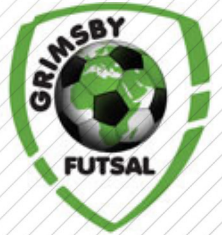




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Kevin Bryant (75), during his teens he played for Grimsby TownFC however it was much later, when he had sons that he found himself back in football by the usual route – their junior team had no manager! This led to becoming a referee and coach. He was introduced to Futsal eventually and was inspired to learn more. Fast forward to now and Kevin has been involved in Futsal with the FA, with FIFA and has developed the game hugely on a local level too.

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Futsal demands a very high level of mental fitness and physical strength and over 20 years of the League has increased the well-being of an awful lot of people. More than that it has created a lot of sporting opportunity.

Kevin reflects upon his own journey and says that he has had endless hours and pleasure from coaching and observing futsal and made numerous friends at both grassroots and international level. He is also complimentary of the support he has received from officers at the County FA:

"The LFA is currently in the best position I have known it, with professionals' in all key positions. Fingers crossed that in 2022 I will be able to announce a new smooth surface facility in Grimsby; the advice of the LFA to this goal has made it possible."

He also reflects on a point that he must not miss:

"The joy of walking football, I'm 75 and playing with so my old school mates! How did that happen?"