

## **The Harrogate District Local Development Framework (HDLDF)**

### **Planning for sport in Harrogate, Knaresborough and Ripon**

**Working group meeting at Council Offices, Harrogate, 5.30pm, Tuesday  
9<sup>th</sup> February 2010-02-04**

#### **Agenda**

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Approval of notes of previous meeting**
- 3. Matters arising from notes of previous meeting**
- 4. Sites and Policies DPD: Revised Work Programme**
- 5. Options for increasing capacity for sport**
  - a. discussion of papers submitted by working group**
  - b. update on position in Ripon (verbal update)**
  - c. update from Damien Smith, Harrogate Schools Sport Partnership**
- 6. Funding Opportunities**
- 7. Future Meetings**
- 8. Any other business**

## Agenda Item 4

### Harrogate District Local Development Framework Sites and Policies DPD: Revised Programme, 2 February 2010.

<b>Event/Ongoing Community Involvement</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<b><u>Continuous community involvement</u></b> through discussions on the internet, at various LDF working groups, meetings with Regeneration Partnerships, Action for the Environment, and workshops on specific topics and draft DPD policies	<b>Feb. 2010 to July 2011</b>
<b><u>Rural Areas Public Consultation</u></b> (8 week consultation with exhibitions at Boroughbridge, Masham, Pateley Bridge and various villages. LDF newspapers delivered to all households and business in the rural area)	<b>Sept to Nov. 2010</b>
<b><u>Harrogate and Knaresborough Urban Extensions Workshop</u></b>	<b>Autumn 2010</b>
<b><u>Main Urban Areas Public Consultation</u></b> (8 week consultation for the towns of Harrogate and Knaresborough, and the city of Ripon. LDF newspapers delivered to all households and businesses in the three urban areas, and exhibitions held)	<b>May/June/July 2011</b>
<b><u>Publication of DPD</u></b>	<b>October 2011</b>
<b><u>Submission of DPD</u></b>	<b>January 2012</b>
<b><u>Examination of DPD</u></b>	<b>May 2012</b>
<b><u>Adoption of DPD</u></b>	<b>October 2012</b>

## Summary of responses received from members of the Sports Working Group

### The Harrogate Rugby Union Football Club

#### Current Situation

- **Ground**

Currently there are 3 full size pitches that are used up to 40 weeks a year, on both Saturdays and Sundays. Due to the intensity of use, the pitches regularly become unplayable, extremely expensive and time consuming to maintain. The club also rent 2 further pitches from Harrogate High School.

- **Buildings**

The sites buildings are unsuitable and are in need of drastic upgrading, the changing facilities do not have the capacity to accommodate the teams and fail to meet the requirements of a modern day rugby changing room. Portacabins are used for storage of equipment and medical treatment room.

- **Spectators**

Harrogate RUFC has regularly hosted County, Representative and Schoolboy Rugby, which attract large crowds of up to 1000 spectators. The present stand for spectators accommodates 450 and is beyond its useful life.

- **Playing**

Since the 1960's the club has had 5 adult teams, the First Team play in the National Leagues and has been one of the top 40 teams in the country since the 1960's. There is also the HRUFC Academy accommodating 16 – 19 age group are also 9 age group junior teams. The club also provided rugby for women and girls in the past but because of the inadequate facilities it has not been possible to sustain provision for them.

#### Assessment of Needs

In total, there is a need for at least three full size pitches, nine smaller pitches for junior and mini rugby, and two areas with suitable lighting for training. All of which would be in same location, so that changing, medical, storage, administrative and clubhouse facilities can be shared. Facilities should include gymnasium, 2 modern rugby-changing rooms for each pitch and an all-encompassing spectator accommodation. Also need for an all weather training facility.

## The Future

### Multi-Sports Complex

It would be difficult for HRUFC to operate in conjunction with other sports because of the size of the club and because different sports would require the use of the same facilities at the same times through the week. The practical, operational, administrative, financial and managerial difficulties would be hard to overcome. It may be possible to share facilities with other sports which do not require the same facilities at the same time e.g summer sports.

