

## **Funding options**

The subject of how this project would be funded has been mentioned so we were keen to emphasise that the football club is looking to fund this independently using a combination of savings, fund raising and the grants on offer to football clubs in the National League System

£36,000 – Club bank account

£10,000 – Per annum projected profit

£50,000 – Football Stadia Improvement Fund – Step 7 (Our current level)

£50,000 – Football Stadia Improvement Fund – Step 6 (Unlocked if we gain promotion)

## **About the Football Stadia Improvement Fund**

For step 7 clubs (our current level) funding of up to £50,000 is available when including changing facilities. They will match up to 70% of a project with ACFC having to fund the remaining 30%. A further £50,000 is awarded to clubs at step 6. For grants over £20,000 a 10 year freehold agreement is needed.

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## **Other potential further options**

Up to £10,000 – Shared-access fund for floodlights

Up to £10,000 – National Lottery awards for all England

Up to £10,000 – Sport England small grants fund

Up to £500,000 – Premier League & The FA Facilities fund (security of tenure by freehold of at least 25 years)

I have a bit more info on these with me if you want to take a look.

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## **Phase One**

### **Objective**

Relocate to new pitch area, move away from current changing facilities to free them up for the Parish Councils re-development of the Pavilion, maintain step 7 level facilities.

Move the pitch over to new location

- Begin work as soon as possible
- Costs negligible

Move dugouts over to new location

- Begin work mid May once season has finished.

- Costs negligible

#### Install pitch railing

- 42mm Powder coated white steel barrier around the whole pitch. Begin work as soon as possible.
- Costs approximately £4200
  - £1,260 - ACFC
  - £2,940 - FSIF (The Football Stadia Improvement Fund)

#### Hedge / Fence around the site perimeter.

After further discussions with the league they have confirmed that a low fence or hedge would be acceptable for promotion to step 6 rather than the FA ground grading request of a 6 foot fence. We hope that this would be a far more acceptable option to the Parish Council.

We could plant a mixed native hedge, once established this would encourage wildlife, help with sound proofing the site and also act as a natural barrier from a health and safety point of view of keeping people off the pitch railings and away from the changing facilities etc.

A native hedge can be kept to a formal shape if clipped regularly which would be our preference and if need be easier to remove completely than a permanent fence.

- 368 meters of double row hedge plants
- Costs approximately £1850 funded solely by ACFC
- Quote calculated from [http://www.hedging.co.uk/acatalog/product\\_10798.html](http://www.hedging.co.uk/acatalog/product_10798.html)

It might also be wise to fence off the site using something similar to the fencing around the allotments inside of the newly planted hedge, this would have a low visual impact within the park whilst allowing the hedge to mature. It would provide further security to the site from dogs fouling on the pitch and children being able to access the site.

- Costs to be investigated if PC think this a good idea.

Build new changing rooms to free up current building for community centre re-development. We could use temporary changing rooms if it makes more sense to wait until we want to develop both the changing rooms and club house together. Another option could be to do a design that allows us to build it in two phases.

- Costs would need to be finalised depending on design but the funding would come from:
  - £30,000 - ACFC
  - £47,000 - FSIF

#### Potential collaborators

- Tennis club, we are meeting with them next week to discuss whether they would be interested in sharing some toilet facilities and possibly changing room facilities
  - Potential to involve the Scouts
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## Phase Two

### Objective –

Improve facilities to the level needed to obtain promotion to Step 6 football

Install hard standing along one side and one end of the pitch. This can be made of tarmac, concrete or paving slabs and needs to be laid along 1 length and 1 width so would be approximately 170 meters in length by 0.9 meters in width.

- Costs for concrete approximately £10,000
  - £3,000 - ACFC
  - £7,000 - FSIF

Install floodlights

- Costs approximately £35,000
  - £10,500 – ACFC
  - £24,500 – FSIF
  - £? – Possible grants from “Shared Access” – I’ve applied to Shared Access who can offer some grants towards floodlights if a mobile phone mast can be incorporated into it.

Build covered spectator area for 100 people of which 50 must be seated

- Costs approximately - awaiting some details

Aim is to build new club house and cease using Churchill Hall

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Would Parish Council draft an agreement to say we have a window to develop the site as hopefully agreed, this would be helpful should something be agreed now but take a span of time to complete. Members of the Parish Council could change in that time span and it would make sense to have something to say this has been agreed and can go ahead.





# FACILITIES GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

<b>Over £10,000</b>	
Sport England Inspired Facilities	<a href="#">FULL DETAILS</a>
Sport England Protecting Playing Fields Fund	<a href="#">FULL DETAILS</a>
Sport England Strategic Facilities Fund	<a href="#">FULL DETAILS</a>
Premier League & The FA Facilities Fund	<a href="#">FULL DETAILS</a>
Biffa Awards Main Grant Scheme	<a href="#">FULL DETAILS</a>
Football Stadia Improvement Fund	<a href="#">FULL DETAILS</a>
<b>£2,500 – £10,000</b>	
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Playing Fields Legacy Fund	<a href="#">FULL DETAILS</a>
Central Social & Recreational Trust	<a href="#">FULL DETAILS</a>
Shared Access – Funding for Floodlights	<a href="#">FULL DETAILS</a>
Veolia Environmental Trust	<a href="#">FULL DETAILS</a>
London Marathon Charitable Trust	<a href="#">FULL DETAILS</a>
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## The FA National League System

The FSIF provides money for clubs in The FA National League System who want to improve their facilities for players, officials and spectators.

