

Winsford Guardian

Girls come of age

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WINSFORD Girls officially matured into Ladies on Monday when they were officially admitted into the Cheshire and South Manchester League.

The new team revives women's football in Winsford, which pioneered the game in Mid Cheshire.

Winsford United Ladies, who spent a season as Northwich Vixens, folded nearly 10 years ago.

Since then, the junior game has expanded greatly throughout the county.

Winsford Girls, one of Cheshire's leading clubs, found players were in danger of being lost to the game as they grew older.

So they launched Winsford Ladies.

Chairman Tony Lee said: "We have over 70 players and a number were getting too old but wanted to continue playing."

"The new team is great for the club and for Winsford."

The Ladies' long-term aim is for promotion to the North West League, where Witton Albion are going well and where some of the big names in the region compete.

But what they need first of all is a pitch.

Knights Grange can accommodate them but it also hosts boys' youth football and separate changing rooms are a must.

They have been offered a pitch six miles away at Rudheath but are waiting a reply from Winsford United to their request to use the Barton Stadium.

Lee said: "That is where women's football started and it would be great if we could be based there."

"We don't want to take the team out of town."

"We are also seeking a kit sponsor, but we have got the players, though we can always accommodate more." **Any girl aged over 16 interested in joining Winsford Ladies can contact Lee on 07946 816 222.**