### Widening community use of education sites for sport

HRUFC has used the school facilities of the town for many years, although they need at least a week to recover when they have been used in wet weather. School pitches are needed every day of the week during term time leaving no recovery time. Maintenance and repair of school pitches is minimal.

### Quality of provision

HRUFC firmly agrees that provision for sport in Harrogate should be of the highest quality and quality provision will lead to greater participation and higher standards of performance.

## **Comments**

- **Option 1. Do nothing.**

Not an option. Sporting facilities are a vital part of a healthy 21<sup>st</sup> century community and Harrogate RUFC believes that every authority in the country should provide the best sporting facilities possible.

- **Option 2. More community use of local school sports facilities.**

Seen as a short-term emergency solution rather than a long-term fix. Local school sports facilities are poorly maintained, ground maintenance is not annual and the availability of the pitches is inconsistent.

- **Option 3. Different/more intensive use of existing public open space**

Areas of public open space do not meet the requirements of sport pitches, as there is the need to provide, changing rooms, clubhouses and pitches that can be prepared, managed and maintained by the club and not the local authority.

- **Option 4. Increasing the capacity of existing playing fields and sports facilities e.g. drainage improvements.**

There would be a marginal increase to the capacity of the playing fields, though this increase would not outweigh the additional costs of capital investment and maintenance.

- **Option 5. Extending/enhancing existing facilities for sport**

Seen as an ideal option for Harrogate RUFC as there is considerable suitable land alongside the Claro Road Ground. The current issues are around planning, availability and funding.

- **Option 6. The development of new facilities for sport, recreation and open space**

This would be a desirable option for Harrogate RUFC.

- **Option 7. The redevelopment of existing facilities for sport and recreation and their suitable replacement**

This would be a desirable option, as the redevelopment of the Claro Road site could generate funds for the redevelopment of a new site for rugby alongside other sports.

### **Lynne Garne, Harrogate District Sports Council and Harrogate Hockey Club**

Since the last Sports Working Group meeting Lynne Garne has been contacting representatives from a wide range of sports to seek their initial views on the seven options and on anything else they may wish to comment on.

The Sports Council is very keen to see two or more different sports coming together to share playing and /or non-playing facilities. This surely will become increasingly important for attracting funding. There are many benefits of multi-sport sites, both tangible and intangible.

Given the severe lack of pitches for football, the Sports Council feels that one or more 3G pitches in the areas should be priority. In addition, they feel another priority should be to create a running track on the same site as one or more pitches, which would make good use of available land.

There needs to be innovative and broad thinking before the allocation of large areas of land and/or investment of large sums of money.

### **Harrogate Hockey Club**

#### **Current Situation**

- **Ground**

Harrogate Hockey Club play all their games on one artificial pitch.

- **Buildings**

Harrogate Hockey Club has their own clubhouse, changing rooms and bar area. The club provides access to the clubhouse facilities throughout the week to football teams, and has recently hired out changing rooms to a local athletics club. This arrangement is mutually beneficial and gives an indication of the type of possibilities there might be.

- **Playing**

The Harrogate Hockey Club, runs five senior men's and five senior ladies teams in addition to the 170 juniors playing at several ages groups.

**No specific Comments were made on the suggested options**

### **Harrogate Racquets Club**

The response from Paul Ashfield identifies that a sport/hub feeder strategy is more appropriate for LTA & Badminton England and explains that the central hub in the Harrogate District is the Harrogate Racquets Club. The Harrogate Racquets Club acts as a performance centre and is grouped together with local clubs and facilities. Paul Ashfield submitted a significant amount of information that highlights the National/North Yorkshire/Harrogate participation figure in racquet sports and Harrogate Analysis & Market Segmentation Badminton England.

### **Current Situation**

- **Ground**

The Harrogate Racquets Club offers four outside carpet tennis courts, three of which are floodlit. For badminton there are 3 high quality courts and a quality table tennis facility.

- **Buildings**

The club has changing/showering rooms, licensed bar and catering facilities for members only.

