

**Practice Plus Group** 

## BIRMINGHAM COUNTY WALKING FOOTBALL LEAGUE



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## Welcome to BCWFL Walking Football... Win or Lose... Enjoy your Booze

Here we go again, another season begins! I hope you are all excited and keen to get playing league football once more.

The modified playing rules are available should anyone require a copy. The main changes are that we have adopted the FA rule which deems the ball to be out of play immediately if it goes overhead height after a goalkeeper makes a save. A sideline kick-in or roll-in directly in line with where the goalkeeper contacted the ball is then awarded to the attacking team. To remove any doubt on where kick-in's or Roll-in's are taken we have added a ruling the kick-in's must be taken within 1 metre of the touchlines and roll-in's to be taken with one foot on the touchline and the other foot outside the touchline.

All the league appointed referees are being asked to adopt a no tolerance approach to non-walking offences to deliver the consistency player's request.

Teams playing in the Over 60's, Over 65's and Over 70's will be able to select players who have 'Grandfather Rights' acquired from playing last season. Please be aware the league does have records of who is and who is not entitled to play and will be keeping a close watch on this during the season.

We (the League) were asked to assist in organising the FA WF National Cup County Qualifying Round at Ray Hall Lane for the



Chairperson, Rob Humphries

Over 50's and Over 60's age groups in August. On both occasions we were blessed with great weather and some excellent walking football. My personal thanks go out to the referees Brian, Ian & Andy for handling the games so well. I send my, and the Leagues, congratulations and best wishes to the winning teams when they compete in the next stages of the competition

Solihull Moors – FA WF Over 50's Winners Birmingham County Qualifying Round

Shrewsbury 99's - FA WF Over 60's Winners

And finally, please remember what we should all turn up on a Sunday or Wednesday for! It is not just to win or lose it is to enjoy playing walking football with and against friends in a safe and pleasant environment.

Please respect the referee, the match officials, and your opponents without them you will not have a game to enjoy.

Best wishes, Bob

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# BCWFL - Code of Conduct

The following is the code of conduct you will follow as a member of the Birmingham County Walking Football League.

Please read carefully:

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning
- Adhere to the rules
- Display and promote high standards of behaviour
- Promote fair play
- Always respect the match officials decisions
- Never engage in or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Never engage in bullying, intimidation or harassment
- Speak to my team-mates, the opposition, spectators and my coach/manager with respect
- Win or lose with dignity.
- Shake hands with the opposing team and the referee at the end of every game
- Be an ambassador for your club.
- Not play a match or partake in any practice against medical advice.
- To inform the manager/committee of any pre-existing medical condition or injury.

Sanctions will be applied by the club committee if any of this code is breached.

The committee's decision on type and length of sanctions is final.

## EARLY SEASON CHECKLIST

- Club affiliated to the FA.
- All players registered on the FA Club Portal.
- League Secretary advised in writing of team kit colours.

All of the above are league rules and failure to comply will lead to disciplinary action being taken!





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## Birmingham, County WOWEN'S WALKING FOOTBALL LEAGUES

# The BCWFL Girls have gone and done it!

BIRMINGHAM COUNTY
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LEAGUE
LEAGUE OF THE YEAR

CELEBBRATING 150 YEARS.
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The women's side of the BCWFL we already knew had scooped the Birmingham County local league of the award. Well, they topped that and only went on to beat the rest in the country to lift the national award. There was over 20,000 nominations across the 12 awards so what amazing recognition to receive .

What an incredible achievement this is for our women's league after just two seasons.

Women's sub committee members Fay Steele, Dee Reade, Wendy Benson, Mel Benson, Jay Adams and Vicky Mitchell (FA lead) were all invited to a star spangled awards dinner presentation at the Community Shield, Wembley on 10 th August. (Reg, as part of the sub committee was invited but was away on holiday but he was with the girls in spirit).

The wine and beer flowed, ex England stars, the likes of John Barnes, Emile Heskey, Sir Geoff Hurst, Rachel Sankey, Sue Smith, Rachel Brown Finnis mingled and chatted with the award winners and guests. Mark Chapman, (Chappers) compared the event with a live band... it was truly incredible. The girls were played into stage to collect the trophy with the band striking up their rendition of "Walk this Way.' Everything was perfect with smiles in abundance.

Part of the award will be having an ex England player attend one of our tournaments next year.

An great impression has been made, recognition received and now no resting on our laurels as sound preparation continues to be ready for an even better season 3, kicking off in September. This will now be for three divisions for our 18 teams taking part.



