

# #HERGAMETOO

**This season we are going to get to know more about our partners, clubs and organisations.**

Here Liv Smith, Seaton Carew Ladies Team Manager, tells us a little about her team:

"The team are managed by me, alongside Courtney Wilson (coach and HUFC HGT advocate), Scott Mills (coach), Louis Merchant (physio) and Anthony Wood (goalkeeping coach).

We are competing in the Durham FA Development League this season and train on Thursdays 6-8pm at Brierion Sports Complex 3G.

Seaton Carew Ladies started out in January 2023 - Courtney and I wanted to set up a few younger age girls teams and also a ladies team. The club at the time had four or five-year-old girls training on a Saturday. We now have coaches running seven teams from the age of four to the senior ladies team. We have big plans for the future, hopefully starting with a promotion for the ladies this season.

It's crazy to see how far women's football has come over the years. I was one of the lucky ones to start playing young but most girls didn't get that option. From grassroots, through to academy level, it's grown massively even in the past year; there are actually more than 30 teams entered into the Durham County leagues this season! Courtney and I are more committed than ever in growing Seaton Carew girls section, alongside our wonderful team of coaches and with backing from the club, who have been nothing but supportive since we joined. Football is the world's most popular sport for many reasons



and the growing female game has only strengthened this. Her Game Too is important as they not only want to raise awareness, but also offer education to promote a safe and inclusive sporting culture. The HGT team are committed to driving positive change and making a real difference in sports and helping women and girls from all around the world get involved in the game.

With more and more football clubs partnering with this campaign and greater awareness continually being raised, the progress is certainly promising. Her Game Too is making huge steps towards building an increasingly inclusive environment for women in football. It has significantly started to become apparent

within the men's game and having the solidarity from their support is changing the women's game and showing a unified front in tackling discrimination within women's football."

Liv and her team are huge Her Game Too supporters and many thanks to her for telling us about her team. Best of luck to them this season in the Durham FA Development League. The spotlight has again been on women's football during the recent FIFA Women's World Cup.

It's been heartening to see the support the Lionesses have and we hope it inspires many girls and women to take up the game.

It had also seen a huge amount of sexist and misogynistic comments on social media. Some suggesting women should just watch women's football. The beautiful game comes in many different forms at all levels and abilities. We all should be free to support teams no matter our backgrounds without fear or discrimination.

We want to see more people come along to support HUFC this season and hopefully the form of the last 3 games continues! If anyone encounters or witnesses any issues, please report to [hergametoo.co.uk/report](http://hergametoo.co.uk/report), [supporterliaison@hartlepoolunited.co.uk](mailto:supporterliaison@hartlepoolunited.co.uk) or scan our QR code on our reporting poster.

Thanks to everyone who has shown support so far, let's all get behind John Askey and the lads!

**The HerGameToo HUFC team.**

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**KEEP OUR FOOTBALL COMMUNITY SAFE FROM DISCRIMINATION**

It's important to log incidents of sexism & misogyny, whether it's online or in person.

**REPORT IT**

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