

Coventry's only FA Charter Standard Community Club

FA National Charter Standard Club of the Year 2008
FA Regional Charter Standard Development Club of the Year 2006, 2008
BCFA Charter Standard Development Club of the Year 2006, 2008
BCFA Charter Standard Club of the Year 2005

On Saturday March 20th all the players of Coundon Court FC did their bit for Sport Relief, we don't know the full total raised yet, but expect to break £1500 once all the sponsorship money is in.

The object was to dribble 100 miles in just 1 hour. Careful calculation had deemed that with 1 ball for each of Coundon Court's 12 teams, the 6 girls teams and 6 boys teams would each have to dribble just over 8 miles within the hour to break the 100 miles. We needn't have worried, in an age when children and young adults get more than their fair share of criticism all the players at Coundon Court excelled themselves. Despite the 6 girls teams having all played matches that morning the 140 players that turned up dribbled a grand and amazing total of 142 miles, all within an hour.

Barcelona's club motto of 'more than just a club' is banded around by many, but today the players of Coundon Court celebrated the FA's award of 'Charter Standard Community Club' in style showing that they really do represent more than just a football club. Having been founded just 8 years ago with the help of a Sport Relief grant of £800, our players today paid that money back into the community, with interest.

Coundon Court's rise to the highest level of the FA Charter Standard scheme has set the standard for other clubs to follow. Coundon Court joins the top echelon of the FA Charter Standard scheme becoming one of only 16 Community Clubs in the whole Birmingham County FA area and the only one in Coventry. Giving equal opportunity to both boys and girls Coundon Court is the biggest club offering both boys and girls football in the City and was also rewarded with the FA's National Charter Standard Club of the Year in 2008.

Founders Richard Seedhouse and Barry Morris were ecstatic at their players' achievement today. To have 140 children turn out in the pouring rain, half of them already soaked through having played matches in the morning, to raise money for charity and doing so in such a determined and energetic manner is an example for adults everywhere to follow. Even when the players knew that the 100 miles was going to be achieved they were still pushing themselves right until the end of the 60 minutes. All the teams did over 10 miles and the top team over 13 miles in just 60 minutes.