- **Playing**

At the HRC there are over 300 junior tennis members and 140 badminton members. In addition to the HRC there are 20 local tennis clubs and 16 local badminton clubs in the Harrogate District area. In the area there are 12 table tennis clubs but only the one quality facility at HRC.

## Assessment of Needs

The HRC has to prevent increased amounts of membership due to a shortage of out door and no indoor courts. The HRC facility has no room for expansion and to be a fully effective central hub the HRC needs to enlarge and upgrade the facility. In response to this need, the HRC have proposed partnership with Harrogate High School, a scheme that has been supported by the loans policy of the LTA, BE & the ETTA. The development of this modern hub would encompass tennis, badminton and table tennis. In regard to badminton, nearly all the clubs/sports halls have not got dedicated courts & peak times tend to be used for other sports. The district has no dedicated quality facility for table tennis; the majority of players use facilities in West Yorkshire and Teeside.

## General Comments

New indoor high quality multi-sports complexes are expensive in terms of capital cost. They need "critical mass"/concentration so they can share common facilities such as changing, social facilities etc.

- **Option 1. Do nothing.**

Not an option.

- **Option 2. More community use of local school sports facilities.**

Yes if demand is there and can afford upgrades if necessary, is cost effective and timing is right.

- **Option 3. Different/more intensive use of existing public open space**

Answer as above.

- **Option 4. Increasing the capacity of existing playing fields and sports facilities e.g. drainage improvements.**

Answer as above.

- **Option 5. Extending/enhancing existing facilities for sport**

Answer as above.

- **Option 6. The development of new facilities for sport, recreation and open space**

Yes if demand is there, suitable land can be found and it is cost effective.

- **Option 7. The redevelopment of existing facilities for sport and recreation and their suitable replacement**

Yes if suitable, demand is there and it is cost effective.

### **Pannal Sports FC and JFC**

**Through requesting feedback from our 46 club coaches and coaching assistants on the subjects raised in your letter of 13th November 2009, I have gained the following comments.**

#### **Current Situation**

Pannal Sports JFC and FC is reputedly the largest amateur football club in Harrogate, with over 450 members, with ages ranging from 6 year olds through to adults. It has a coaches, administration and formal helper network in excess of 90 parents, who all give their time for free. Junior football trains on a Saturday morning at about 9 – 11.30am, and play their matches on a Sunday.

#### **General Club Comments**

There is a huge shortage of good quality; well drained and well maintained public or private pitches for regular use year after year. In addition, due to the nature of the allocation of public pitches, a club tends not to invest it's own or privately raised funds into pitch improvements. The pitch allocation is not guaranteed each year.

As junior football trains on a Saturday morning, they cannot train on the pitch that is to be used for the Sunday morning match. PSFC has 22+ teams, half of which will play their home fixture at the same weekend, therefore, 11 pitches (average pitch size of 0.8 acres) would be required on both Saturday and a Sunday equating to a total of 8.8 acres.

Pannal Sports JFC and FC also recognise that there is a severe lack of indoor facilities for both club and social training. In order to ensure sustainability and community building, Pannal Sports JFC and FC feel that the development of a number of multi sports sites, of around 10-15 acres each, on the edge of town would serve the best interests of the town.

The Stray should be better used for junior football as they do use changing facilities. Why is the land between Oatlands Drive and Stray Rein not being considered as a solution.

Small scale, piecemeal measures in terms of better utilisation of existing facilities are unlikely to meet the needs of all Harrogate clubs for now, let alone the future.

Much of the land on the edge of Harrogate is Green Belt and/or Special Landscape Area but outdoor sport and recreation is accepted as an appropriate use in Green Belt, so should not be dismissed.

It is the clubs opinion that a single, large council run multi use site will not serve the best interests of the Town. Clubs built around communities and at a time when we are being persuaded to drive less, the obvious solution is a number of multi sport sites on the edge of town.

### Individual Comments)

Some of the Britain in Bloom money should be diverted into sports development.

