

In off the post

Dear Sir,

I WAS interested to read the article on Wycombe Wanderers Women's Football team. Before I comment I would like to make my position clear.

As well as managing the women's team, Peter Galera manages Hithercroft under 16s, of which my younger son is a member, so we know Peter quite well. The same son is also a member of Wycombe Wanderers Youth squad.

I had quite a lot to do with establishing Hithercroft's girls' team, so I am also involved with female football.

Wycombe's Youth squad may have been challenged by the women, but the squad didn't decline — I presume the management did!

I have not seen the women play, but the youth squad front line (whoever plays) are so fast, that once the defence is beaten, it would only be shooting practice for the lads and goalkeeping for the women!

The Hithercroft Girls had a couple of friendlies last season against Hithercroft Boys' squads. The older girls (eldest 17, next 15 and the rest U14) played the U13s and were beaten for speed.

The Brent League is, I believe, an U16 league and Marlow's U16s play in this. Indeed, five or so ex-Hithercroft players moved on to Marlow when they became too old for the Thames Valley Girls League, in which Hithercroft and Marlow's U13s squads play.

As you can see there is plenty of football in the area for girls of all ages.

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