



WOTTON COMMUNITY SPORTS FOUNDATION

Developing a multi sport environment for Wotton and the surrounding area

Welcome to the WCSF Newsletter

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Skate Park Project

We are delighted to announce that we have now reached our £80,000 target to begin the project, thanks to the generosity of Gloucestershire County Council's Active Together scheme who have agreed to fund the final £19,000. Our great thanks to them and, once again, to all those who have helped us to raise this massive sum:

Kingswood Bridgers Project - Kingswood Parish Council - Wotton Town Council - Kingswood SGRF - The Lions - Wotton St Mary's Church - Wotton Cinema - Wotton Recreational Trust - Wotton Youth Club - Gloucestershire Market Towns Development Fund - KVA - Stroud Youth Development Fund - Renishaw Charity Trust - Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund - Kingswood Neighbourhood Watch and all those of you who have supported our project in any way over the years.

We will now begin a series of meetings between the construction company, the skateboarders and other local stakeholders, and our committee to ensure the final design meets everyone's needs, and the Skate Park will be built in the early spring of 2015. A day long Skate Jam will be planned to mark the opening which will also include Rugby, Football, Hockey, Boules, Cycling and a celebration for all.

The next phase of the project is a path to ensure that everyone who uses the Skate Park can get there safely. It will feed into our planned Fitness Trail providing a circuit from the centre of Wotton or Kingswood, all around the site and back. So the fundraising continues!

Refreshments, Loos and Picnic tables

From mid-November we have arranged for a refreshment unit to be on site for the many players and supporters who use the pitch **each week from Wednesday to Saturday**. If it all works for everyone, we will make it a permanent feature. So please bring along enough cash for a hot drink and a bacon butty, or try one of the many other things on the menu – see attached. There will be some portaloos tucked up under the hedge, too, so you won't have to miss a minute of the match!

"We sell handmade beef burgers and sausages from Ruby and White Butcher in Whiteladies Road, Bristol, bacon rolls, with rolls fresh from the bakers, we use free range eggs, offer cold drinks, tea and freshly ground coffee, cold drinks and a mixture of homemade and locally made cakes - but we are open to suggestions for other ideas." Mary-ann Symonds.

All this could be yours

Now, we think some picnic tables would be a great idea – along the banks above the pitches and on the grass between, too. Could any



of you get together and buy some to donate to the site – we could even arrange to have a little plaque with your names on it, if you like! A Ladies First team one? A Men’s Second Team one? A Mums Supporters one? A Dads I’d-rather-be-down-the-pub one? A I-Came-Back-to-Hockey one? The possibilities are endless. If you can get together to order one, let me know and we’ll order all together.

Contact Sarah 0787-592-6190 sarahwatt100@yahoo.co.uk re **Picnic tables** and **pitch bookings**.

2000 Club

This is our **monthly fund raising draw** and we welcome everyone to take part and share in the chance to win 50% of our draw receipts each month. The more people join us, the bigger the pot. The funds we raise go into maintaining and improving our pitches and our site, and as you can see, we continue to plan and fundraise for the next phase of our Skate Park Project: the landscaping, the information boards, the seating and the path. You'll find a form attached to the email, so do fill it in and send it back and help us continue to develop and grow our sporting hub. Send form to g.keen904@btinternet.com

Our Site

Before winter sets in, we have been able to complete the grass cut and hedge trim, and generally tidy up the site. The ponds are filling up, protecting the stream, and the reeds and other water plants continue to thrive. It has all played host to a good variety of wildlife - frogs, late swooping swallows and this beautiful dragonfly taking the sun.



The pitches are being regularly maintained - our thanks to everyone who helps with this, including all those who use our new bins to keep the pitches and surrounds neat and tidy.

New Road Site improvements

Thanks to the generous donation of £6000 from the EDF Energy Sporting Legacy Fund, we have been able to install additional goals on the 3G training pitch, together with line markings for 5v5 games and a dividing curtain. They're being well used already, allowing sets of junior teams to train at the same time, and helping us to support grass-roots community sports development – more players, more sport – a bonus for everyone.



Hockey ball catchers **Many** thanks also to Steve Ancrum of The Frazer Company (<http://thefrazerco.com/>) in Cam, who supplied bespoke plastic strips for the “dugouts” on the hockey Astro pitch, preventing balls from escaping the pitch area.

Sponsorship

There is a growing interest in the annual packages of advertising and **sponsorship** now available on both our all-weather pitches. If this is something you would like to explore, please see the attached letter of offer and contact Barnaby on bbeere@btinternet.com for this and all **general enquiries**.