With the new venue of Castle Vale Stadium hosting us next season (2025-26), the future for the league is looking very bright indeed.





# Inkberrow Ladies thrilled to be joining the BCWFL Women's League

Inkberrow Ladies Walking Football Team has taken a bold stride, and, for the first time ever, will be signing up to participate in their first league since it's conception in 2021.

A relatively new, fairly small village team, the Inkberrow Ladies have gone from strength to strength, now finding themselves in the position where they are excited to join the Birmingham League in September of this year.

Francesca Wright, one of the Inkberrow Managers, said: "It's a huge testament to the hard work we've put in to grow the team – and we've only gone from strength to strength. 12 to 18 months ago we were regularly cancelling our Monday night practices simply because we didn't have enough players turning up, or we were having to supplement players with some of our men's team. Now, we're regularly running 7-a-side games, and we're absolutely thrilled to be joining the Birmingham Women's League for the first time this year."

Having participated in several friendly matches, a few mini tournaments and the May Celebration of Football held by the Birmingham League, the team feel more confident stepping into this season that they can put on a good show.

Francesca continued, "We are incredibly grateful to Jay for introducing us into the League, and getting us involved in a few games here and there so that we feel ready come September. The atmosphere and environment of what we have experienced so far has been fantastic – truly welcoming, and a great example for women's football. We are all raring to go and can't wait for our first match in September.

Despite being a relatively new team, Inkberrow has already seen some success, winning their first tournament In June this year. Hosted by Long Eaton Ladies, Inkberrow saw off some stiff competition, winning their first trophy on goal difference overall against Hartshill – a fantastic achievement for such a new and inexperienced team. Here's hoping they replicate their success in the League!







# Practice Plus Group and BCWFL (Womens) - Season 2025-26



KAREN CARNEY DIVISION	<b>RACHELL UNITT DIVISION</b>	ELLEN WHITE DIVISION		
Birmingham Blues	Coventry	Hartshill Red		
British Allsorts	Hartshill Blue	Castle Donington		
Forest Vets	Inkberrow	Boldmere St Michaels Bees		
Arden Pink	Collingham	Milton Keynes		
Northampton	Boldmere St Michaels	Long Eaton		
Braunton	Kettering Ladies	Birmingham Whites		

#### **BCWFL Women's League - Fixture 1 - September 21st 2025**

British All Sorts v Northampton	Hartshill Blue v Boldmere St. M.	MK <sub>v</sub> Birmingham White		
Forest Vets v Braunton	Inkberrow v Collingham	Long Eaton v Castle Donnington		
Arden Pink v Braunton	Kettering Ladies v Collingham	Boldmere Bees v Castle Donnington		
British All Sorts v Forest Vets	Hartshill Blue v Inkberrow	MK <sub>v</sub> Long Eaton		
Northampton √ Forest Vets	Boldmere St. M. v Inkberrow	Birmingham White V		
Arden Pink √ British All Soerts	Kettering Ladies V Hartshill Blue	Boldmere Bees v Castle Donnington		

Braunton v Northampton



#### **BCWFL WOMEN'S FIXTURE DATES**

19th October 2025 15th February 2026 16th November 2025 22nd March 2026

18th January 2026 *Contingency date:* 19th April 2026



#### **Over 50's Results & Round-up**









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#### **AUGUST 17th 2025**

#### **OVER 45s - FRIENDLY**

Bard Strollers 1 v Birmingham WFC 45s 2

#### **OVER 50s - FRIENDLY**

The Nomads 2 V Chasetown Scholars 3

Blackwood WFC 1 y Halfway '82 2

#### **AUGUST 31st 2025**

#### **FRIENDLIES**

Ashbourne WFC **0** v Coleshill Strollers **2** 

Hakfway '82 2 v Tamworth Strollers 1

Blackwood WFC 1 v Solihull Moors Walkers 5

Shard End **0** v Solihull Moors Strollers **1** 

The Nomads 2 v Solihull Moors Combined 1



#### SEPTEMBER 7th 2025

#### **OVER 50s PREMIER - FIXTURE 1**

Shrewsbury 99'ers 1 v Ashbourne WFC 2

Paul Marsh Pete Taggs, Steve Dermott

Solihull Moors Strollers 2 v Coleshill Strollers 1

Rick Hopgood (2) Greg Marrett

Tamworth Strollers v Weston-Super-Mare *Weston in National Cup* 

Birmingham WFC
Birmingham WFC used their one-hit

#### CHAMPIONSHIP

Bedworth Utd WFC 2 v Wolves Walking 7

(OG), Dean Burrows

Floyd Becket (4), Rob Wilson (3)

