

### Statement

Alton FC have three teams at the U13 (next season) age group, and we continually try to give the boys every opportunity to develop within the game – as players, understanding the theory behind the game, and taking control of decisions on and off the pitch. Our three teams already play on Saturday mornings in the NEHYL, but we want to be able to provide more opportunities for match time, and building inter-team relationships within the club, by fielding a Sunday team too, that would comprise boys from across the three squads. Our intention is to let the boys take as much of a lead in running their team as is practical, with strong support from 5-6 qualified coaches on standby for safeguarding, first aid, and any other matters that require adult attention. The Peter Houseman league seems to offer high quality, competitive football at this age, and we would welcome the opportunity to join.

With a blend of abilities across our existing players, and the emphasis we want to place on the boys developing their on- and off- field skills, I believe we would be best suited to starting in Division 2. Our boys have just completed a season without heading (NEHYL rules from 22-23 season), and most won't have played 11-a-side prior to next season, so I would anticipate some transition on a number of fronts. I wouldn't expect us to be on a competitive level with the teams in your Premier division in our first season.

Team name : Alton Aces

Kit Colours (Primary) : White / Black

Kit Colours (Secondary) : Orange / Black

Ground (Primary) : Alton FC, Exclusive Networks Stadium, Anstey Park Enclosure, Anstey Lane, Alton, GU34 2NB

Ground (Secondary) : Jubilee Playing Fields, Chawton Park Road, Alton, GU34 1RF