' (his words!!!) and its range of shops, services and buses to nearby towns. Yet another decision based on non-sensical reasons!

Some good news is that the 'eco-village' application of six two-bedroom dwellings and three three-bedroom dwellings and community hub at Colne Spring Villa in Colney Heath has been rejected (although in the scheme of things it seems pretty trivial). We also wait on the decision for 30 new houses between Tollgate Road and the farmhouse on Coursers Road.

The Parish Council has received one declaration of interest for the Roestock Hut from Colney Heath Scouts which will be reviewed as soon as possible. Leases for the Charles Morris Hall and Colney Heath Football Club are expected to come to fruition in the next few weeks. On the agenda too is Horseshoe Field in Smallford and the Parish Council will be discussing best options for its future.

Finally, can I also express my sincere thanks to Councillor John Clemow, not only for his diligent work on the Roestock Hut situation, but also for his experience and knowledge in planning matters.



© CPRE 2025 – Brownfield site in Herts example

The Brownfield facts

As our Parish continues to be a focus for housing development, I would urge all residents to get behind CPRE's latest Brownfield site report. It highlights the fact that in Hertfordshire there continues to be massive unrealised opportunity to develop new housing on brownfield land with infrastructure in place (a subject that the Parish Council has raised at every planning appeal it has attended). In fact, the figures are shocking. There's enough brownfield land across Hertfordshire for 29,580 new homes – that's a staggering 43% increase on last year!

St Albans and Welwyn Hatfield Councils have recently updated their Brownfield registers. St Albans has 42 brownfield sites which could provide 1,535 net dwellings and Welwyn Hatfield has 77 sites. Personally, I find it incredulous that the immediate focus for new housebuilding is not on these sites, especially after the Government re-stated its commitment to a 'brownfield first' approach at the end of last year. We all need to continue to call on local authorities to ensure that identified brownfield sites are redeveloped, with the right homes for local people's needs, before building on farmland and the countryside. Indeed, it should already be happening up and down the county. To read CPRE's report in full go to www.cpreherts.org.uk/news/

PLANNING: CAN YOU HELP THE PARISH COUNCIL?

We continue to need resident support in planning matters, applications and appeals. If you are experienced in planning, building, sustainability and legal matters – or can help with some basic research and evidence tasks, please email Councillor Tony Burns at cilburns@colneyheathparishcouncil.gov.uk

Reporting road incidents

Following a recent meeting with Councillor John Hale and Highways, both Sandridge and Colney Heath Parish Councils have been encouraged to get residents to report traffic incidents on the police website that have been near misses (both with other drivers or pedestrians) or cause for concern. These often take place at busy or blind junctions, changing road lanes or where signage is inadequate. If you experience a situation which you deem dangerous – or witness reckless driving – please report it however trivial it may seem. It won't necessarily mean the police will take action, but it will log your incident and create valuable data for them to use in making assessments on road and driver safety – and speed control measures. Incidents can be reported at www.herts.police.uk (use the search facility and type in: 'report a road traffic incident').

Smallford road flooding

Flooding still continues to be a major issue in the Parish. Highways has been working hard to remedy roads that continue to be issues for drivers and pedestrians. From 17th March, attention will be put on the Wilkins Green Road and Station Road junction in Smallford, which has seen its fair share of problems over the past year. This has also impacted accessing the Alban Way. Hopefully, with these improvements to drainage, things will start to get better and we will see heavy downpours receding quickly and safely.

Beating the Bounds

The annual 'Beating The Bounds' will take place on Sunday 1st June 2025. As with last year, it will start from the Village Hall at 2pm with a guided walk by Ranger Charlie Nash around the Common's bounds followed by refreshments back at the Hall. The walk lasts a couple of hours. All residents welcome!



© Nick Pettit 2025 – Rory Sands, 'The Owl Man'

No hooting here!

In early February, Councillor Nick Pettit was invited by Ranger Charlie Nash and local resident Rory Sands (aka the 'Owl Man') to help clean out the two owl nesting boxes on Colney Heath Common. Knowing Nick as I do and his love of birds – especially owls – he jumped at the chance. Sadly, upon investigation, neither box had been used as an owl home over the past months, although there was evidence of a wasp nest in one! We remain hopeful that the owl boxes will get used sometime soon. However all is not lost, because according to Nick, there is an active pair of Barn Owls in the Warren Farm area which can often be spotted over the fields behind the Common hunting at dusk (look out for a flash of white from the owl's underbelly as it flies up and down the field looking for a tasty dinner!).