### Grant limits

Grant limits for The FA National League System clubs (applies to any five year period)

Clubs in The FA National League System	Maximum cumulative grant value*	Maximum percentage grant
Step 1	£400,000	50%
Step 2	£250,000	50%
Step 3 and 4	£150,000	50%
Step 5	£100,000	50%
Step 6	£100,000	70%
Step 7	£20,000 (but up to £50,000 for applications including changing rooms)	70%

\* This is the maximum grant available, less any previous grants awarded by the FSIF whilst at any other level over the previous five years.

FSIF eligibility criteria

	Step 1	Step 2	Steps 3 & 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7
Maximum grant value	£400k	£250k	£150k	£100k	£100k	£20k
Maximum grant percentage	50%	50%	50%	50%	70%	70%
<b>Project</b>						
New covered seating	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
New open seating	No	No	No	No	No	No
New open or covered safe terracing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Upgrading open safe terracing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Convert terrace to open seating	No	No	No	No	No	No
Convert terrace to covered seating	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
First aid rooms	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Secure boundary fencing and gates	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pitch perimeter rails, barriers + infill <sup>1</sup>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Players and officials safe walkway	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pitch perimeter hardstanding	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
PA systems (initial provision only)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CCTV (initial provision only)	Yes <sup>2</sup>	No	No	No	No	No
Computerised turnstiles	Yes <sup>2</sup>	No	No	No	No	No
Control rooms	Yes <sup>2</sup>	No	No	No	No	No
Mains service connections	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Crush barrier installations	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
New floodlights and upgrades <sup>3</sup>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Emergency lighting (initial provision only)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Spectator toilets	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Press seating	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Turnstile and pay kiosks	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Changing rooms	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes <sup>4</sup>
Pitch drainage	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pitch irrigation <sup>5</sup>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes <sup>6</sup>	Yes <sup>6</sup>
Car and coach parking <sup>7</sup>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Access roads <sup>7</sup>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stewards radios (initial provision)	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Hospitality areas (incl. tea bars) <sup>8</sup>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Artificial pitches	No	No	No	No	No	No
Viewing for disabled spectators	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
All facilities for disabled spectators	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dug-outs/technical areas	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pitch maintenance equipment <sup>9</sup>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ball stop netting <sup>10</sup>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- <sup>1</sup> Perimeter barrier infill panels will only be considered eligible for Clubs at Step 4 or above
- <sup>2</sup> Only after securing promotion to the Football League
- <sup>3</sup> If you need to provide floodlights to meet the membership conditions of your league, you are eligible to apply for a grant towards installing the floodlights or towards improving the floodlights if this is necessary because your club has been promoted. Replacement of bulbs and other maintenance operations are not eligible for support but the replacement of very old, defective systems would be considered. Second-hand systems might be considered subject to independent structural and electrical reports. Mobile floodlights are not eligible.
- <sup>4</sup> Ceiling grant for changing rooms is £50,000
- <sup>5</sup> Maximum £20,000
- <sup>6</sup> Maximum 50%
- <sup>7</sup> Car and coach parking/access roads will only be considered eligible if the works are required to improve access to the ground for disabled spectators, to satisfy statutory requirements imposed by the local planning authority/Highways Authority or to resolve a specific issue relating to health and safety.
- <sup>8</sup> Permanent buildings only with planning permission. Players' and directors' exclusive bars are not eligible.
- <sup>9</sup> Eligible provided there is safe storage provision on site, insurance for theft, user instruction (including health and safety) and demonstrating sufficient, reliable voluntary labour to undertake the work. Maximum £10,000
- <sup>10</sup> Eligible subject to appropriate justification (e.g. close proximity to a busy road, railway line or causing a nuisance to neighbours).






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## Premier League & The FA Facilities Fund

The Premier League & The FA Facilities Fund provides grants for building or refurbishing grassroots facilities, such as changing pavilions and playing surfaces for community benefit, with money provided by the Premier League, The FA and the Government (via Sport England) and delivered by the Foundation.

### Premier League & The FA Facilities Fund

  
Department  
for Culture  
Media & Sport

  
Football  
Foundation

### Eligible projects

The Premier League & The FA Facilities Fund gives grants for projects that:

- Improve facilities for football and other sport in local communities.
- Sustain or increase participation amongst children and adults, regardless of background age, or ability.
- Help children and adults to develop their physical, mental, social and moral capacities through regular participation in sport.

The types of facilities we give money for include:

- Grass pitches drainage/improvements
- Pavilions, clubhouses and changing rooms
- 3G Football Turf Pitches (FTPs) and multi-use games areas
- Fixed floodlights for artificial pitches.

We welcome applications from football clubs, professional clubs' community trusts, multi-sport clubs, local authorities, all educational establishments, registered charitable organisations, not for profit companies limited by guarantee, industrial and provident societies and unincorporated not for profit organisations.

All applications must have security of tenure either by freehold or leasehold. A minimum of 25 years security of tenure is required by leasehold.

### Grant limits

The maximum grant available from the Foundation for each facilities project is **£500,000**.

The minimum grant available from the Foundation through this scheme is £10,000. If you are requiring a grant below £10,000 please see our [PL/FA:FF Small Grants scheme](#).

Applicants must demonstrate a financial need for grant aid and provide evidence that all available options for match funding have been exhausted. Applicants would be expected to contribute their own funds towards the project and also secure financial contributions from other funding organisations. We would expect applicants to secure as much match funding as possible, although each project will be assessed based on individual circumstances.