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500 UP FOR NEW COMMUNITY CLUB – 11th October 2017

Saffron Walden Community FC has achieved a significant milestone in the past week with more than 500 youth football players now registered on their books. The new club - formed in the summer following a merger of Saffron Walden Town Youth FC and Spartak Saffron Walden Youth FC - entered a record 38 teams into league football in September, and also has a thriving Mini Soccer School for Reception and Year 1 pupils, based at Herbert's Farm, now with around 50 players.

At the same time our Girls Football Club, Saffron Walden PSG FC, continues to thrive and this week reached its own milestone when the 100th player registered for league football. "Taster sessions" have been taking place over the last month on Saturday mornings and PSG now has a further 30 girls ranging from Reception to Year 6 now playing football. Girls' football is one of the fastest growing sports in the UK and PSG now has an all-time high of 8 teams playing regular league football up to the U16 age group, plus the "Development Squad" for younger girls.

SWCFC Co-Chair Martin Johnson said: 'the hard work which has gone into creating the new club is now really starting to pay dividends. We have a record number of teams, and this is helping us in trying to make sure we can cater for everyone and find a team that suits each player. We are also really trying to raise standards in terms of how we run the club. We have launched a new online portal for players' registrations, we are ensuring the highest levels of qualifications we can for our volunteer managers and coaches, improving our communications, and we are looking to improve the kit and equipment we can offer teams'.





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'The establishment of the new club has also helped build our relationship with the Football Association, who were very supportive of the establishment of the new club, and its charitable status. We are also in ongoing discussions with the FA about improving football facilities in the town and the potential to deliver a new 3G pitch, and having established the new club over the last few months, delivering that new investment is now a key objective'.

'We are of course also totally reliant on our 100+ volunteers, and I want to thank them again for everything they do week in week out. Thanks also to our many local sponsors who are backing the club and enabling us to provide additional kit and equipment for teams. If anyone is interested in helping out in any capacity please contact the club and let us know. There are contact details on the website at: www.swcfc.org.uk'.

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