VE Day: call for ideas

The Parish Council is looking into the possibility of organising a residents' event to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day in May. If you have an idea, or want to combine an event you are planning with the Parish Council, email Councillor Steve Parish at cllrparish@colneyheathparishcouncil.org

BE AWARE: parking on pavements and grass verges

After our recent meeting with Councillor John Hale and Highways, residents in Colney Heath should be aware that parking enforcement officers have been active in the Village. A number of cars have been issued fines for parking offences during school drop-offs and football matches. To remind residents, although not illegal to park up on pavements and across driveways, the



Council can enforce it if it believes it impairs traffic flow. This also applies to grass verges. Contrary to public opinion, the sign opposite means it is illegal to park on the verge. Where displayed (Roestock Lane area residents take note), you risk being fined – aside from the fact that churning up the grass outside properties with tyre tracks leaves verges damaged and looking incredibly unsightly.

Protecting our environment

Local naturalist and Herts Bird Club chairman Rupert Evershed has been working with Councillor Nick Pettit, a keen walker and birdwatcher, to instigate improvements to Tyttenhanger Gravel Pits following a serious over-silting of the main pit lake by Tarmac, which has created much cause for concern. Here Rupert explains more.

Anyone visiting the lakes at Tyttenhanger Gravel Pits will not have failed to notice the build-up of silt on the main pit lake. Whereas before there was a large body of open water this has now been halved by a large expanse of silt beach. Aside from being very unattractive, this large expanse of quicksand poses a danger to both people and wildlife, raising concerns amongst local residents (thank you Anna Morris) and keen walkers. It also prompted local councillor, Nick Pettit, to contact me – he himself a walker and birdwatcher. We decided to contact Tarmac to find out what was going on and if anything could be done to remedy the situation.

In early February, we met with representatives from Tarmac to survey the area. They were keen to apologise for the current situation, explaining that it had arisen from a failure in their silt management system, which relies on silt being filtered out before water is pumped into the main pit from the Coursers Road quarry. The main lake that has silted over forms an important part of the quarrying system in operation, allowing cleaned water to be pumped out for washing gravel. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the system reached overload and heavily silted water was pumped into the main pit for a long period. The situation has now been reversed and clean water is once again being pumped into the lake. Unfortunately, due to the unstable nature of silt deposits, the build-up will have to remain and be allowed to settle. Removing and restoring the lake to the open water it used to be is sadly not an option. It is likely that the silted 'beach' will grow over with vegetation and as it gets higher the views currently enjoyed across the lake from the causeway footpath will be lost.



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As a birdwatcher, this is incredibly frustrating. With so many of the original views over the lake now also obscured by vegetation, Nick and I decided to press Tarmac on the matter – asking them if it would be possible to provide new viewpoints to enjoy the lake and its wildlife. To our surprise, they were open to our ideas and we were able to identify a series of key points around the lake along with a very positive discussion of how more efforts could be made to improve the site. These include the installation of viewing platforms or hides along with some vegetation management where possible. It was also agreed that new fencing was required alongside the silted quicksand areas to protect people and dogs. Other specific improvements for wildlife were suggested, such as installing a Sand Martin bank for these summer visiting birds (and former breeders at the site) to nest.

Tarmac's receptive response to the idea of promoting the site as a nature reserve and working towards improving accessibility is a good sign. There are of course health and safety considerations and limitations on working in areas that are still part of the active quarrying operations, but it is hoped with consultation these can be overcome. With a suggestion that some work could be undertaken from September onwards, it is hoped that the future of the site may be looking more positive. I will continue to work with Nick and Tarmac to formulate a plan of action – both for the immediate situation and for the longer-term improvement and management of the site. So, watch this space and I will report back in due course.



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Enjoy the magic of Springtime lambing at Oaklands

Taking place on May 10th and 11th at Oaklands St Albans campus, our 2025 'Lambing Weekend' follows on from the overwhelming success of last year's event. Following visitor feedback, we have made a range of improvements to make your experience better and more memorable, including bigger and better parking facilities and special VIP Guest Passes.

