



Case Study Southend Warriors



Southend Warriors is a team set up primarily to allow ex offenders and homeless people to train regularly and play football matches. The team meet up every Saturday morning and all are welcome. It is hoped that the team will continue to play more friendly matches and the regulars are determined to set up a league team. Several of the group are about to undertake their level 1 FA Coaching badge.

Matt says “My view is that when the youth of today have nothing to do on the weekends they find other ways to pass time so criminal activity is something that just happens. When you haven't got money what else is there to do? That's why when you got football you make new friends and you got new things to do you feel part of a team and you are excited to play games”



Dan says " I enjoy playing football on a Saturday with the younger lot and a few older people ... Seems like they are teaching me and I'm teaching the younger lot ... I would enjoy working more as a team in the future."



Lee says "Having football gives you something to always look forward to and keeps you from a life of crime. Before this we had not much to do but we are now training 2-3 times a week and meeting up as a group to help us get better and more organised as a team".