



Stalybridge Celtic Juniors is an FA Charter Standard Development Club run by qualified and experienced volunteers. The grassroots club was formed in 1975 and offers quality coaching for players of all abilities.

Club History

In the summer of 1975, a group of young boys were playing football in the street near Jack Hammersley's house. Naturally the ball spent more time in the gardens than it did in the road. Eventually Jack asked the boys if they would like to form a team and play in competitive matches, so Stalyhill Juniors, later to become Stalybridge Celtic Juniors, was formed.

At the end of 1976/77 season, Bryan Cross volunteered to help run a second team as so many lads wanted to play and is a club policy to this day, none were turned away. The club gradually went from three teams in the late 1970's and early 1980's to teams at all age groups and since the late eighties the club has continued to grow, and today has 28 teams as well as the Saturday Soccer School.

The teams continue to do well in age & ability appropriate leagues and competitions and travel the UK and Europe competing in tournaments including those hosted by Barcelona and Benfica. In 2000 the club raised funds to buy the old lacrosse club, on Mossley Road, Despite two fires, the Soccer School continued to flourish and today hosts up to 120 children of all abilities every Saturday morning and is the starting point for all our junior teams.

In 2014 the Soccer School club house underwent a £120,000 renovation after fundraising by the club and support from FA and Premier League Facilities Fund. Lord Tom Pendry, former MP for Stalybridge and Hyde and president of the Football Association, performed the official opening with club chairman Garry Pearce.

Teams, from Under 7s to under 16s and the pan-disability team, compete in local leagues, including the Tameside Junior Football League and Sunday leagues, The East Manchester Junior Football League and the Manchester Youth and Mini Soccer leagues.

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