

The FA Charter Standard Programme scheme was launched in February 2001 in partnership with McDonald's. The aim of the programme is to raise the standards of coaching and administration in grass roots Football.

The FA, in conjunction with various bodies, has drawn up a set of criteria for clubs wishing to reach Charter Standard, which includes the following points: -



**CHARTER  
STANDARD  
CLUBS**



- Managers / Coaches are qualified to a minimum FA Level 1 standard including child protection and first aid training.
- All Managers / Coaches / Volunteers undergo FA CRB checks.
- Clubs have a designated child protection / welfare officer.
- Clubs follow the FA child protection policy.
- Public liability insurance.
- Clubs have in place various essential standards including: -
  - Audited annual accounts.
  - An established written Constitution.
  - Code of Conduct for players, managers and supporters / parents.
  - Acceptance and promotion of Codes of Conduct.
  - Commitment to provide Mini-Soccer opportunities for Under 10s and younger age groups.
  - Commitment to promote schools liaison and equal opportunities for all.

Clubs that are successful in achieving the Charter will get access to a range of benefits including: -

- Use of Charter Standard Crest.
- Exclusive Workshops.
- Umbro Kit and Equipment Grants.
- National and Regional Awards.
- Access to FA McDonald's coaching awards & certificates.



**Thamesview Youth Football Club** achieved FA Charter Standard status in April 2008. In addition, the Club is looking to strengthen this accolade by gaining development status in the near future due to the success of its Soccer School. Gaining the Charter Standard means we have demonstrated the club has the correct required management controls, processes and procedures in place and that they are being actively practiced.

**Thamesview Youth Football Club** provide a safe friendly environment for all and is a well-organised club that offers opportunities for all so that players can develop and achieve their goals.