

# LEAVE YOUR LEGACY ON THE PITCH



Lincoln City  
Academy



Lincoln City  
Football Club



Lincoln City  
Foundation

# WE ARE LINCOLN CITY

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We recognise that most people who plan to leave a legacy to a charity/organisation, is because they want to make a positive impression on the World. Whether you are looking to influence success on the pitch or in the community, your gift will make a huge impact to the Lincoln City Family.

In this brochure we present a range of suggestions on how your money will help The Lincoln City Family succeed, and how we will recognise your support for years to come.

Please fill out the pledge form at the back of this booklet, so that we have a record of your wishes. If you wish to leave a restricted gift for something very specific, we suggest contacting us through the information on the back page to ensure this is possible first.



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## CAN YOU FUND THE NEXT HOME-GROWN TALENT?

Leave your legacy across the Lincoln City Family and your gift could help to fund the next home-grown talent. From the development centres at Lincoln City Foundation, through the Academy and finishing on the pitch at the LNER Stadium, your gift could help fund the journey for a local talent.



Starting with a scholarship through the Foundation's Elite Programme, your money will give a local child the chance to play for the Badge and develop their skills into a top player. Then through to the Academy Stage your money will help to train local talent prepare for a career in professional football. Finally finishing with our beloved Imps, your money will help to keep the talent at the LNER Stadium!

Instead of leaving your legacy to one part of the Lincoln City Family, You may choose to split your gift equally between the three organisations make a bigger impact on the whole family.

**Your gift will be split equally between the three organisations.**

## LINCOLN CITY FOOTBALL CLUB:

GIVE THE GIFT OF SUCCESS

With the football club at the heart of its community, the continued growth on and off the pitch has real benefits for the city and area. We know that when Lincoln City are on TV there are peaks in visits to websites about Lincolnshire, and home games draw people from all over the country to the city centre.

Your gift could contribute to making a positive impact at Lincoln City Football Club for future generations, helping maximise the playing budget and providing further opportunities for driving providing further opportunities for driving fan involvement and improving supporter engagement. Recent fan-focused improvements have included providing audio descriptive commentary for our visually impaired fans.

On the pitch we have seen significant improvements based on our new Soper of Lincoln Elite Performance Centre, which is having real benefits for our Academy and looks set to bring through players for years to come. We've recently seen a number of Academy graduates go on to sign professional deals and feature regularly in first-team squads. Players such as Harry Toffolo, Jorge Grant and Tayo Edun have been brought into the club and earned moves higher up the football 'pyramid' after being developed by our coaching staff utilising our excellent facilities which have also benefited from contributions of Imps fans.



## LINCOLN CITY ACADEMY:

GIVE THE GIFT OF POTENTIAL

Your gift could ensure talented youngsters like Freddie Draper get the chance to shine on the pitch.



The teenage centre-forward signed his first professional contract on his 17th birthday, joining players like Lincoln-born Hayden Cann in the squad. Along with fellow Academy graduate Sam Long, he has gone on to become an established member of the first-team squad.

He said: "I've always imagined signing as a professional, and it is a dream come true to turn professional with the Imps. The Academy staff have helped me develop and learn different aspects of my game; they've really helped me push on to where I am now."

Your gift to Lincoln City Academy will ensure players like Freddie, Sam and Hayden - who has been part of the Imps family since he was eight - can reach their full potential as they train to start their career in professional football. Taking players as young as eight, Lincoln City Academy train hard at Riseholme College, developing the future stars for the Imps.



**LINCOLN CITY FOUNDATION:**  
GIVE THE GIFT OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Lincoln City Foundation are committed to providing opportunities for all. As a charity The Foundation are working really hard to remove the barriers from football so that anyone, no matter their age, background or ability has access to the beautiful game. Your money will help to continue this work, so that no one ever feels excluded again.

