

## SUSSEX RUGBY UNION COUNTY FACILITY PLAN 2011 - 2012

### Sussex Rugby Union County Facility Plan for years 2, April 2010 to April 2011 and provisional programmes for years 3 and 4 - April 2011 through to April 2013

#### Year 2 and ongoing.

**Haywards Heath.** New car park and improvements to training area completed, new training lights installed. Possible improvements to pitch drainage area ongoing.

**Midhurst.** New mobile training lights in year 2.

**Hellingly.** New training lights for training area proceeding under RFU CIP funding. Additional external storage facilities needed.

#### Year 3 – April 2011 to April 2012.

**St Francis.** Planning approval for new training lights granted by CBC. Phase 1- installation of electrical supply and lighting columns due to commence in April 2011. Phase 2- installation of floodlights dependent upon successful funding. Design and Licensing application with Crawley Council completed. Groundmatch funding application submitted.

**Eastbourne.** Improvements and repairs to clubhouse being considered. Grant aid being applied for.

**Hastings.** Improvements to pitch drainage completed in Year 1. Ongoing pitch maintenance programme established but extensive funding required in Years 3 to 5 for sand banding the training area. New storage facilities required and steel container being considered. Club require new set of mobile lights, Groundmatch Scheme considered appropriate. Club also exploring benefits of permanent training lights.

**East Grinstead.** Planned flat roof extension to clubhouse now urgently needed. Pitch improvements and sub- soil drainage completed by club during the summer. Early plans for an all weather pitch and covered area abandoned.

**Seaford.** Planned improvements to changing facilities and toilets currently on hold

**Crowborough.** New Clubhouse completed and handed over to the club on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2011 Demolition of existing clubhouse imminent. Flood lighting on lower pitch to be upgraded in near future.

**Bognor.** Financial support for improvements and or enlargement to existing training area on hold. Upgrading of the existing floodlights funded by club. New storage facilities being considered.

**Heathfield.** Provision of new training lights funded by club. Groundmatch grant application being considered by club for new crowd barriers to two pitches. Clubhouse extension being planned for year 4

**Burgess Hill.** New veranda with secure storage facilities along front of clubhouse planned. Application to the RFF/RFU for funds expected. Repairs to clubhouse underway following a break into the premises. New floodlights on hold.

**Crawley.** Improvements to pitch drainage being discussed with PSD. Complicated negotiations with Crawley Borough Council over clubhouse and pitches ongoing.

**Ditchling.** Proposals made by club for the use of the ground in front of the pavilion as a second pitch on Ditchling Recreation Ground rejected by the Parish Council. Discussions between Club and Council on pitch facilities on going.

**Newick.** Pitch improvements and additional training lights being considered. Club requires new scrummage machine for seniors and advised to seek Helping Hands Grant. Groundmatch Scheme considered appropriate for pitch improvements and training lights.

**Uckfield.** New “Port a Cabin” toilet facilities and dainage planned. Application for a Groundmatch grant submitted.

#### **Year 4 – April 2012 – April 2013**

**Horsham.** Plans for new clubhouse abandoned. Repair work to existing roof recently completed. Club reconsidering time scale to redevelop changing rooms and general refurbishment in two stages possibly in year 4 under an RFU Capital Programme.

**Barns Green.** New pitch fund raising underway. Possibility of land purchase to grow the club out of its present situation in having to use school facilities. Discussions underway with local landowner.

**Chichester.** Phase 1 improvements to clubhouse completed sourced by club funds in year 1. Phase 2, i.e comprehensive extensions to the Presidents Lounge, Bar, Kitchen and Gym are planned. Outline financial support proposals from local developers awaited by the club.

**Cinque Ports.** Club currently negotiating with Hastings Borough Council on possible re-development of unused land for pitches and the refurbishment of an existing sports clubhouse at Pebsham Public Waste Disposal Site. Preliminary Report on layout of proposed clubhouse received and under review by RFU Quantity Surveyors. Agronomist soil report considered appropriate. Awaiting on club.

**Hove.** Extension to clubhouse delayed. Phase 2 Development Plan for the extension to the Lounge area and Changing Rooms delayed pending partnership funding. Sportsmatch grant awarded in November 2010 for new floodlights. New hot water system being investigated.

**Lewes.** “Turnaround” Redevelopment of Stanley Turner Ground to provide a new clubhouse still at discussion level with Lewes DC. Possibility of obtaining two new pitches from football “club” and additional car parking area being reconsidered in the light of the non availability of adjacent land for purchase. Upgrading of clubhouse toilets with grant aid from Lewes Town Council and Sussex Playing Fields confirmed and is underway. Negotiations with LTC proceeding at a satisfactory level

**Pulborough.** Purchase of additional land for a new fourth pitch being considered. Extension to clubhouse to provide external storage facilities and a further car park area planned.

**Rye.** Improvements or renewal of training lights on hold. Club has informed CB that there is no likelihood of long term extension to the ground.

#### **Year 4 and onwards.**

**Brighton.** Improvements to bar and dining areas, new commercial dining area, additional player facilities, improved spectator areas, member’s dining room, second catering facility and new gym. Externally, resurfacing the car park and repairs to main pitch floodlighting currently all on hold.

**Littlehampton.** Presently using school facilities but growth of membership retarded. Playing coach, new mobile training lights and scrummage machine needed. Groundmatch Scheme considered appropriate for training lights.

**Plumpton.** New training lights and improvements to showers Groundmatch grant considered appropriate.

**Shoreham.** Club entering new lease agreement with Local Authority for clubhouse and pitches on advantageous terms. Present changing rooms to be rebuilt to RFU design standards, other improvements required also. Possible refurbishment of existing bunker building to afford additional changing rooms and storage in Years 3/4. New mobile training lights or possibly new RFU compliant permanent floodlights planned also for Year 3/4. Application for a Groundmatch grant being considered by club.

**Worthing.** Ground and first floor extensions to clubhouse, a further car park area and additional training lights currently on hold.

**Horley.** Club has an opportunity to purchase own grounds and clubhouse in Horley. Funding is required. Further information awaited.

**Norfolk Arms.** No submissions.

### Notes on small Grants:

**Rugby Football Foundation “Groundmatch Grant Scheme”** Provides easy –to – access grant funding for capital projects which contribute to the recruitment and retention of community rugby players. Applications from clubs on a bi-annual basis only. Maximum grant £5,000 with club matching the grant on a £for£ basis. All projects which qualify for a grant also qualify for an RFF loan. Cannot be used with an RFF interest free loan for the same project or with a “Helping Hand Grant.” Clubs may only apply for one grant per project. See <http://www.rfu.com/rff> for further information

**Rugby Football Foundation “Helping Hand Grant”** provides a mechanism for clubs to apply for small grants on a bi-annual basis for eligible Capital Projects (eg new goal posts or redecorations etc) of between £500- £1500 with the club matching the grant on a £for£ basis. Grant is available to clubs that play level 5 or below.

These grants are viewed as an extension of the Groundmatch Grant scheme with the maximum of funding that a club can apply for in a 24 month period set at £5,000. However a club can make a number of applications within that time period up to a limit of £5,000. See <http://www.rfu.com/rff> for further information.

### Beneficiaries under RFU Goal Post Scheme in 2010:

Bognor  
Ditchling  
Newick  
Norfolk Arms

PR Mercer.  
County Facilities Co-ordinator.  
2<sup>nd</sup> September 2011.

### Latest amendments:

General update: 9th September 2011