

Bedford Sports Foundation

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An update to our plans:

We have now placed an order for refurbishment of the Astroturf pitches with Blakedown Sport and Play, with work scheduled to begin in June and completed before the end of August.

We are reinstating the floodlights to original lux levels, and the newer lighting equipment will dramatically improve playing conditions as the light will be constant rather than patchy as at present.

We are installing a central fence of extended height to protect users of adjacent pitches from the odd stray ball - particularly from 5-a-side games.

The new Astro surface is of the new generation sand dressed type, which plays quicker and more evenly. Tufted in lines will prolong service life against seam failure. Pitch 1 will have the surface extended in contrast colour over the current tarmac margin - producing a top class pitch surface for all users.

We are currently undergoing the final stages of the application to Sport England for drawdown of funds, and we are within striking distance of complete Project Funding. The Hockey Club have delivered the promised funding as asked, and a great contribution to allowing the Project to proceed has been the savings made in stripping the existing pitches ourselves. It is important that we all pull together to get the existing surfaces up over the weekend of June 9 and 10 to allow the Contractor to start on site. Please make every effort to help out and confirm by contacting Robert Moulam or any of the names at the head of the page.

If you are able to make a cash contribution, we have a Justgiving site still operating for the Lands End to John O'Groats bike ride - this allows us to reclaim up to 28% tax easily and efficiently - www.justgiving.com/bedfordlejog.

With the ladies' team returning to the National League, we will have top class facilities to build on this and the Club's other successes.

If you need any further information, drop an e-mail to delomac@aol.com.