

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

Year1. -April 2009 – 2010 and ongoing.

Ditchling. Application for new goal posts under the RFU Goal Post Scheme approved and delivered.

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. New spectator's balcony completed by club.

Haywards Heath. Delayed start to new car park, improvements to training area, new training lights and possible improvements to pitch drainage area all ongoing.

Midhurst. New mobile training lights.

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

St Frances. Awaiting planning approval for new training lights. Upgrading shower facilities underway funded by Crawley Council.

Year 2 – April 2010 to April 2011.

Crowborough. Building of new clubhouse delayed by gap funding and final negotiations of the Contract. 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

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

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.

Hellingly. Replacement boiler to be fitted in March 2011. Additional external storage facilities and new floodlights still being planned. 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. New floodlights planned and a report expected soon. 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. Advice on improving the training area awaited from consultants.

Horsham. Plans for the new clubhouse with two new MUGA pitches now abandoned in favour of carrying out remedial work and re roofing the existing clubhouse in Year 3. This will be followed by extensive internal alterations to provide additional changing room facilities and a larger kitchen in Year 4. Details awaited.

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

Rye. Improvements or renewal of training lights

Uckfield Improvements to pitch drainage and spectator standing. New Port a Cabin toilet facilities and dainage planned

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. Report awaited.

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. Compliance of Architects proposals for new Changing Rooms awaited by RFU. Sportsmatch grant awarded in November 2010 for new floodlights.

Lewes. Extension to clubhouse, new pitches and car park being reconsidered in the light of the non availability of adjacent land for purchase. Discussions ongoing. Upgrading of clubhouse toilets with grant aid from Lewes Town Council and Sussex Playing Fields confirmed.

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.

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.

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 loans are still available at the present time.

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Hove Sportsmatch grant added.