Blackwood WFC 2 v Shard End 0

Peter Brennan (2)

Colesill Walkers 3 v Halfway '82 1

(OG), Mark Taylor, Mark Henshas Lee Robinson

Solihull Moors Walkers v

Solihull Moors used their one-hit

#### **FRIENDLY**

Tamworth Strollers 1 v The Nomads 1



BCWFL WELCOME ASHBOURNE WFC, (Back row, from left to right): Peter Mottershead, Simon Gould,

Steve Mcdermott, Tony Williams, Pete Tagg, Neil Asher.

(Front row, from left to right): Eddie Taylor (capt), Dale Shaw, Bill Tiwana.

#### Over 50's Premier Division Pts D Ashbourne Solihull Moors Strollers 1 Birmingham WFC 0 0 Tamworth Strollers 0 Weston-Super-Mare 0 Coleshill Stollers

	Tremier	Division Goalscorers	
Goalsco	rer	Team	Goals
Rick Ho	pgood	Solihull Moors Strollers	2
	Dermott	Ashbourne WFC	1
Peter To	agg	Ashbourne WFC	1
Gregg N	Marrett	Coleshill Strollers	1
Paul Mo	arshall	Shrewsbury 99'ers	1

Shrewsbury 99'ers 1

	Tremie	r Division Goalscorers	
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Own Go	als	Over 50s Division 1 Teams	2

#### **Over 50's CHAMPIONSHIP**

	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
<b>Wolves Foundation</b>	1	1	0	0	7	2	3
Coleshill Walkers	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Blackwood WFC	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Solihull Moors Walkers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Halfway '82	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Shard End	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Bedworth Utd WFC	1	0	0	1	2	7	0





Floyd Beckett, (left), scored 4 goals and Rob Wilson (right), scored 3 goals in Wolves Walking 7-2 win over Bedworth Utd.



#### **Over 55's Fixtures**









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#### SEPTEMBER 14th 2025

#### **OVER 55s LEAGUE - FIXTURE 1**

Shard End **0** v Solihull Moors **1** 

Coventry & District **5** v Wolves Walking **0**Dean Harvey, Conras Boffin, Mark Bolton,

Richard Parkes (2)

Hartshill Strollers **2** v Tamworth Strollers **0**Madhji (2)

Coleshill Strollers **3** v Boldmere St. Michaels **0** *Kevin McGarry, Dave Tannersoe (2)* 

#### Over 55's LEAGUE

	Р	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Coventry & District	1	1	0	0	5	0	3	
Coleshill Strollers	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	
Hartshill Strollers	1	1	0	0	2	0	3	
Solihull Moors	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	
Shard End	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	
Tamworth Strollers	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	
Boldmere St. Michaels	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	
Wolves Walkers	1	0	0	1	0	5	0	

Over 55s Goalscore	re

	Goalscorer	Team	Goals
	Dave Tannersoe	Coleshill Strollers	2
	Richard Parkes	Coventry & District	2
	Mahjdi	Hartshill Strollers	2
	Kevin McGarry	Coleshill Strollers	1
	Conrad Boffin	Coventry & District	1
	Mark Bolton	Coventry & District	1
	Dean Harvey	Coventry & District	1
	Rick Hopgood	Solihull Moors	1

#### SEPTEMBER 14th 2025

#### **OVER 60s LEAGUE - FIXTURE 1**

Hartshill Strollers **0** v Shrewsbury 99'ers **1** 

Coleshill Strollers 3 v Solihull Moors 2

Mark Taylor, Ian Ward (2)

Brendan Mulcahy (2)

Boldmere St. Michaels **3** v Tamworth Strollers **0** *Anthiny Hickman, Steve Gough (2)* 

#### **OVER 50s - FRIENDLY**

Birmingham WFC 2 v WBA Nomads 1

#### Over 60's LEAGUE

	Ρ	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Boldmere St. Michaels	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Coleshill Walkers	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
Shrewsbury 99'ers	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Birmingham WFC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wolves Walking	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hartshill Strollers	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Solihull Moors	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Tamworth Strollers	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

#### **Over 60s Goalscorers**

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	Goalscorer	Team	Goals				
	Ian Ward	Coleshill Strollers	2				
	Brendan Mulcahy	Solihull Moors	2				
	Steve Gough	Boldmere St. Michaels	1				
	Anthony Hickman	Boldmere St. Michaels	1				
	Mark Tayor	Coleshill Strollers	1				
	Gordon Ribbons	Shrewsbury 99'ers	1				



