

Edinburgh Sports Clubs

Newsletter

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Investing in Facilities for the Future

For a long time now, sports clubs in Edinburgh have excelled in delivering fantastic opportunities for young and old, in a variety of sports citywide. The Council recognises that clubs need quality facilities to deliver the excellent service they give to more than 70,000 members across the city.

The Council wants to do as much as it can to improve the quality of pitches and changing facilities so that clubs can continue to grow and develop their programmes. Achieving the vision of "Quality Pitches for All" as outlined in our 2005 pitch strategy will enable this to happen.

A great deal of work has been done to date implementing the Pitch Strategy. The following information outlines the work done and already committed as part of the investment programme to improve facilities for pitch sports in Edinburgh.

- An additional £118,000 for pitch maintenance was allocated during 2006 to improve the maintenance specification of pitches in public parks. This ensured white lining for all pitches, grass cutting over a 10 day cycle, fertiliser applied where required, levelling and spiking pitches to help growth and drainage
- Additional funding of £168,000 was allocated to the pitch maintenance budget in 2007 to maintain the above standards throughout 2007/08 2008/09 and future years

- An audit of all goal posts was completed. 23 sets of posts were repainted and 3 new sets were purchased
 - A new Meggetland Sports Complex valued at £9m has been provided through a land deal with a private housing developer
 - £1.5m was allocated to upgrade 29 sports pavilions across the city in 2007
 - £36,000 was spent on the provision of portacabin changing units at Liberton Park following a fire which destroyed the original pavilion
 - £168,000 was spent levelling and installing a drainage system on the pitches at Colinton Mains Park that will be available from summer 2009.
 - Three new changing pavilions at East Pilton Park, Fernieside and Bingham Park have recently been built at a cost of £1.7m
 - A new third generation synthetic pitch and third generation 7's pitch has been provided at Saughton Sports Complex at a cost of £430,000
 - £200,000 was contributed to the new third generation pitch at Castlebrae High School
 - £150,000 has been spent refurbishing the changing facility at Davidson's Mains Park
 - A £1.6m upgrade to pitches and taining rooms at Bangholm Playing Fields was completed in May 2008
- The schools Private Public Partnership has provided eight A grade grass pitches, six synthetic floodlit pitches and eight soccer sevens size synthetic pitches
 - £2.2m has been invested in the new North Edinburgh Football Academy which is a joint project with Spartans FC
 - The current phase of the PPP2 schools project includes a combination of third generation pitches, sand based synthetic pitches and grass pitches. This will provide two third generation pitches (Broughton HS & St. Augustines / Forrester HS), five sand based pitches (Holyrood HS, Craigroyston HS, Tynecastle HS, Broughton HS, St. Augustines / Forrester HS), two smaller sized synthetic pitches at two primary schools (Bonaly PS and Juniper Green PS) and two new grass pitches at Craigroyston HS
 - £300,000 has been committed to the new Inch Park Community Sport Club project which will provide a new changing pavilion with social facilities and an upgrade to the existing grass pitches
 - £330,000 has been committed to Lochend Park where a new 60m by 40m floodlight third generation football training area will be installed in association with Lochend Youth Club

The above information clearly outlines the Council's commitment to improving the facilities for pitch sports in Edinburgh. As part of it's ongoing commitment to work with and involve ClubSportEdinburgh and South East Sports Facilities Project as a sounding board for the implementation of the facilities investment programme a working group has now been set up to discuss and agree future investment priorities.

Funding Workshop a Great Success



Over 100 delegates representing 63 city clubs attended ClubSportEdinburgh's first funding workshop at Meggetland earlier this month. Chairperson Douglas Adamson was delighted with the turnout and promised further workshops in the months ahead. The feedback from clubs and contributors was excellent with comments such as:

"Good idea hope more of these events being run over the coming years"

"Really enjoyed the variety of exhibitors and the ability to have one to one conversations and guidance"

"The concept was of enormous benefit even for stabilised clubs"

"The workshop was much appreciated, as funding is one of the main issues facing our club"

"Excellent Workshop -

eye opening in many ways- many areas where support and opportunities can be sought"

"I thought the initiative to be very worthwhile"

There were also several good suggestions for future workshops that included:

"Recruitment and support of volunteers"

"Child Protection workshop"

"A workshop dedicated to helping us with the finance side of the club"

"Examples of good practice and successful awards"

Over 70 clubs have now affiliated to ClubSportEdinburgh so to ensure your club's place on future workshops affiliate now at www.clubsportedinburgh.org

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The BUPA Great Edinburgh Run



The BUPA Great Edinburgh Run is a 10km event for all abilities (aged 15 and over) which takes place in Edinburgh City Centre on Sunday 3rd May 2009.

Running is a fantastic way to help you lose weight, great way to keep fit and a fantastic sport to do with friends or colleagues, but best of all it doesn't have cost a lot of money, running is a cheap and easy form of exercise.

The BUPA Great Edinburgh

Run is a great day out for all the family. After mum and dad have finished the senior event they can stay behind to cheer on the kids in the Junior and Mini Edinburgh Run.

Every finisher will receive their event t-shirt, that all important finishers medal and many more great goodies when they finish the race plus race results will be on the Great Run website.

Enter now by visiting www.greatrun.org

Does your club need more coaches, committee members, kit organisers or just more willing helpers?

If so, a Volunteer Fair is being held in North Edinburgh on Thursday 26th March at Telford College from 11.00am to 3.00pm that offers you an excellent opportunity to recruit potential coaches, treasurers, fundraisers etc to help run your club.

ClubSportEdinburgh will be

operating a stall on the day and local clubs can either have a presence at the event or, if unable to attend, send details of the type of volunteers they would like to recruit for distribution on the day. Applications will be emailed to all clubs shortly.

Forthcoming Events

9th/10th Mar	Sports First Aid Course	Commonwealth Pool
26th March	Volunteer Fair	Telford College
28/29 March	East of Scotland Badminton Championships	Meadowbank
4/5 April	Scottish Open Karate Championships	Meadowbank
15th April	Child Protection Course	Meadowbank
18th April	Edinburgh Northern Rugby Sevens	Inverleith Park
2/3 May	Magic Rugby League Weekend	Murrayfield
3 May	BUPA Great Edinburgh Run	City Wide
23/24 May	Heineken RU Cup Final	Murrayfield

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