

## GJFL Charter Standard Club feature

As we enter the second half of our first season as the Counties joint first junior league to attain full Charter Standard League status, it seems an appropriate time to feature one of the more progressive member clubs in the **GJFL**.

We are often asked the question in relation to Charter Standards “what’s in it for my club & what are the benefits.”

We’ll try asking that question to the players and members of established south Leeds club Tingley Athletic.

**Tingley Athletic Junior Football Club** was established 34 years ago in 1974, but the recent amazing transformation and growth of TAJFC is owed to the FA’s Charter Standard scheme & the funding and grant aid opportunities only available to clubs who have gained, or are working toward, Charter Standard.

TAJFC was initially awarded the **Charter Standard** mark in 2002, quickly followed by **Charter Development Club** status.

In May 2006 Tingley Athletic Junior Football Club joined a select group of just 25 clubs throughout the whole West Riding to achieve the much coveted **FA Charter Standard Community Club award**, the FA’s most prestigious Charter Standard endorsement.

This award was pivotal in TAJFC’s successful application for Football Foundation grant aid to the tune of £664,668.00, which together with other funding contributions and 5 years of hard graft fundraising by club members, gave TAJFC in excess of £800,000.00 to invest in their superb new facility featuring.

- A permanent base with dedicated generous car parking
- 2 full size 11 a-side pitches
- 1  $\frac{3}{4}$  11 a-side pitch
- 2 small sided (7-a-side) football pitches
- A new clubhouse featuring 4 changing rooms (male & female), 2 match official changing rooms, equipment store rooms, kit room, kitchen & multi function area.



From humble beginnings, TAJFC now boasts over 300 players from U7 to adult open age, 6 girls teams, 24 qualified coaches, local club school links, and of course a lasting and secure future.

“THE MOST IMPORTANT BENEFIT of becoming a Charter Standard Club is showing the world that you are serious about... raising standards, improving facilities, coaching, first aid and child protection.” **The FA**

The **GJFL** Management Committee congratulates Tingley Athletic Junior Football Club and it’s hard working committee members, both past and present.