'Massive under provision of flood lit pitches which prevents the better area teams from competing in higher standards of football.'

A town the size of Harrogate should have a running track or athletics area as local schools have to travel to Leeds, York or Sheffield.

### **Comments on the 7 Options**

- **Option 1. Do nothing.**

Not an option.

- **Option 2. More community use of local school sports facilities.**

Pannal Sports JFC and FC agree on this, but have failed to form long-term partnerships with schools, due to the inability of the LEA to grant long leases that would allow funding for improvements. Most schools suffer from water logging.

- **Option 3. Different/more intensive use of existing public open space**

The Stray is seen as the obvious choice, as it is under utilised and in a central location however, it also suffers from water logging.

- **Option 4. Increasing the capacity of existing playing fields and sports facilities e.g. drainage improvements.**

This would have limited success, as most public pitches are already being over used and squeezed on to available (well drained) areas.

- **Option 5. Extending/enhancing existing facilities for sport**

Definitely. Harrogate is the poor neighbour when it comes to almost any sport; even the Town's best football, rugby and cricket clubs are using woefully poor facilities.

- **Option 6. The development of new facilities for sport, recreation and open space**

This is the most important requirement for Harrogate and a long-term strategic capital investment programme is required.

- **Option 7. The redevelopment of existing facilities for sport and recreation and their suitable replacement**

No. Redevelop some of the inadequate existing sports site for alternative uses and force the allocation of new recreation sites spread evenly around the town.

### **Gordon Renton, Knaresborough Lions and Renaissance Knaresborough**

#### **Knaresborough Tennis Club**

Gordon Renton spoke with the Chair of the Knaresborough Tennis Club, and has confirmed that they plan to further develop the tennis facilities in conjunction with Kings James School.

#### **Current Situation**

- **Ground**

Knaresborough Tennis Club used to meet at Conyngham Hall but they moved from there to King James School because of the enforcements of parking charges at HBC.

- **Playing**

Knaresborough Tennis Club use nine courts outside of school hours and they are currently operating on a six-month lease.

‘Negotiations are currently ongoing between the Club and NYCC to agree a reasonable period for the lease.’

#### **Assessment of Needs**

Knaresborough Tennis Club is working alongside the school to try and improve the facilities. Ideally they would like to create a new artificial grass court, increase the size of some of the other courts and provide floodlighting. Some of the funding for these developments can be obtained from the Lawn Tennis authorities however; finances will not be secured until they have better lease terms to justify the investment.

‘If the proposals as currently envisaged do come to fruition they will meet the needs of the club for the next ten years.’

**No comments made on the 7 options.**

## **Knaresborough Forest Cricket Club**

Gordon Renton spoke with the clubs chairman John Bradd, who stated that the demand anticipated for the sport within the next ten years is unlikely to be met from the resources currently available.

### **Current Situation**

- **Ground**

Knaresborough Forest CC currently share their ground with both Knaresborough CC and Knaresborough Celtic FC. The pitch is currently used by the U9, U11 and 2 senior teams (who play on a Saturday), the former U17s play there occasionally on a Thursday and Celtics FC have U10 and U11 teams playing when the ground conditions allow. In addition, the club hire out some indoor nets from King James School but would prefer them to be on site, so that their ground was been used to the full.

- **Playing**

Knaresborough Forest CC currently has four teams, but the Chairman is hopeful that in the coming years there will be the creation of a U13 and a 3<sup>rd</sup> senior team. The Chairman also feels that the sharing of their ground with Knaresborough CC and Knaresborough Celtic FC demonstrates their willingness to maximise the use of their land.

### **Assessment of Needs**

The senior teams play on a Saturday and the pitch is not suitable for three teams, so a second pitch will be required. There is some scope for developing an additional pitch alongside their current pitch but this will depend on the Landlord, Planning and other residents. A significant amount of work would be required and costs would also be an issue.

Ideally the club would prefer to have training nets onsite (instead of hiring them from King James School) and to have floodlighting.

