

Wycombe step up coaching

WYCOMBE Wanderers' 'in the community' programme is scheduled to kick off again from the beginning of April.

Blues want to hear from any schools, or individual parents, who are interested in taking part.

The programme, which peaked during Jim Kelman's managerial reign, is being co-ordinated by reserve team boss Jim Melvin. It will include: Fun Weeks, during holidays; 'let's play' centres; a 'mini soccer' club; and the coaching in schools.

So far, 16 schools have asked to be involved, but the club, with the help of the first-team players, has the capacity to train with 40 schools.

The programme will cater for youngsters of

all abilities from newcomers to those wishing to go through an award scheme. Budding young players earning six-star awards can even progress to Schools of Excellence.

Melvin said: "The idea is not to make a profit but to develop children's football skill — hopefully towards the youth team, and, who knows, even the first team.

"Not everyone's a Mark West, but they can support the club. And in turn, the club wants to put something back into the community. We've got fantastic support. Martin (O'Neill)'s going to be doing some of the presentations of awards, which can mean a lot to the kids."

Contact Jim Melvin at Adams Park (472100) for further details.