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Peter Hudson, Oaklands College



SMALLFORD & SLEAPSHYDE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

A busy start to '25

For the first time in a while, there is little to report on Brett Aggregates application for quarrying the old Hatfield aerodrome site. However, if the length of the last SSRA committee agenda in February was anything to go by, there is still a lot going on and we were fortunate to welcome County Councillor John Hale to the meeting to help us though it!

In 2019, Herts County Council was considering Smallford Pits as a possible location for a solar farm, which would contribute to the County's strategy to be carbon neutral by 2030. However, in view of the high value ecological habitats there, this location was not deemed viable. For the project as a whole, this means that the development will focus on land around the edge of Smallford Pit, with construction being split over three smaller parcels of land rather than a single plot.

The future use of Horseshoe Field is now being discussed by the Parish Council and we look forward to giving the SSRA view to the discussions. Wouldn't it be great if it could be restored to something useful for the community? We hope so.

Oaklands College held a local consultation meeting last December to discuss its proposals for the campus extension and the land to be allocated for housing to pay for it – as well as the possible re-routing of paths and bridgeways. The College principal has now started to directly engage with neighbouring residents' associations and we look forward to the discussions.

In common with just about everywhere else this wet winter, flooding has been an issue in the locality, especially the Alban Way in the area under the bridge. We understand from County Councillor John Hale that Highways will be doing improvement works in the next month. If you would like to be kept up to speed with our local news, please send your name and address and email details to:

info@smallford.org

Can you help with the clearing of the pond at Sleapshyde?

We are looking for residents who can help with the clearing and cleaning of the pond at Sleapshyde. If you can spare some time to join a team of volunteers, please email info@smallford.org with your details and we will get back to you.

Steve Ross, Secretary SSRA

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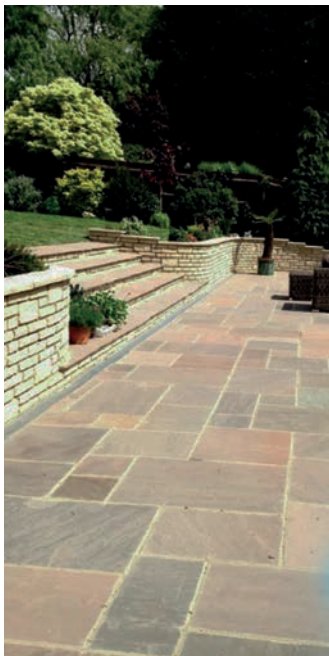
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COLNEY HEATH THEATRE CLUB

Top shows available now

In December, we saw *Only Fools and Horses – The Musical* at the Eventim Apollo Theatre for the Gala Performance with many celebrities in the audience, including David Jason. It was a fantastic evening bringing back fond memories of the iconic comedy.

We now have tickets available for *Just For One Day* at The Shaftesbury Theatre on 15th September. The musical tells the story of the original Live Aid event. Tickets and return coach travel cost £60. We also have tickets for *Fiddler on the Roof* at The Barbican on Wednesday 28th May. This well know musical includes the song 'If I were a Rich Man', and takes place in 1905 in the tiny village of Anatevka. A Jewish milkman lives his life by proud traditions and as each of his five daughters challenge his beliefs against the backdrop of a changing world, he is forced to either hold onto his roots or bend to the will of his children and embrace the unfamiliar. The cost of the ticket and return coach travel is £80.00. To book for either show call Elizabeth Clarke on **07870 701 118** or email colneyheaththeatreclub@yahoo.co.uk.

Elizabeth Clarke, Colney Heath Theatre Club

THE SCOUTS

Looking ahead

The past couple of months have been a busy time for Colney Heath Scout Group, including submitting our expression of interest to the Parish Council regarding Roestock Hut. We remain hopeful for a successful resolution and a return to the hut we called home for many years.

Recent activities have seen the Scouts take part in a District challenge (doing very well), a winter weekend camp, rifle shooting at Phasels Wood activity centre and watching the St Albans Gang Show. Cubs have been busy doing their personal challenge badge and making pancakes on pancake day. Beavers have also been working on their challenge badges, which included a parent attending a meeting to show them emergency aid. We were also lucky to take them outside to see the alignment of planets, which will help towards gaining their space badge. We are now hoping for more dry weather over the coming months so that we can continue our meetings outside around the Village.