**No comments received on the 7 options.**

## **Knaresborough Celtic FC**

Gordon Renton spoke with the clubs vice chairman, who stated that the existing facilities would not be able to cope with the requirements for pitches on Saturday/Sundays in the next ten years.

### **Current Situation**

- **Ground**

The recent development of Thistle Hill is insufficient for their current needs and in addition they play matches at, The Knaresborough Community Centre, Knaresborough Swimming Pool, The Spinney, Meadowside School and, Knaresborough Forest CC.

- **Playing**

Knaresborough Celtic FC runs boys teams from U8s through to a senior team, and they have 4 girls' teams from U12 to U16 – 18 teams in total.

#### Assessment of Needs

At present the needs of the club are just met. However, Knaresborough Celtic FC are hoping to start a Colts team and possibly a second adults team. There is a critical shortage of training facilities but what is most needed is an all weather pitch and floodlights. Knaresborough Celtic FC would happily share any facilities with other clubs/sports. The club have approached King James School for the use of the all weather facilities but so far without success.

The vice chair of the club has suggested that the Farnham Quarry which has recently been closed could perhaps be restored to grassland and become suitable for football. It is a fairly large area and could perhaps accommodate the all weather-training demands.

#### Scotton Scorchers FC

Gordon Renton spoke with the Treasurer of the Club who is also involved in the coaching side of the club.

#### Current Situation

- **Ground**

Scotton Scorchers FC have the use of the pitches at Percy Field Scotton, this is one U13 sized pitch or 3 mini pitches. During close season they play at Scotton Cricket Club, and when these two sites are unplayable they use the Village Hall pitches, though this is not ideal.

- **Buildings**

Scotton Scorchers FC is currently in discussion with HBC planners about a new clubhouse at Percy Fields.

- **Playing**

Scotton Scorchers FC runs 6 boys and 4 girls teams, from the ages of U7 to U13.

#### Assessment of Needs

Scotton Scorchers FC would like a new clubhouse at Percy Fields, though this is not seen as crucial for their development. The club are planning on running one additional U12 team next year but they believe their existing facilities will be able to cope with this increase, providing they are able to retain their existing pitches. The club train on Saturday mornings so floodlighting is not required, although drainage and the durability of the pitches is a concern. At times there is also a need for more pitches to train on, as a pitch on Sunday can not be used on the Saturday.

It would be desirable for Scotton Scorchers FC if more training facilities were available on Saturday mornings. However the club have no plans to develop/invest in a new facility.

**No comments were received on the 7 options.**

### **Knaresborough Town FC**

Gordon Renton spoke with the clubs chairman Terry Hewlett, who stated the following;

#### **Current Situation**

- **Ground**

All home games are played at their ground at Manse Lane.

- **Building**

Knaresborough Town FC has just completed the building of a brand new clubhouse.

- **Playing**

Knaresborough Town FC run 3 teams, the first and reserve team play on a Saturday and the Academy Team (under 19) play on a Sunday. Knaresborough Town FC pitch is not normally available to any other team other than perhaps on the occasional school cup final.

#### **Assessment of Needs**

Knaresborough Town FC is a self-contained team with adequate pitch facilities for their own needs for the foreseeable future. However, they have ambitions to play in the NE Counties League but to do so they must have floodlights. The cost of this is circa 50K, which they are currently seeking funding for.

**No Comments were received on the 7 options.**

## **Knaresborough Rugby FC Ltd**

Gordon Renton spoke with the Chairman of the Knaresborough Rugby FC Ltd who advised:

### **Current Situation**

- **Ground**

The club has three relatively new pitches at Hay a Park in Knaresborough

- **Buildings**

Currently the club are trying to secure funds for a new clubhouse. The plans have been approved and as usual money is the current obstacle to the delivery of the project. When the Clubhouse is completed they plan to expand further the youth/junior side.

- **Playing**

The club run two senior teams and one U17 team. When the clubhouse is completed the club plan to expand on the youth/junior side. Their existing/planned facilities are adequate to cope with the planned expansion and will be for the next ten years.

