



Bury Rangers FC – December Newsletter



Welcome everyone to December's newsletter.

Two main topics feature in this issue – The Presdales Ground Project / The Xmas Raffle

Please contact phil.spears@buryrangers.co.uk for any further info on each.



FOOTBALL FOUNDATION GRANT APPROVED

In Nov, the Football Foundation agreed to fund £1 million to the Presdales Ground Project development. Let me just repeat that - £1 million.

The Football Foundation is the UK's largest sports charity funded by the Premier League, The FA, Sport England and the Government. This grant is the single biggest of its kind in the whole of Hertfordshire and the largest amount they will provide.

East Herts District council will also contribute £500k to the project and with the Bury Rangers £50k, gives a total development budget of in excess of £1.5 million.

Obviously this is fantastic news and a formal acceptance and handover of funds will take place in the New Year. I would like to that all Club representatives that have contributed to this so far, but especially Andrew Anastasiou & Mike Saul for turning this vision for the club into an actual project with funding.

Below is an overhead view of the proposed new Clubhouse:





PRESDALES GROUND PROJECT UPDATE:



CLUBHOUSE FEATURES:

10 Changing Rooms (8 Players, 2 Officials) each with showers and toilets.

Toilets & Shower Facilities (including Disabled toilets).

First Aid Room

A Kitchen Area

120 square Metre – Function

GROUND FEATURES:

Pitches to be reseeded and re-marked.

Rabbit proof fencing installed around perimeter of site.

Car Park to be re-laid.

MEETING AREA:

There is a 120 meeting room, which will be used to hold events, but ideally will be the Hub of activity over the busy weekends.

Provision is being made to install seating and widescreen TV's so that people can watch Live Games and we can harness a club spirit with a Bury Rangers notice board.

Longer term options are manifold and still to be confirmed, but with our application for FA Community Status, we will be looking to extend the use of the clubhouse to a wider audience.

PERMANENTLY STAFFED:

Budget to cover revenue generation for a full time employee for 3 years. They will be tasked with generating revenue from the facility. After three years this role will become part time.

NEXT STEPS:

As the approval has occurred before expectations, we are trying to build a head of steam to ensure that the build can progress apace. As this is a community project, we would like to invite all local businesses to tender for the many aspects of the build.

Once offers have been received, the East Herts council will determine who the project is run and to whom the contracts are placed. Hopefully, the build can begin once the current football season has finished.

I am very aware that the information provided is very high level, however as soon as we have more information (i.e. start dates, build duration etc) then we will pass on this information directly.

In the meantime if you have any burning questions, please drop me a line via e-mail and I will try to answer.

LAST BUT BY NO MEANS LEAST – HARTHAM

Hartham is a fantastic venue for mini-soccer and the ability to promote the club should not be lost.

We will continue to use Hartham for that purpose, with the proviso that as the kids grow, they will move to Presdales (and the new clubhouse etc) for their Home games.

We will be looking to utilise any existing building at Hartham to provide the mini-soccer parents with "shelter", a meeting point and also somewhere to get a hot drink. Currently we are in negotiation with Hartham / East Herts and the Lawn Bowls regarding use of their buildings during the training sessions.



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