

Norton-in-Hales
Community Sports Club
Building Management Sub-Committee:-

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Community Sports Building, Re-build project. Update 8.3.10

Planned work to the community building during the winter months was affected by the very cold weather and with funds low at the moment we are dependant on the goodwill and generosity of volunteers to complete the building. At the moment it is a case being very close to completion but not close enough!

The approach and frontage of the building have undergone a tremendous change. The old concrete path has been removed and replaced by flagstones leading to a very smart block paved area running the width of the pavilion to the score box. We are indebted to Steve Farnell (cricket club member) and Tony Richards for the donation of the block pavers and the very kind gesture of Mr & Mrs John Mayer for funding the landscaping and laying of the blocks/flagstones, also a beautiful wooden bench has been positioned in memory of their grandson Matthew. We will continue to work on the exterior groundwork to try to get into good shape for the summer months.

Internally there is still work to do and we are hoping that this can be completed in the next few months. Funding for furnishing the main room and kitchen area installations is awaiting a decision on a grant application, which will be made this month. The Community Sports Club is in the process of applying for charitable status. Committee members have also spent many hours in bringing the Community Club constitution up to-date and finalising the lease agreement for *Norton in Hales Community Sports Club* with the National Playing Fields Association (Fields in Trust) - the land owners. This work will stand the Club in good stead for the future with respect to further funding and grant aid.

Regarding the financial position of the project, the total cost to date is £137,007.82. Funds raised, including £65,177 insurance money stands at £134,650 so there is a slight shortfall which we hope to meet through grants and as we generate funds from the use of the building.

The rebuilding project has been a fantastic community effort and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have supported us. Although the project has been driven mainly by Cricket Club members the building will not belong to the Cricket Club. Along with the rest of the field it is held in trust for the community by NPFA. So I'd like to emphasise that this is a COMMUNITY BUILDING. It will be available to all sections of the community for a wide variety of uses and there is a great opportunity here to run new activities in the building. For example, many people expressed an interest in attending adult education classes if they could be held locally and there is no reason why this cannot happen in the new building.

In the next few weeks we intend to progress work on the building and I would welcome anyone contacting me who would like to use their skills to help complete the building or anyone who would like to be part of the Building Management Sub-Committee of the Community Sports Club. Work will progress according to the following schedule.

Work Schedule

1. Complete floor painting the changing rooms and complete gloss paint to function room and corridor – week-end 13th March
2. Interior doors to be hung along with the architrave, plus paint same, fit bench seating and hooks in changing rooms, - week-ends 20th / 27th March.
3. Kitchen units to install (subject to funding), School store room to fit out with storage shelves and hooks. – week-ends 27th March / 3rd April / 10th April.
- 4, Fitting out bar and bar store - week-end 10th April/ 17th April

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Mr President – Hard at work in front of the
Matthew Mayer Memorial Bench

The block paved frontage donated by Tony Richards and
Club member Steve Farnell.
Mr & Mrs John Mayer arranged and funded the laying of the
blocks & path



The Corridor leading from the main room to the toilets.
25% of painting to do + 2 doors to hang to complete this area



Ian Groom hanging 1 of the 9 interior doors – Only
another 4 to go !!