



Mens Pathway Champion

Hi! I'm Joel, and I'm a football-mad supporter, player, coach, and manager. I currently manage and coach our U13s and Men's teams and have been involved with AFC Fradley since the start.

I've been playing football for 33 years in various formats and have been involved with kids coaching since I was 16, also helping manage men's football teams in Bristol and South Wales, where I am originally from.

I am passionate about what we have achieved so far as it's given so many men, women, and children the opportunity to play, coach and watch football and the club has given the community something to be involved with and be proud of.



As the Mens Pathway Champion, I am aiming to have three teams next season: our current Saturday County league team, an over-35s Sunday team, and an open-age Sunday team. This will allow everyone involved in the men's setup to play in a suitable team. We have 46 players involved so far and are constantly adding to this.

In four years time, our oldest current junior team, our U13s, which I manage, will have players old enough to play men's football, so it's my long-term goal to create a pathway for those players to progress into the senior team.

It's been fantastic to see how our men's team have progressed so far this season, and if we keep attracting players and improving as a team, we will achieve much success in the near future.

Chairman Darren Peck says,

Joel opened the doors on May 7th 2022, with me for the first Soccer Camp and has been in a small group of ever presence since then. Joel loves AFC Fradley and is one of the key individuals who has helped shape the Club; his vision, energy, and commitment to the whole club, especially the Mens Pathway will ensure its success.

We are enthusiastic about creating successful men's teams and being recognised for our ethos, team spirit, and coaching levels. I frequently remind Joel about Wrexham, Dorking Wanderers and Luton Town, and how we aspire to have a semi-professional team in the future!

(Dorking Wanderers FC Formed in 1999 by a group of friends as a recreational amateur team playing grassroots football, the club began life in the Crawley & District League and went on to win twelve promotions in their first 23 seasons, reaching the National League in 2022. I think we can go quicker!)