



# 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 – Great News – **Open 19<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

- **The skate park** - Cost - £80,000 – full amount raised
- Construction Start date – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015 – 4 months earlier than planned
- Completed 19<sup>th</sup> February - much earlier than anticipated because of dry weather
- **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Official Skate Park Opening and Skate Jam**
- **Although** the skate park will be in use before this date, to ensure we have time to plan the best day possible, we have chosen **21<sup>st</sup> March** as our Grand Opening. Official invitations will go out next week to the many people and organisations who have made this project possible, but everyone will be welcome to come and join us on the day – skate boarding will be optional! So save the date and look out for further details of times and activities that will take place throughout the day. We look forward to seeing you there.



### ● **The path – Urgent fundraising now required**

- Planning permission in progress
- Cost of path – £140,000
- **Fundraising**
  - a planned “Sponsor a Yard of Path” campaign – individuals, any business, any group of friends, any community group – can you get together and help? Look out for details in the town
  - On June 6th, the **Dursley Male Voice Choir** are again singing in St Mary’s Church to help us to raise funds for our site.
  - applying to appropriate funders for support – that’ll be our job
  - can you help with the construction in any way, either with the stone, tarmac or grit, the fencing, the digging, the hedging, the gateways or the low level lighting?

Please contact Barnaby at [bbeere@btinternet.com](mailto:bbeere@btinternet.com) or on 0789-420-7780.



**Members of the Youth Club working with Wheelscape Designer Russell, and Jerry Thomas, our QS.**

## Our Site

We continue to maintain and develop the site as a whole and are installing a third boot cleaner by the small gate on the 3G, together with a ramp to the storage container to improve access.

The **snack bar** returned in January, providing refreshments Friday evenings and during the day on Saturdays, so players and spectators alike, do please come along and buy some of the great range of food and drink on offer.

**On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January** we planted a further 420 trees alongside the central hedge to make a total of 3,420 saplings planted on the site so far. We have a further 450 to plant in March which have kindly been sourced free of charge from the Woodland Trust, so look out for the planting date and come along and join us.



**Thanks to** the generous support and enthusiasm of Rob and Fay Austen of Kingswood we will also be planting a mixed fruit orchard on the pitch side of the central hedge and hope to install some bee hives in a corner to work with the blossom. In addition, we will be planting a number of willow trees on site with the plan to use them in the future for the manufacture of cricket bats. These will add to the ecological development of the site, alongside the existing ponds, and the wild flowers that we will be planting in the spring.

**Our proposed jogging track**, in and around the site, will wend its way through the orchard – imagine how beautiful that will be in the spring.

The **pupils** at the Forest School enjoyed their visits last summer and plan to return once the weather improves.

The **Car Boot sales** begin again in May, and **we are arranging for the popular Circus Ginnett** to return in early July.

## Our Pitches

With monthly maintenance visits, our pitches are standing up well to the high use they are experiencing. The drainage is working well and we hear many positive comments about the quality of the surfaces.

**November 2014** was our best month so far for bookings, with more regular bookings from January to boost the numbers even more.

**That being said**, we do have sessions available on both pitches at the weekends, and on the hockey Astro on some evenings. If you would like to book either pitch for either training or matches, please contact Sarah at [sarahwatt100@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sarahwatt100@yahoo.co.uk) or on 0787-592-6190.



**Walking Football** - Do you yearn for the days when you could run around a pitch without getting out of breath, would playing in a team of “experienced” players on a less than half sized, high quality, all weather 3G pitch appeal to you? This is a new form of the sport and we would love to have a Wotton Walkers team taking part in the local league. Contact Sarah as above if you are interested.

## Our Clubs

**Wotton Rovers Football Club** - Running 2 senior men's teams, a women's team and 20 junior teams from u6's to u18's. We are an FA Community Club that recognises good practice throughout the club, one of 10 within Gloucestershire.

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**Wotton Hockey** – for all enquiries, please contact Stuart Emms on 0797-425-6380

**Wotton Rugby** – for all enquiries, please contact Josh Knight on 0776-822-9280