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12th annual girls’ football tournament the best yet



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THE 12th annual City of York Girls’ Football tournament has been hailed as the best yet.

A total of 500 players in 62 teams from all parts of Yorkshire and the North East descended on **Poppleton** Junior Football Club’s Millfield Lane base for the event.

There were seven-a-side competitions at age groups under-10s, U11s, U12s, U13s and U14s, while the U15s and U16s played six-a-side games.

In the U10s final, **Fulford** gained revenge for their League Cup final defeat by Brayton Belles 2-1.



U11s league winners and League Cup runners-up Knaresborough Celtic continued their fantastic season by beating Cleveland Juniors 1-0.

In the U12s category, league and cup double winners Fulford drew 0-0 with Kirkbymoorside and then claimed their third trophy 2-1 on spot-kicks.

Poppleton Tigers U13s also secured a treble when beating Premiership runners-up Scarborough Ladies 2-0 in their final.

York RI continued their dominance of the U14s category, posting a 2-0 win over Stamford Bridge to add to their league winners trophy.

The final in the U15s age group saw Redcar Athletic beat North East rivals North Ormesby 2-0.

The South Cave Sporting Wildcats were 1-0 winners in the U16s final against Thornton-le-Dale.

Trophies were presented by England women’s star Jess Clarke, who took time out from preparations for UEFA Women’s Euro 2013 championships in Sweden next month to attend the tournament.

Staff from the North Yorkshire Centre of Excellence were also in attendance and several players were invited to attend open trials taking place every Friday this month.

A spokesperson for City of York Girls’ Football League said: “We would like to thank Poppleton for all their hard work in setting up and hosting the event.

“Our sincere thanks go to the loyal band of volunteers for helping to make this year’s tournament the best we have ever had.

“We would also like to thank Stoneacre Motor Group who stepped in at the last minute and very kindly sponsored this event.”



\* Poppleton Junior Football Club are looking to expand their already thriving girls’ section with the addition of teams at the U10s, U11s and U12s age groups. The girls train every Tuesday and the club welcomes players of all abilities.

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