

SUSSEX RUGBY UNION COUNTY FACILITY PLAN 2010 - 2011

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

Year 1. -April 2009 and ongoing.

East Grinstead. Planned extension to clubhouse (planning permission granted in 2007), all weather surface on existing training area and all weather wheelchair access to third pitch.

Eastbourne. RFU grant award for new training floodlights made this month. Application for new goal posts under the RFU Goal Post Scheme approved and delivered. Improvements to clubhouse being considered.

Hastings. Improvements to pitch drainage completed in Year 1. Ongoing pitch maintenance programme established but extensive funding required in Years 3 and 5 for sand banding the training area. New storage facilities required and steel container being considered. Groundmatch Scheme considered appropriate. New spectator's balcony completed by club.

Haywards Heath. New car park and improvements to training area completed, new training lights and possible improvements to pitch drainage area both ongoing.

Midhurst. New mobile training lights.

Seaford. Internal improvements to clubhouse and new boiler installation completed.

St Francis. Shower Modernization - Complete with new boiler installed - all funded by Crawley Borough Council. 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.

Year 2 – April 2010 to April 2011.

Crowborough. Contractor appointed and construction of new clubhouse underway, due for completion in July 2011. Pitch drainage on second team pitch, purchase of new mobile training lights and new set of goal post all completed match funded by the RFF.

Year 3 – April 2011 to April 2012

PRIORITIZATION

For club funding during this year as set out in the Sussex RFU Action Plan 2011-2012. Clubs to show technical and local authority compliance, proof of partnership funding and tenure where necessary supported by RDO recommendation as to clubs standing.

Sussex RFU Executive agreement and support required for funding by the Rugby Football Union for each of the following four clubs:-

Horsham RFC. Extensive work to existing roof over clubhouse and new roof coverings. RFU support through RFF loan and CIP grant to be finalised soon. (Further improvements to facilities being planned – see below)

Bognor RFC. Financial support for improvements and or enlargement to existing training area if club wishes to proceed. (Further improvements to facilities being planned – see below)

And or possibly two further clubs:-

Hellingly RFC. Provision of new training lights for training area 60m x 40m. (Further improvements to facilities being planned - see below.) RFU CIP grant to be made available.

Heathfield RFC. Provision of new training lights.(Further improvements to facilities being planned – see below.) Groundmatch grant application being considered by club.

Other clubs planning to improve their facilities during Year 3

Burgess Hill. Drawings for a new veranda with secure storage facilities along front of clubhouse completed and an application for funds submitted to the Burgess Hill Town Council. Further application to the RFF for funds expected. Repair work to floors on hold and new Weights Room nearing completion. New floodlights also on hold.

Crawley. Improvements to pitch drainage and electrical work to floodlights main

switch. Complicated negotiations with Crawley Borough Council over clubhouse and pitches ongoing.

Ditchling. Application for new goal posts under the RFU Goal Post Scheme approved and delivered. Proposals made by the 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 are on going.

Hellingly. Replacement boiler now fitted. Additional external storage facilities being planned. Groundmatch Scheme considered appropriate. Pitch improvements completed in Summer of 2010, new top soil laid and 80t of sand dressing applied, pitch re-seeded also.

Heathfield and Waldron. New pitch completed. Permanent fences with advertising boards, all weather shelters for coaches, parents and children being planned. Cladding of an existing stores building also being planned as is an extension to the clubhouse to provide additional changing rooms. Improvements to training area still being considered.

Horsham. Plans for the new clubhouse with two new MUGA pitches abandoned. Extensive internal alterations to provide additional changing room facilities and a larger kitchen planned for Year 4. Rugby Football Foundation loan considered appropriate.

Bognor. (provisionally).Improvements to showers, external redecorations, improved training lights currently on hold and priority listing awaited. Application for new goal posts under the RFU Goal Post Scheme approved and delivered.

Newick. Application for new set of goal posts under the RFU Goal Post Scheme submitted very late but successful. Pitch improvements and additional training lights being considered. Club requires new scrummage machine for seniors. Groundmatch Scheme considered appropriate for pitch improvements and training lights

Uckfield Improvements to pitch drainage and spectator standing now completed. New Port a Cabin toilet facilities and dainage planned. Application for a Groundmatch grant anticipated. Improvement works to existing car park being considered but not grant aidable

Year 4 – April 2012 – April 2013

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.

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

Cinque Ports. Club currently making enquiries 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.

Hove. Extension to clubhouse delayed from year 1. 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.

Lewes. Redevelopment of Stanley Turner Ground to provide a new clubhouse now 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 new training pitch completed, 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. Possible housing development.

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.

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.

Shoreham. Club entering new lease agreement with Local Authority for existing clubhouse and pitches on advantageous terms. Present changing rooms to be rebuilt with other improvements. Possible refurbishment of existing bunker building to afford additional changing rooms and storage in Years 3 to 5. New mobile training lights or possibly new RFU compliant permanent floodlights planned for Year 3

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

The Rugby Football Foundation has informed me that the RFF Groundmatch Grant Scheme through which clubs can improve their facilities was closed on the 28th February 2010 but restarted in July. Applications from clubs on a bi-annual basis only. RFF interest free loans repayable over 15 years are available but cannot be used for projects already funded by Groundmatch scheme.

I am further informed that the RFF may reintroduce the “Small Grants Scheme.” Under this scheme clubs will be invited to apply for grants up to £1500 for purchase of rugby equipment or for works of a minor nature.

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County Facilities Officer.

6th April 2011.

Latest amendments:

St Francis RFC	31 st March 2011
Uckfield RFC	31 st March 2011
Rye RFC	31 st March 2011
Ditchling RFC	31 st March 2011
Hellingly RFC	6 th April 2011
Heathfield RFC	6 th April 2011
Horsham RFC	6 th April 2011