Pat Hall, Colney Heath Scouts



© Pat Hall 2025 – Sowing cress and tying shoelaces challenge badge

Think global, act local

Each term the children are set a challenge aimed at improving an aspect of life in our school or local area. Last term, the problem of paper towel use was presented to the whole school, and children who felt they could take action on this formed a School Council. Pictured below is one of our School Council representatives meeting with Biffa to negotiate how we can recycle even more waste for the benefit of our environment. You can read about the project from the School Council on the right. The School's Governors were particularly impressed with the idea and as a head teacher it's fantastic to see how our children are committed to such a worthwhile cause!

Anne Clark, Head



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The School Council's statement:

Over the past term, we discovered that the school had been using and wasting too many paper towels. We therefore came up with a cost saving resolution to help the environment and the school's budget.

We started by speaking with the staff in the school's office to find out just how many paper towels we regularly order and how much it costed the school per year. We then visited classrooms and other areas around the school to see what the wastage was – and it was a lot! Meeting weekly, we thought of ideas to help solve this problem. After many discussions, we decided to see if it would be better if we used hand towels instead of paper towels. So, we went back to the office and asked them how much it would cost in gas, water and electric if we did two towel washes a week. We researched the cost of towels, towel holders, washing tablets and the ethical practice of the stores we wanted to buy from.

We presented our ideas and research to our Head Teacher Mrs Clark and then to our governing body. We are delighted to say they have agreed to our proposal, and we will have everything in place after Easter. This will not only save the school thousands in their budget, but it will help us protect the environment too! As a School Council, we are always looking at ways to make our school and environment within and around our school better.

As well as this project, we have made bird feeders and hedgehog houses out of reuseable materials.



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Colney Heath JMI School Board of Governors currently has vacancies. If you have knowledge of Estates, Health & Safety, Finance, HR, IT, Safeguarding or SEND, why not use those skills to help your school. For further information leave your details at the school office or email Patrick Delaney, Chair at pdelaney@colneyheath.herts.sch.uk

Garden revamp

As reported in the Winter issue of The Kite, a number of improvements have been made to the Bill Franklin Memorial Garden outside the Village Hall. The previous planting was blocking the view of the building, making it difficult for drivers to spot from the road. It had also become difficult to manage and wasn't attractive. The new design uses Berberis shrubs planted on the curved edge which will mature into a low hedge and two lime trees. As they grow they will be trimmed to frame the view of the hall. The dedication plaque to Bill Franklin will be placed in the centre along with a new sign.

Mike Redfern



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Your Voice is given over to a person connected to the Parish to speak on a subject that others might be interested in. **Hayley Star** is a manager at **Hertfordshire Domestic Abuse Helpline**, a local charity that provides a confidential, free, support and signposting service for anyone affected by domestic abuse. It's sadly an issue that's become much more widespread. Here, Hayley gives an insight into the charity's service and the vital work the Helpline does.

The first step is to talk. We are here to listen.

Domestic abuse costs the UK economy over 65 billion pounds a year. Everything from loss of productivity for employers and the impact it has on career opportunities for victims and survivors, to the harm it has on children's welfare and the effect on housing. Not to mention the cost it has on the NHS and the Police.

It's an issue that's far from new. Domestic abuse has been happening right under our noses for as long as time began. Behind closed doors on our streets and in the workplace, it takes on many forms and its definition is broad. With a broad brush, it is described as an incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening, degrading and violent behaviour, including sexual violence, in the majority of cases by a partner or ex-partner, but also by a family member or carer. For many people in long-term relationships, it can take them years before they are able to see their relationship for what it is – a union based on control. Indeed, often the actions of the perpetrators of domestic and family abuse and coercive control – and the insidious strategies and tactics used by them – go unrecognised for years.

Hertfordshire Domestic Abuse Helpline (HDAH) is a confidential, free, support and signposting service for anyone affected by domestic abuse. Whether directly serving victims, perpetrators or their families, or indirectly to professionals, it has a comprehensive and unique understanding of local resources that can help them. HDAH works in partnership with countywide statutory, voluntary and community organisations to improve the lives of anyone affected by domestic abuse – as well as those seeking help to change their behaviour.

