

REPORT FOR FACILITIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - 19TH MARCH 2024

USE OF THE RECREATION GROUND AND PAVILION

This winter has been a difficult time for the football clubs using the recreation ground with matches and archery cancelled (to date) over 5 weekends.

We currently have 3 clubs (all under 16's) – Hook United Youth FC, Shooters FC and Basing Royals. There is capacity for football on Saturday and Sunday afternoons on the upper (junior size) pitch. All the clubs currently using the pitches have been very understanding and supportive and it is hoped they will return next season.

There has been no adult football this season resulting in the grounds being in a far better condition (despite the wet weather) than in previous years to such an extent that it is unlikely “End of Season Renovation Work” by Larkstel will be required and the outfield is also in better condition for the start of the cricket season.

A decision regarding adult football is required now for 2 reasons:

- Enquiries for the 2024/25 football season will soon be received
- This will affect the heating and hot water carbon reduction measures in the Pavilion

The following information may be helpful:

- Savings on End of Season Renovation (no adult football): £4,285.00
- Revenue from adult football per team: £ 850.00 (10 games)
 - Plus £100 if tea room booked
- Revenue from junior football per team: £ 550.00 (10 games)
- Revenue from Archery Club “exclusive use” Sat/Sun mornings: £1,700.00

Benefits of no adult football:

- Cleaning costs kept to a minimum
- Hot water for showers only required for 6 months of the year
- Minimal heating required in the two main changing rooms to prevent damp/frost damage
- Referee’s changing room to be heated for use by hirers of the tea room
- Point of Use or similar provision to be installed for hot water to kitchen areas

Proposal:

1. **To implement a policy of “no adult football” and reserve the pitches for junior football only**
or
2. **To take football bookings whether junior or adult and accept the additional costs involved**