



HASHTAG UNITED YOUTH ANNOUNCE CHARITY PARTNERSHIP WITH BREAKTHROUGH T1D FOR THE 2025/2026 SEASON

- Hashtag United Youth is thrilled to announce our official charity partner for the upcoming 2025/2026 season—Breakthrough T1D, formerly JDRF.
- Breakthrough T1D is the leading global type 1 diabetes (T1D) research and advocacy charity, dedicated to improving lives while working towards a future without T1D. They connect the brightest minds, invest in groundbreaking research, campaign for access, and provide vital support for the T1D community. Their mission is clear: to make T1D a thing of the past.
- At Hashtag United Youth, we believe in using our platform to drive positive change. By partnering with Breakthrough T1D, we aim to raise awareness, support essential research, and empower individuals affected by T1D. Through fundraising events, community initiatives, and engagement with our players and supporters, we look forward to making a meaningful impact together.
- Understanding T1D is crucial. Many newly diagnosed individuals wonder, "*Why me?*" It's important to know that T1D is not caused by diet or lifestyle choices—it is an autoimmune condition that no one can predict or prevent. With the right support and research, we can work towards a world where T1D no longer stands in the way of anyone's dreams.

For Hashtag United Youth, this partnership is deeply personal. Type 1 diabetes has directly impacted our club, from long-serving coach and committee member Mike Broadbent, whose daughter Erin was diagnosed in 2022 at the age of 9. Coach Steve Thorne's twin daughters, who were diagnosed at just 3 years old and now proudly play in our girls' section, Coach Dave Challis daughter Graciella also plays for our girls' section and was diagnosed with T1D at age 9, while Manager and Mini Soccer secretary Adam Moore lives with T1D himself. Hashtag Mens 1st team Manager Jay Devereux also manages T1D while leading our club forward.

With so many incredible players and leaders living with T1D, we wanted to make this partnership truly visible and impactful.



To mark this special collaboration, some of our fantastic players living with T1D will model our new kits, proudly featuring the Breakthrough T1D logo. We are excited to continue our long-standing partnership with Cheeky Pants, which will remain a vital supporter of our Girls Youth section. The Girls Youth kits will sport both logos—Cheeky Pants on the front and Breakthrough T1D on the right sleeve. Meanwhile, our Youth Boys and Mini Soccer Boys & Girls home shirts will feature Breakthrough T1D on the front, ensuring that our commitment to this cause is visible on and off the pitch.





Liv



Graciella



Yas

Liv & Yas: We are both really pleased that Hashtag are linking up with Breakthrough T1D, it will help greatly with raising awareness to people of the great work that Breakthrough carry out.

Graciella: Having Breakthrough T1D on board will bring awareness and help everyone understand about T1D and how their players with T1D are affected by their levels, it will also help people know what to look out for.

Dave Challis: It's great that the awareness is getting out there, as sadly T1D seems more prevalent so knowing the signs early can help with longer term complications

Steve Thorne: It's great that the club are linking with breakthrough T1D. They are a great organisation who's research is improving lives of people living with Type 1 while also working towards one day hopefully finding a cure. This is something that as a father of two daughters with Type 1 is very close to my heart.

•Jay Devereux: It makes me very happy that we are partnering with Breakthrough T1D. As someone who has been living with T1D from a young age, this partnership is particularly meaningful. I am proud that our young players will be playing an active role in raising awareness about a cause that is very close to my heart

•Mike Broadbent: I'm so happy that the club agreed to let us join forces with Breakthrough T1D not only because of Erin, but for the players and members we have. This is a hugely overlooked and misunderstood life changing condition that could happen to anyone at any time, Raising awareness is key to helping others

•Adam Moore: As someone living with Type 1 Diabetes, I'm incredibly proud to see Hashtag United Youth teaming up with Breakthrough T1D. This partnership means a lot, not just to me personally, but to so many young people who live with T1D every day. Raising awareness and support through sport is a powerful way to make a difference, I'm excited to see the impact that this collaboration will have

•Chris Bright – Community Partnerships & Events lead at Breakthrough T1D

I'm delighted to see Breakthrough T1D working in partnership with Hashtag United. As a person living with Type 1 Diabetes, who's been involved in football for a long time, it means a lot to see our condition highlighted by such a great club within the sport

Jay Devereux



Mike & Erin



KNOW THE SIGNS



Toilet – Going to the toilet a lot ?



Thirsty – Always asking for drinks ?



Thinner – Sudden weight loss ?



Tired – More exhausted then usual ?