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Saffron Walden Community FC and Saffron Walden PSG FC are delighted to announce the launch of a Partnership with Tottenham Hotspur's Global Football Development team, which will start in September 2021.

The arrangement is the first of its kind for Spurs in the UK with a Grassroots football club and will see them hosting weekly player development sessions for boys and girls every Friday evening on our new Community 3G pitch at Saffron Walden County High School. Spurs will also be offering Player Development Programmes at SWCHS in every school holiday.

SWCFC and SWPSGFC will benefit from Coaching support from Spurs' highly qualified team, with visits from Spurs coaches to mentor the Saffron Walden coaching staff.

Andy Rogers, Head of Global Football Development at Tottenham Hotspur, said:

"Tottenham Hotspur's Global Football Development programme has a proven track record of developing players from grassroots to elite level across the world."

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We have been extremely impressed with the Saffron Walden Community FC and Saffron Walden PSG FC infrastructure and their clear passion and commitment for player and coach development. We are delighted to be launching our first UK based Youth Club Partner and look forward to working with them to develop players at coaches at every level within the clubs. “

Matt Clare, SWCFC Secretary, said:

“We’re thrilled to have reached an agreement on this ground breaking Partnership with such a prestigious Premier League club. We have been working on this with Spurs for a long time and we are so pleased that the timing of this announcement coincides with the opening of our new 3G artificial grass pitch.

Much of the funding for the 3G AGP has come from the Premier League via the Football Foundation, so it is fitting that we have been able to reach this agreement with Spurs. We are honoured that they have chosen Saffron Walden’s boys and girls for their first Partnership of this kind in the UK”.

Trevor Bissett, SWPSGFC Chair, said:

“We see wide reaching benefits in the Partnership for all of our young players, and for our coaches too. The support and mentoring from Spurs will raise the quality of our coaching across the board.

We are confident that this Partnership will offer our players great opportunities to develop and progress their football journeys.”

The Partnership runs for an initial period of two years and starts in September 2021.

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