**Women Can Play Football**

Since women were banned from the game in 1921, Women's Football have been playing catch up. Lincoln City Foundation work hard to raise aspirations everywhere and get girls dreaming of a career in Football again. Launching their Women's Academy in 2020, and their Girls Academy in 2021, The Foundation are working tirelessly to build a pathway for Lincolnshire Women to play football professionally. Working closely with Lincoln City Women and grassroots teams across the county, Lincoln City Foundation are passionate that gender will never be a barrier to football again.

**Football No Matter Your Ability**

Lincoln City Foundation have had a successful Down syndrome Active team for several years, supporting participants with DS. Keen to build on this, in 2021 The Foundation secured a contract with the FA to deliver Regional Talent Hub for Para Football, providing opportunities to participants with sight and hearing loss, as well as people with Cystic Fibrosis and amputees, to join the England pathway. Lincoln City Foundation are keen to build on this support and widen the net with more inclusive para and pan football opportunities in Lincolnshire. But they need your support.

**Healing Through Football**

In 2020 Lincoln City Foundation launched Team Talk, their male mental health initiative designed to support Lincolnshire Men on their road to recovery. As well as the peer-to-peer support sessions run by Andy's Man Club at the LNER stadium, The Foundation runs an after-work kick-out, where men can access the 3G training pitch and have a carefree kick about with like-minded people free of charge. That small amount of time, has a huge impact on the lives of so many Lincolnshire men, helping them to heal through sport.

**Tax Efficient Giving**

You may have heard that leaving a gift to a charity in your Will is more tax efficient and that is absolutely true. Gifts to charities are paid before inheritance tax is applied, and therefore all remaining gifts have a lower tax threshold. As a charity, leaving your Gift to Lincoln City Foundation could help to lessen the inheritance tax your friends and family have to pay. To do this you need to use our charity number 1128464 in your will.



# RECOGNITION

We want to recognise those that choose to support the Lincoln City Family by leaving a gift in their Will. The LNER Stadium features a Memory Wall remembering our supporters who, for generations to come, have ensured the long-term success of Lincoln City. \* We have bespoke options available for larger, more substantial gifts. Please get in touch with our Legacy Team to discuss further.



\*Donations must amount to more than £100 to appear on the wall



## WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

### EXPLAINED

**Pecuniary Gift** - This is a fixed cash amount. This is often used when people have a figure in mind that they wish to leave. Alternatively, if you are concerned that inflation may erode your gift over the years, then it is also possible to leave an index linked pecuniary gift in your will.

**Residuary Gift** - Instead of leaving a specific amount to us you could leave a percentage of your estate. A good way to help is to leave a percentage of what is left of your estate or assets, after other gifts (and debts) have been paid. Your solicitor can advise you how to do this without it affecting any specific gifts you have left to family or friends.

**Restricted Gift** - We hope that you will trust us to spend your gift wisely. However, you may choose to restrict your gift to something that you feel particularly passionate about. We would always recommend that before doing this you get in touch with our Legacy Team to talk about your wishes so we can discuss how achievable this may be. Alternatively, you can let us know where you would like your money to be spent (unless there is a greater need), using the none legally binding phrase 'I express the wish...'



## LEGACY PLEDGE FORM

We are honoured that you are choosing to leave your money to the Lincoln City Family. Legacies are critical in ensuring the future success of the Lincoln City Family.

This pledge form is Confidential and NOT legally binding, but it does help us to plan for the future. In order to leave a legacy to the Lincoln City Family, you must state this in your Will,

In my Will I plan to leave a legacy to:

- The Lincoln City Family
- The Lincoln City Football Club
- The Lincoln City Academy
- The Lincoln City Foundation (Registered Charity Number: 1128464)

I plan on leaving

- A Sum of money
- A residual part of my estate
- A Restricted Gift. (please describe below)

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Or:

\_ I have not yet made a will but I would like to discuss leaving a gift with you

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Email:

Signature:

Please tell us what inspired you to leave a gift to us

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Please completed Legacy Pledge Form to the address stated on the back of this form FOA 'Head Of Engagement' so that it can be distributed to the correct department in line with your wishes.

## CONTACT US

For further information on how to Leave Your Legacy on the Pitch and other Lincoln City Family matters contact us through any of the following ways:

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