

The History of

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

1920

First international women's football game, Dick Kerr beat a French XI 2-0 with an attendance of 25,000.

1921

The FA banned women from playing football - the game was deemed unsuitable for women.

1991

The WFA launches a national league with 24 clubs.

1997

FA outlines plans to develop the women's game from grassroots to elite level.

1895

The first women's football game. North beat South 7-1 at Crouch End, London.

1920

Biggest crowd at a women's game to date, 53,000 at Goodison Park to watch Dick Kerr Ladies beat St Helen's 4-0.

1969

Women's Football Association formed with 44 clubs.

1971

The FA lifted the ban on women playing football.

1994

The FA takes on the administration of the Women's National League and league competition - league becomes FA Women's Premier League.

1998

first 20 centre of excellence for girls established with sponsorship gained for the league and cup competitions.

1999

USA hosts FIFA Women's World Cup, the final had an attendance of 90,000.

2005

UEFA Women's Championship held in England. England went out in the group stages.

2007

England reach Quarter Finals of the World Cup.

2009

England win first senior trophy - Cyprus Cup and also reach final of the EUROS.

2012

Popularity of women's football increased with the Olympics - Team GB reached Quarter Finals.

2015

England win Bronze at World Cup in Canada.

2018

Restructure of the Women's Super League -11 full time professional teams, new WSL 2 league introduced.

2002

FA announces that football is the top sport in England for female participation - 3 years ahead of schedule.

2006

England qualify for the World Cup after a 12 year gap.

2008

England qualify for UEFA EURO Championship.

2011

The FA Women's Super League is created with 11 teams and England reach Quarter Finals of the World Cup.

2014

England play their first game at Wembley with a record crowd of 45,619.

2016

Steph Houghton and Fara Williams awarded MBEs.

2019

Women's World Cup coming up in June.