

# Leverstock Green FC

Newsletter on what is happening at our club.

Response to FA Survey

Statement from the Chairman

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## Dates

- 22/01/21 Feedback to SSML on FA Survey to be submitted
- 08/02/21 Officers Meeting
- 15/02/21 Expected review date by the Government on the COVID pandemic.



## Officers Response to SSML on FA

Season 2021/2022 to be used to complete season 2020/2021 outstanding fixtures, we have played 11 games from 40 fixtures.

If there is sufficient opportunity, 2021/2022, cup games may be played to provide continuous football through the 2021/2022 season.

From the FA circular, spectators and bar must be allowed.

Feedback and items for publishing welcome  
Respond to [tony.smart2@ntlworld.com](mailto:tony.smart2@ntlworld.com)



## Statement from our Chairman Emma

LGFC chairman Emma Smart has issued a statement about the status of the club during the current pause.

Merry Christmas to all those I did not get a chance to speak with and Happy New Year to you all. May this year be more positive than 2020.

It is with the best interests of the club that we have decided to stop all participation in football until at least the 18th January.

With the recent COVID update from the Government on 30th December and with secondary schools unable to go back until the 18th January, the club will remain closed until this time.

If an update happens before 18th January we will review,

however for the safety of all, committee, management, players and all our families, there will be no football played at Pancake Lane.

All football at NLS steps 3-6, SSML and SCYFL remain paused.

The latest EJA guidelines are that all football has been cancelled for this coming weekend. They have also stated that no players can travel across areas of tier 4 and no teams can travel across areas. We have confirmation that areas now mean counties. Therefore players that live in Bedfordshire cannot play for a Hertfordshire team currently etc.

Thank you for your co-operation during this difficult time. This is

truly not what anyone wants and we would all love to be back playing and watching. The Health and safety of everyone at the club is paramount and has to be taken very seriously.

Hopefully see you all very soon

# From Twitter – lets hope we can do this soon.

**Supporters & Players** - we all miss the buzz, thrill and excitement of a non-league match day. The build up to the game, the banter with mates, the pre-match pint, chatting about the game, the friendly sound of the turnstile clicking, picking up the match programme, the opposition goalkeeper talking to fans whilst the ball is up the other end, the unique smell of the burger bar, drinking a tea to keep you warm, goals, open goals, sliding tackles, singing songs, cheering and shouting, amazing saves and best of all celebrating a last minute winner with a huge bundle with fans and players.

All of these things shall return very soon and it will be better than it ever was!

For now please stay safe and look after one another.



## Ground update from Bill

As 'essential maintenance' has been allowed, Alan Brett, Peter Jerram, Roger Lipscombe and Bill have been taking the opportunity of 'no 'play' to keep the pitch in playing condition and to improve spectator safety.

Regular cutting, spiking and light rolling of the pitch has kept it looking good and ready for action, obviously a few white would help though. A couple of schemes to reduce water gathering on the playing surface have been started and are ongoing. Vertical drain holes have been bored and back filled with shingle, above the top goal line and just outside the near touchline.

A tidy up around the ground has filled a large skip with unwanted items and rubbish; in addition, the old metal goal posts, redundant after the Hemel Hempstead goals were installed, plus other metal items has been stored and are ready to be collected.

Regular 'basic gardening' activities have been conducted keeping the trees and bushes in order and the 'non-football' areas neat and tidy.

Despite no football played on the pitch it still needs to be cared for, plans are being prepared to fertilize the pitch in the next few weeks.