



2021 Review



The year started with the country in the grips of the COVID 19 pandemic and the Relics mid-way through the Tri-Team Tournament with Salcom and Maccabi which started in October 2020.

Due to COVID restrictions there were no games in January, February, or March. When restrictions were eased training restarted at Goshen on 30th March and at Radcliffe on 1st April 2021.

The year ended with another 6 trophies in the Relics trophy cabinet.



Tri-team Tournament

The first games to take place in 2021 were in the Tri-Team Tournament that had already started with two rounds of games already played in 2020.

The Tri-Team Tournament restarted with game day 3 on 8th April.

The competition was dominated by the two Relics teams, Relics Blues and Relics Whites. The battle between the Blues and the Whites went to the last day and the last game with the Relics Blues claiming the title by two points with a 3 – 1 win against Maccabi B

Final Table	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Relics Blues	10	8	2	0	20	7	13	26
Relics Whites	10	8	0	2	24	6	18	24
Salcom A	10	4	2	4	9	10	-1	14
Maccabi A	10	2	4	4	10	13	-3	10
Salcom B	10	1	3	6	8	16	-8	6
Maccabi B	10	1	1	8	6	25	-19	4

Tri-Team Tournament Final Table



GMWFL Manchester League

On the league front, the Greater Manchester Walking Football League (GMWFL) cancelled the Spring 2021 season without a game being played, but did manage to run a local Manchester league for teams unaffected by the travel restrictions. This was played from April until the finals in July.

Twenty four teams from ten clubs took part, split into 3 age groups, over 60's, over 65's and over 70's. Two divisions of 5 teams each, in the over 60's and 65's, and 1 division of 4 teams for the over 70's.

In the 60's and 65's the winners of Group A played the winners of Group B in Cup Finals and the runners up in both groups 60's and 65's played in the Plate Final. The 70's was just league winners and runners up.

The over 60's finished fourth in Group B with 4 points from 4 games.

The over 65's reached the over 65's final by topping their group with 9 points from 4 games and faced the winners of group A, Manchester Corinthians, in the final. The Relics lost to a very strong Corinthians team 1 – 3.

The over 70's finished third in their group with 3 points from 3 games.



In July the Relics made their first venture into the Walking Football League National Cup. The Relics over 65's travelled to Winstanley (Wigan) for their first ever game in this competition. The Relics dominated the game, but went out losing 1 – 2 after extra time.



GMWFL Martin Dawson Memorial Trophy

In September the Relics entered the GMWFL Martin Dawson Memorial Trophy for only the second time.

The draw put The Relics into Group C that some might call 'the group of death' with GMWFL local rivals Club Kingsmaid, Manchester Corinthians, and Rochdale strollers.

The Relics finished second in the group to qualify for the Plate semi-final. The Relics went on to beat Bolton 3-1 in the semi-final and Blackpool 1-0 in the final to win the Plate.



GMWFL Autumn Season

The GMWFL started in full force again for the autumn season in September 2021. The Relics had teams in the over 60's, over 65's and over 70's age groups.

The over 60's, after a tough start to the season gaining only 2 points in September, 2 points in October, and 3 points in November, ended on a high with 7 points in December including a 4-0 win over the new champions in the final game. They finished fourth in the table with 14 points from 16 games.

The over 65's had a great season, only conceding 4 goals in 16 games, they led the league all season until the final game. Needing a draw to secure the title the Relics were frustrated losing 0-1 to finish second 1 point behind the league winners.

The over 70's made a slow start to the season with only 1 point from three games in September, but a strong finish resulted in second place in the table.

Trophy Cabinet Additions

8 th July 2021	Over 65's GMWFL Manchester League – Runners up
26 th Aug 2021	Relics Blues – Tri-Team Tournament Winners Relics Whites – Tri-Team Tournament Runners Up
6 th Sept 2021	GMWFL Martin Dawson Trophy – Plate Winners
16 th Dec 2021	Over 65's GMWFL Autumn Season runners up
23 rd Dec 2021	Over 70's GMWFL Autumn Season runners up