#### **Over 60's Fixtures**









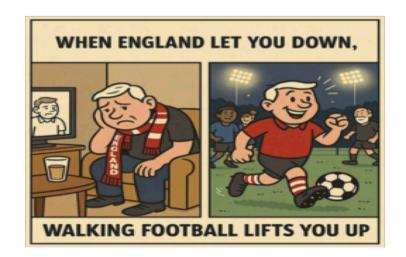
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**SHREWSBURY 99'ers Over 60s** (from Left to Right): Pete Musselwhite, Richard Bradbury, Keith Martindale, Andy Taylor, Richard Pike, Ken Dyas, Tim Callard, Paul Forsyth, Gordon Ribbons.

#### **Over 60s Regional National Cup** GD Pts **Shrewsbury 99'ers** 1 +6 13 MSA (Burntwood) 2 1 +3 11 Coleshill Strollers 0 +3 10 2 3 1 +3 SolihullMoors Shard Fnd 0 4 2 -2 Tamworth Strollers 4 7 -9 Boldmere St. Michaels





#### **Over 65s Results & Round-up**





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#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13th — Over 63's MID SUMMER FRIENDLIES

Midland Irish 1 V Coleshill Strollers O

Brendan Mulcahy

B'ham Whites **2** v Chasetown Scholars **2**Roy Williams (2) Ade Hughes, Jimmy Alison

B'ham Strollers **0** v Coleshill Walkers **2** 



Bromsgrove & Wolverly make their debut in the Over 65's BCWFL

### NO REF NO GAME RED CARD TO REF ABUSE

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njoying the game is for everyone including the referee

ometimes I won't see the incident you saw . . . so it won't be given

lease know that I am trying my best to be honest, fair and impartial

ncouraging Respect will benefit the game for everyone, including the referee

oaches please ask your players to respect my decisions

hank you for your Respect

NO REF NO GAME





### Early days yet, Old Corinthians top the table



Old Corinthians kicked off their over 65s seaon with what eventually turned into a comfortable 6-2 win against league newbies Birmingham Strollers 6-2.

The first half proved to be very difficult for Old Corinthians with Birmingham Strollers twice taking the lead through Nick Gerard



Man of the Match, Lee Perrow

and Mark Gardene only for Steve Rushbury and Mike Sadler to score for Old Corinthians to make it all square at half-time, 2-2.

#### Over 63's CHAMPIONSHIP

	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Old Corinthians	1	1	0	0	6	2	3
Coleshill Walkers	1	1	0	0	5	2	3
Birmingham Celtic	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Coventry & District	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Alvechurch Foundation	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Tamworth Strollers	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Birmingham Whites	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Shard End	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Bromsgrove & Wolverley	1	0	0	1	2	5	0
Birmmingham Strollers	1	0	0	1	2	6	0

In the 2nd half Old Corinthians found their form and goals from man of the match Lee Perrow (2), Tim Hadfield, and Keith Hewitt sealed a great 6-2 win



Keith Randall

#### **Over 65s Results & Round-up**



#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th FIXTURE 2

#### PREMIER DIVISION

Boldmere St. Michaels **O** v MSA (Burntwood) **3**Steve Gough, Steve Capewell,
Alan Edwards

Solihull Moors 2 v Coleshill Strollers 2

Graham Liddiard, Colin Yates Derek Hamilton (2)

#### **DIVISION 1**

Coventry & District 4 v Tamworth Strollers 1

Dave Marriott, Kenny Badland,
Mick O'Conner, Pete Skelsey

Tamworth Strollers

Keith Powell

Old Corinthians 3 v Coleshill Walkers 1

Mark Sadler' Gee Lacoute Steve Hinsley (pen)

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Shard End **2** v Bromsgrove & Wolverley **0**Tim Bull, Shakespeare

#### **Over 65's Premier Division**

	Р	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MSA (Burntwood)	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Coleshill Strollers	1	0	1	0	2	1	1
Solihull Moors	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Birmingham Blues	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hartshill Strollers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boldmere St. Michaels	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

#### **OVER 65'S Division 1**

Old Corinthians	2	2	0	0	9	3	6
Coventry & District	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
Alvechurch Foundation	2	1	1	0	1	0	4
Birmingham Celtic	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Coleshill Walkers	2	1	0	1	6	5	3
Shard End	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
amworth Strollers	2	0	1	1	1	4	1
Birmmingham Strollers	1	0	0	1	2	6	0
Birmingham Whites	2	0	0	2	0	2	0
Bromsgrove & Wolverley	2	0	0	2	2	7	0



Dave Turvey. Coleshill Walkers, scored a great hat-trick

Lance-a-lots brother, Dave "Miss-a-lot" Turvey, tops the goal-scoring table at the moment, much to Manager John Woollams delight. Out of contract, Dave, was much sort after in the close season and despite some big money offers nobody would come up with the extra packet of scratchings to clinch the deal.

