

PRESS RELEASE

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RESTORING TODDBROOK RESERVOIR

CANAL & RIVER TRUST CHARITY SAYS ‘THANK YOU’ TO WHALEY BRIDGE ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB

The Canal & River Trust charity has sponsored new sports shirts for the Whaley Bridge Football Club Under 12’s team as a ‘thank you’ for the club’s incredible contribution towards the Toddbrook Reservoir dam repair works.

Part of the club’s grounds, off Park Road, have been occupied by construction site cabins, installed by the Trust and its contractor Kier, who are responsible for repairing the damaged reservoir dam wall. The knock-on effect has been that several of the club’s junior teams have had to move fixtures and training to Furness Vale FC and Chinley FC grounds.

The Canal & River Trust, which cares for Toddbrook Reservoir and 2,000 miles of waterways across England & Wales, is currently working closely with Kier to keep the reservoir drained as preparations are made for its long-term repair – a multi-million pound project that is likely to take several years.

Trust engagement manager Gillian Renshaw said: “Everyone at Whaley Bridge Football Club has been fantastic and made us feel so welcome. From chinooks landing on their playing fields during the emergency in August to the inconvenience of the long-term repair project, the club’s volunteer organisers and players could not have been more helpful.

“This is a situation that none of us wanted or envisaged but we are trying our best to fix everything – a job which is made so much easier with the understanding and support of the club. We are delighted to show our appreciation of their efforts by sponsoring their Under 12’s new kit.”



Whaley Bridge AFC development officer John Hind said: “For the Junior Football club, it has been a challenging first season without a pitch and we are indebted to Furness Vale FC and Chinley FC for their help. We have enjoyed tremendous support from the local community who have continued to rally around after the events in August. We would like to thank the Canal & River Trust, Kier and also High Peak Borough Council, ‘Ditch your Goretex’ ‘keep your chinook up’ discount football kits, Tesco and Waitrose supermarkets for their donations to the club.”

For more information about Restoring Toddbrook, check out the Trust’s website www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/restoring-toddbrook-reservoir or email toddbrook@canalrivertrust.org.uk.

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