



Guernsey Walking Football Club

Club Profile - September 2017

Walking Football was first introduced into Guernsey, as taster sessions, by the Guernsey Football Association (GFA) in association with King George V Playing Fields (KGV) in 2014. These sessions were well attended and great interest was shown by the participants. This continued for approximately 18 months purely as a social group and was well attended.

Guernsey Walking Football Club (GWFC) was formed in early 2017, with an Acting President, Acting Secretary and Acting Treasurer. A Club Constitution was written and adopted by the club and accepted by the Guernsey Sports Commission in early 2017. At the same time, a link was set up with "Walking Football United" (WFU) and "The Walking Football Association" (WFA) who have members all over the UK as well as on the continent. The GWFC, in 2017, has 22 members both male and female and have 12/14 regular attendees at the social sessions held on Sunday mornings.

Walking Football in Guernsey was officially introduced to the public during "Healthy Heart Weekend" held at Beau Sejour in early 2016 and 2017, where the public were invited to participate in a session alongside players from the club.

The club participated in the Bobby Moore Foundation National Fund-Raising Weekend in 2017. This was arranged by the GFA. A round robin tournament was arranged with 4 teams enjoying this original activity/sport.

During 2017 we have delivered coaching/playing session at Styx Community Centre for over 50's patient referrals from two GP Practices as part of their fitness programme.

In August 2017, a squad of 8 players travelled to Jersey and participated in the inaugural friendly get together with two teams from Fort Regent. A round robin tournament was arranged with the top two teams competing in the final in which the GWFC achieved the win.

The club held its first meeting in July 2017 with an AGM to be held in December 2017.

The Future: This week we delivered two coaching sessions to U3A here in Guernsey, several participants have shown interest in joining Walking Football. The GWFC have organised a Walking Football Festival, being held in October 2017 with teams from the UK and Jersey attending. The Sports Commission are organising a "Family Day" sports/activity day mid-September our members will be sharing their

technic/skills at KGV We are due to participate in sessions during Old Peoples Week, to be held in October 2017. GWFC are planning a Walking Football Festival for May 2018 with teams from Jersey and the UK. (part of a Football Festival for Junior 7's including Ladies/Girls 7's)

To be affiliated to the local Football Association (GFA) and be accepted into the mainstream football system with a league structure for players 50+ years of age, our constitution allows for anyone over 18 years to be part of the activity/social elements of the club.

One of our main targets is to attract a sponsor/s for GWFC + our Social Section to enable participation in the various cups/ leagues/festivals off Island and to help support travel to events.



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