HDAH became a registered charity in January 2011 (although it had been operational since 2002) and in 2022 it received a Queens Award for Voluntary Service – a huge achievement for all involved. Last year the Helpline received a total of 2,400 calls and emails. With a worrying – and growing percentage – of the country suffering some degree of financial hardship, this number is expected to rise



significantly. It is therefore vital that communities gain a better awareness of domestic abuse and understand the effect it can have on an individual's daily life, including their mental health and their ability to function at work.

You can find more information about the charity and how to follow us on social media, by going to **hertsdomesticabusehelpline.org**. You'll also find out about the ways in which you might be able to help us. The charity relies on fundraising and donations to maintain its service and we are always looking for volunteers in a variety of roles, including our all-important call takers.

If you need support or help with domestic abuse, **call 08 088 088 088**. The charity is open Monday to Friday, 9am–9pm and 9am–4pm at the weekend. If you cannot call, you can send a confidential email to **kim@mailpurple.org**

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Spring hope

As the days grow longer and the sun peeks through the clouds, we get a taste of the warmth and brightness to come. After months of cold and darkness, these first signs of Spring bring a sense of hope – just like Easter does. It's a reminder that Winter doesn't last forever. Whether or not faith is part of your journey, the message of Easter speaks to all of us: no matter what we've been through, there is the possibility of something better, something new.

The Bible says, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" (Isaiah 43:19). Just as the earth comes back to life with flowers and birdsong, we, too, can step forward with fresh hope. Maybe for you, that hope comes from the warmth of community, the beauty of nature, or simply the promise of longer, sunnier days. Whatever the season ahead holds, may you find encouragement in knowing that Winter is behind you and that there is so much to look forward to. Wishing you a Spring filled with light, hope and new possibilities.

Rev'd Caroline Keightley, Vicar

Easter at St Mark's 2025

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Repair Fairs are grassroots initiatives that bring together people with a shared goal of fixing broken household items, reducing waste and building stronger communities. Our next Repair Fair will be on **Saturday 17th May at St Mark's Church Centre from 2-5pm**. It's FREE, so come along and have that forgotten about item fixed like new!

Can you help?

We are currently on the look out for individuals who are skilled in:

Electronics: fixing toasters, lamps and radios.

Sewing: mending clothing, zips and upholstery.

Carpentry: fixing chairs, tables and furniture.

Computers: hardware and software issues.

Bike Repairs: servicing and tyres.

General skills: everything from gluing a broken vase to reassembling household gadgets.

If you can help, you can find out more about getting involved with St Albans District Fixers at:
www.sustainablestalbans.org/repair-and-reuse

All to play for...

The season is approaching the final few fixtures for all our teams. The men's senior team is destined for mid-table mediocrity, while the U23s have two semi-finals to look forward to in April. The U18s now sit atop the Delphian Division of the Southern Counties Youth League, and the Ladies still occupy second place in the Eastern Region Women's League South Division. In the Youth section, the U15 EJA and U13 EJA teams are competing for silverware in prestigious cups, along with our U16 Magpies, who are having a wonderful season at the top of the Watford Friendly League.

Off the pitch, Friday night bingo has become a big success and is enjoyed in a family-friendly atmosphere. On Saturday, April 26th, we will host a bingo charity night for the Life is for Living Foundation – a brilliant Hatfield-based charity (established by a former club staff member, Lois Parker) which helps families affected by cancer enjoy organised trips to create valuable memories during difficult times. If you would like to come along, please email me to reserve a space at: rs@colneyheathfc.com



A minute's silence before the Colney Heath v Shefford fixture

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February's annual MNDA quiz was another huge success. Now in its ninth year, we raised nearly £1,500 for the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

As chairman of Colney Heath, I feel incredibly fortunate and blessed to be able to work with people who look beyond their daily struggles and actively choose to create a world of healing and compassion. We are always seeking additional opportunities to support community activities and welcome suggestions and proposals from anyone in the local area.

Richard Smith, Chair, Colney Heath FC



PLAYERS NEEDED FOR 25/26 TEAMS

**U15 BOYS & U15 GIRLS
U5 & U6 GIRLS**

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To register your interest for trials (dates to be confirmed), contact our Head of Recruitment at: newplayer@harvestersfc.co.uk or visit www.harvestersfc.co.uk

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