

# Ashley Cole's tribute to fan killed in hit and run

The Chelsea and England left-back unveiled a memorial bench to Liam Hannon



One of Chelsea Football Club's star players, Ashley Cole, unveiled a tribute to a young fan tragically killed in a hit and run accident.

Liam Hannon was killed just over a year ago outside his home in north London as he was crossing the road to do his homework.

Cole joined children from Liam's old schools, Childs Hill Junior and Hampstead Comprehensive, to unveil a memorial bench to mark the one year anniversary of his death.

The children at Childs Hill decided that a bench for the playground could represent Liam's

personality and love of playing football with his friends outside in the playground. Liam was a huge Chelsea FC fan. Past and present pupils took part in designing the bench and they were all invited to the unveiling in December.

The Chelsea and England left back signed the bench, which is decorated in blue and white and carries an image of the Chelsea home shirt.

Childs Hill Headteacher Jayne Franklin said, "It means so much to Liam's family that a Chelsea player has taken the time to attend our unveiling. To see Ashley Cole's signature every day on Liam's

bench will be a permanent reminder of how a community can come together to celebrate a young person's life.

"We hope that Liam's younger brother will be joining our school in the near future and he will be able to take great comfort in sitting on this bench talking about his brother, his love of football and the way Chelsea took the time to come and remember Liam."

Ashley Cole added, "It is so sad that someone as young as Liam was taken from his family and friends in this way. Hopefully this small tribute from

everyone at Chelsea can help celebrate his life."

Chelsea has also donated a shirt, which has been authenticated and signed by all the first team players at Stamford Bridge.

The school are also organising a raffle and the money raised will set up a memorial fund in Liam's name. The fund will sponsor places at football schemes for children at the school who are not able to afford places.

If you would like to buy raffle tickets and help raise money for Liam's fund please contact Childs Hill School at [office.childshill.barnet@igfl.net](mailto:office.childshill.barnet@igfl.net)

## Transfer news

### Fulham

Speculation has been rife since the new year, but Fulham boss Chris Coleman finally confirmed that Roma's Vincenzo Montella will be making his London debut on loan to the club, whilst West Ham have bought stalwart Whites winger Luis Boa Morte for an undisclosed fee. Meanwhile, rumours of the Whites' interest in Everton midfielder Simon Davies look positive, as Coleman has been quoted earlier this month saying that discussions are "far down the line" over two or three players.



centre-back before the end of January, in spite of Jose Mourinho's public blasting of the "over the odds" prices being paid for good players. The return of John Terry, Arjen Robben and Peter Cech should also pep up the ailing side, who are also fielding rumours of Mourinho's possible departure at the end of the season.

### QPR

Fans are breathing a sigh of relief as star striker Ray Jones finally showed his commitment to stay at Rangers by signing a three-and-a-half year deal to keep him at Loftus Road. On loan Ian Evatt has finally cut ties with the club with a permanent transfer to Blackpool.



### Chelsea

Meanwhile, injury-riddled Chelsea are expected to bag themselves a new



## Chelsea 2-2 Fulham



Carlos Bocanegra was the Fulham hero with a late leveller as Chelsea's expensive line up lost further ground on Premiership leaders Manchester United.

Moriz Volz had put the visitors into a shock lead in the borough derby match when he stole into the box and lashed in the Premiership's 15,000th goal.

Frank Lampard levelled when his 20-yard drive was deflected into the bottom corner by Liam Rosenior and Didier Drogba headed in Lampard's cross to make it 2-1 before Bocanegra slotted



home late on to earn Fulham a point.

It was no more than the visitors deserved as they played their part in a fascinating encounter carried out in torrential weather.

Fulham manager Chris Coleman said, "It's a massive point for us and I thought our overall performance was magnificent. We can't ask for more from this current crop of players. We knew the longer the game went on and we weren't out of it we'd have a great chance to get something here."