Coaching in the Community

Initiative
Gary started coaching in 2008 after joining Reddish Vulcans Junior football club to help with an under 9’s team which his son was playing for in the 2008/09 season. He managed and coached this team until 2016 (until they reached the age of 16) this involved Friday evenings - training/coaching session - 6pm-7:30pm.

Sunday Morning - Management/coaching on match day 10-30-12 noon. Alongside this from 2013 Gary also volunteered to help coach on a Saturday morning – taking a development coaching session 9-30am-11-00 am.

This is the next generation of footballers and the boys/girls who are mainly reception and year 1 - ages 5-6 although some are as young as 4 years old have started under Gary’s guidance.

The emphasis is to coach the key basic skills needed to progress to playing football for a Reddish Vulcans club team while making it fun, age appropriate and inclusive for all. Gary currently now coaches on a Saturday morning and around 30-40 youngsters attend this Saturday morning development soccer school each week.

How Gary has made a difference
Playing football teaches kids teamwork, responsibility, and the joy of being physically fit. Unfortunately, many young children who are passionate about football don’t have the opportunity to participate in fun sessions because there aren’t enough coaches or assistants.

Gary is also passionate about football and by volunteering as a football coach in the local community, he is helping youngsters build self-confidence and independence through sport. Gary has made a difference by reminding young players, mums and dads that junior football must be about fair play and fun.

Reddish Vulcans now have in excess of 200 young players registered, regularly attending training sessions either Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday evenings.