Manager John Woollams, not wanting to lose his star striker, came up with a plan of his own, and funded it himself.

He promised Dave that he can have an extra piece of pork pie every Wednesday and after he has played 10,000 games for Coleshill, he can have a testimonial.

#### Premier Division Goalscorers

Team	Goals
Coleshill Strollers	2
Solihull Moors	1
Solihull Moors	1
MSA (Burntwood)	1
MSA (Burntwood)	1
MSA (Burntwood)	1
	Coleshill Strollers Solihull Moors Solihull Moors MSA (Burntwood) MSA (Burntwood)

#### **Division 1 Goalscorers**

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	Goalscorer	Team	Goals
	Dave Turvy	Coleshill Walkers	3
	Clive Macey	Birmingham Celtic	2
	Graham Kiney	Bromsgrove & Wolverl	ey 2
	Lee Perrow	Old Corinthians	2
	Junior Stokes	Birmiñgham Celtic	1
	Mark Gardner	Birmingham Strollers	1
	Nick Gerard	Birmingham Strollers	1
	Ricky Perry	Coleshill Walers	1
	Steve Tomlinson	Coleshill Walers	1
	Kevin Shannon	Coventry & District	1
	Tim Hadfield	Old Corinthians	1
	Keith Howard	Old Corinthians	1
	Mark Sadler	Old Corinthians	1
	Tim Bull	Shard End	1



#### **Over 63s Results & Round-up**





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## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th BCWFL LEAGUE FIXTURE 1

MSA (Burntwood) **3** V Coventry & District **3**Kevin Haywood (2), John Branch

Colin Yates, Kevin Perrott, Phil Hutchings

B'ham Blues **3** , Old Corinthians Claret **0** Peter Stokes (2), Simon Krystic

Old Corinthians Gold **1** V Hartshill Strollers **1**Rob Guy

Derek Hamilton

Birmingham Whites **0** v Coleshill Strollers **0** 

#### Over 70's league

W D L Pts Birmingham Blues 0 0 3 0 3 1 Birmingham Whites 0 0 0 1 0 Coleshill Strollers 0 1 0 0 0 1 Hartshill Strollers 0 1 0 1 1 1 Old Corinthians Gold 1 0 1 0 1 1 0 Coventry & District 1 0 1 0 3 3 1 MSA (Burntwood) 1 0 3 3 1 0 Old Corinthians Claret 1 1 0

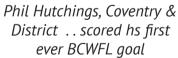
#### Over 70's Goalscorers Goalscorer Team Goals Paul Stokes Birmingham Blues 2 MSA (Burntwood) Kevin Hayward Simon Krystic Birmingham Blues 1 Phil Hutchings Coventry & District 1 Kevin Perrot Coventry & District 1 Coventry & District Colin Yates 1 MSA (Burntwood) John Branch 1 Rob Guy Old Corinthians Gold 1

# Phil Hutchings scores his first ever BCWFL goal

Last season's Golden Boot Winner, Kevin Haywood, MSA (Burntwood) hit 2 goals in a thrilling end to end game with Coventry & District. John Branch scored the other goal for reigning Over 70s League Champions, MSA (Burntwood).

After Colin Yates, and Kevin Perott opened their account for the seaon, Mr. Nice Guy, Phil Hutchings, who was one of the orginal players to first kick a ball in the BCWFL when it first started, scored his first ever goal in the BCWFL on September 10th, at Rushall.







Kevin Haywood MSA ... (Burnteood) ... starts off where he left off

Birmingham Blues, last season's runners-up, had a comfortable 3-0 win over a very hard working side, Petr Stokes (2) and Clive Macey scored the goals.

Old Corinthians ans Hartshill Strollers shared the spoils in a very tight, defence dominated game.

In the 3rd drawn game out of four games was very much a dull stop-start game, with the referee blue carding 4 players (2 from each team). It was never a dirty game and most of the offences correctly called by the referee. was for running offences.

Both teams hit the woodwork, and Coleshill had a penalty goal ruled out