

# LEAGUE GAINS CHARTER STANDARD ACCREDITATION

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In a week that has seen even more good news for us where the rest of the news has seemed pretty gloomy, the Lincolnshire Co-op Women & Girls' League is delighted to announce that we have become the first Lincolnshire League to gain the new FA Charter Standard Accreditation.

The FA Charter Standard Programme is The FA's accreditation scheme open to all grassroots clubs and leagues. It aims to raise standards in the grassroots game through supporting the development of clubs and leagues. It also recognises and rewards commitment, quality and achievement. The clubs and leagues who achieve The FA Charter Standard demonstrate they offer well-run and sustainable football and demonstrate that they are proud to prioritise qualified coaching and safeguarding, as well as the values of The FA's Respect programme as part of their game.

The league are incredibly proud, in only it's third month of operation to have the commitment of member clubs, coaches and committee to providing a high quality footballing experience for the young people that they serve.

Steph Powell, Development Officer for the Lincolnshire Co-op Women & Girls' League shared - "We are really excited to be the first league in the County to gain the new accreditation standard. The research shows that Charter Standard leagues have better retention rates, club numbers, RESPECT scores and ultimately higher standards across the board so we will be working hard to ensure that we uphold that reputation. We are looking forward to the future developments this award will bring for the league, for females in Lincolnshire, and within the wider community."

The league committee will spend the current season focussing on a number of initiatives including improving; Safeguarding, RESPECT, sustaining and increasing participation, listening to the voice of young people, supporting our workforce, communication and marketing, and education, player pathway and commercial partners.

You can find out more about the league and keep up to date with our latest news at [www.lwgfl.co.uk](http://www.lwgfl.co.uk)

