

Improved sporting facilities for
the people of Okehampton

Current Pitch Provision

- DMAT / Okehampton College & OCRA invest significant funds in maintaining sports pitches for college and community club use
- Community clubs help to fund this through hire charges
- Pitches are used extensively in PE lessons and by the community
- There is some recreational use
 - Outside of organised training and competition
 - Informal “play”
 - Social activity
 - Informal physical activity

Development of the Space – Community Club Use

- Pitches are marked for specific age groups
- There are no football goals which requires temporary goal installation
- Temporary goals notoriously have a shorter lifespan, require storage and take time to set up
- Permanent goals could enable longer training sessions for our young people, increased use and increased hire by more clubs

Development of the space - recreation

- There is no locations in Okehampton for our young people to have informal games of football
- Taking part in regular physical activity with their friends
- Developing key skills like teamwork, co-operation, independence
- Improving their health and well being
- Being proud of their local town who provide facilities for the young people

Current Successes

- 6 outdoor table tennis were installed in 2023.
- No damage, no vandalism, are used in school social time and recreational use outside of school time
- Outdoor basketball hoops installed in 2023, new court marked.
- Significant social use in school time and outside of school time
- The community shows that by providing facilities they are used, and used well and respectfully.

Current Markings

2025/26 winter pitch markings needed:

Football

2x 30x 40 yards Overlay in red on a 60 x 40 pitch

2x 60x 40 yards

2 x 80x 50 yards 1 x Overlay in red on middle Rugby

1x Senior pitch

Rugby 2 x full pitch

Grids (as many as possible)



Proposal

- Pitch marking remains as current – in line with local clubs request
- This meets local need for age group clubs
- Add permanent posts to
 - 3 x junior football pitches
 - 1 x senior football pitch
 - 1 x senior rugby pitch
- Temporary goals remain on dual marked pitch nearest the pavilion.

Limitations

- Cricket field will have football goals installed
 - Cricket pitch see's little use.
 - Local cricket clubs showed interest in using on site cricket such as the net area – this has never come to fruition
 - “permanent” goals could be installed into a socket which is installed in the ground, they could be removed IF a cricket match is taking place
 - Preference would be that football goals remain in situ all year round and only removed when needed to encourage recreational use.

Costs

- 2 sets of goals for 80x50 pitches.
 - 7x16ft goals. Supply and Fit = £4032.22
- 1 set of goals for 40x60 pitch
 - 6x12ft. Supply and Fit = £2005.99
- Rugby Posts. 1 set.
 - Supply and Fit = £4439.52

Total = 10447.73

Reliant on using current portable football goals on lower football pitch

Lower rugby pitch will remain without posts.

Source of Revenue

- Local club contribution, potentially through community based fundraising
- Local funding organisations for example “Norman Family Trust”
- College based fundraising both whole school and Via PE department
- OCRA based fundraising
- Okehampton Town Council direct funding to support the local community

Closing

- We are blessed with fantastic sports space that is currently used well, but under utilised
- It does not benefit enough young people for recreational play
 - This could be instead of and in addition to regular organised competitive sport
 - Recreational play can be a stepping stone to joining local clubs
 - Local clubs create a sense of identity and pride in your local town and community
- The grass pitches which receive significant investment to maintain need to be more than they are. They should be the **Okehampton Community Sports Pitches**. Encouraging and welcoming people to play sport, stay healthy and be proud to be part of Okehampton.