**Emma Vase – League Registrations Officer**

I’ve been the player registration officer for the Chiltern Youth League since 2019. I love the role that I have with the league and have the opportunity to see things from a league point of view as well as a club as well as help and support so many clubs to get their players registered.

Being part of the league has allowed me to work with some amazing people all with the same focus to deliver great football across the counties.

There’s so much work that goes behind the scenes in running a football league and although the introduction of new systems by the FA has made the processes easier over the years, you still need the commitment from everybody involved to make the league run like clockwork and we have some wonderful people in the team who always give 100% to their roles.

**What other roles do you have in football?**

I’ve been involved with AFC Oakley club since my eldest son joined as an U6, he’s now nearly 19 and still connected to the club. My first role at the club was as the Club Welfare Officer for the youth teams, at that point in the club it was just for the u6s to u9s. A couple of years later the club went through some major changes and the teams from u6s to adults came together under one umbrella, it was pretty much at that point that I took on the role of club secretary.

Most recently I’ve also become a panel member on the Judicial Appeals Board at the FA and this have been the most incredible experience ever. To do this role I had to go through the recruitment and selection process and FA checks before being appointed to the role. I’m now part of this for the next three years and get called upon on an ad-hoc basis to sit in on hearings. I recently attended a conference and update training day at Wembley and it was a totally amazing experience and felt so proud and honoured to be part of it.

**Why are you involved with Football?**

I absolutely love the roles I do and my knowledge of the game and football processes grows all of the time. I’m so proud of how far the club has come in the time that I’ve been involved with it and work to very high standards to make sure that all work to the specifications set out by the FA and keep us on the straight and narrow. Being part of the club has changed so many things for me and through it I have met and worked with some amazing people and made some incredible networks. There is no way when my children joined the club all those years ago that I ever dreamed I’d be as involved as I am now.

**What is your footballing/sporting background?**

Absolutely nothing really, from an employment point of view, previous jobs have been as an Insurance underwriter, Call Centre Manager, Business Analyst and most recently as a Business Manager, so all have transferable skills for the roles that I do in football. I’ve never really played team sports since I left school, but I absolutely love exercise, live at the gym and am a massive advocate of health and fitness. If anyone is ever looking for me I’m either at work or at the gym!

**What is your advice to anybody wanting to take on a role on a committee?**

Do it, you’ll love it. You will surprise yourself how much you enjoy it and the opportunities that develop from it.