### **Assessment of Needs**

Other than the funding for the clubhouse, there does not seem to be too much that they or the sport in Knaresborough need.

No Comments have been received on the 7 options.

The following comments were received from respondents not on the Sports Working Group but who have expressed an interest in being involved.

### **Paul Leeming, Carter Jonas**

Have preliminary concerns that the Working Group should consider the District as a whole rather than sport across Harrogate Knaresborough and Ripon.

It is not clear from the supporting material how the Council intends to add to the evidence base to support the Site and Policies DPD. It is clear from the Core Strategy that much of the existing evidence base on this matter is out of date and the supplemental PPS report utilised a different methodology.

A key outcome of the original PPS report identified the issue of dual use of facilities, notably the lack of availability of school playing fields. There appears to be no representation from the County Council/education authority.

## **Ian Brown, Harrogate Civic Society**

### **Deliverability**

Although deliverability must be a factor in the decision making process towards the location and development of sports facilities it should not be the overriding factor. The physical requirements, pitch size and number, for the particular sport, the suitability of the site's groundwork, the convenience of the site for public transport and space for car parking, are other factors which in themselves could affect the choice of potential sites.

It is likely that most owners of land potentially suitable for sport, particularly land in the proximity of conurbations, would prefer to hold on to it in order to achieve residential land prices.

In recent years a number of Councils have obtained compulsory purchase orders to realise sport development.

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## **Landfill Tax Funding**

### **Biffaward**

Biffaward offers a range of grants:

Main Grants – Community: £5,000 - £50,000 for projects that provide and improve community facilities.

Small Grants - grants of between £250 and £5,000 for projects that enable communities to improve local amenities and to conserve wildlife. (There are only certain times of the year these are open)

Biffawards Flagship grant scheme (this will re-open in Spring 2010): Grants of between 150,000 to £500,000 for regionally or nationally significant projects which improve biodiversity or cultural facilities.

You must be within 10 miles as the crow flies of one of their landfill sites.

For more information their website is: <http://www.biffaward.org/>

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### **WREN**

WREN has two sets of grants, the main grant scheme and a small grant scheme:

The main grant scheme is for grants up to £50,000 and the Small Grant Scheme is for grants up to £15,000. You must be within 10 miles as the crow flies of one of their landfill sites.

WREN will only fund costs which are specific and wholly attributable to a project's delivery. Work could include physical improvements to a facility, i.e. new windows, access improvements, refurbishment work or landscaping. Depending on the project type WREN may also fund architect or design costs up to a maximum of 5% of the WREN funding application. Physical improvements covers a wide range of work, if you are unsure about your project please call for advice.

The interpretation of a 'public amenity' within the Landfill Communities Fund is a place where the general public can go for leisure and recreation purposes. Examples of public amenities: Village hall, Children's play area, village green, museum, country park, community garden, woodland, cycle path, towpath, nature reserve.

Please be aware WREN will not fund single sport facilities.

For more information their web page is: <http://www.wren.org.uk/>

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### **Yorventure**

Yorventure also has two funds. A small project fund £1,000-£5,000 and a main project fund £5,000-£25,000. The Yorventure grant must be majority funding.

You must be within 10 miles as the crow flies of one of their landfill sites.

## **Sport England Funding**

Sport England will only fund sports that are recognised by it, not all sports are the list can be found by accessing this link: [http://www.sportengland.org/about\\_us/recognised\\_sports.aspx](http://www.sportengland.org/about_us/recognised_sports.aspx)

## **Sport England Themed Rounds:**

As the title states this fund has themed rounds, each theme is different. At the moment (Jan 2010) the open round is:

'Women in disadvantaged communities and women caring for children under 16'.

Projects that meet the criteria within a given themed round will receive grants of over £10,000 to grow and sustain participation in community sport. During the 09/10 financial year there was only 30 Million in the fund Nationally.

## **Sustainable Facilities**

This fund will open again on 26 October - 5pm, 21 December.

It's aim is to create innovative projects capable of transforming the places where we play or take part in sport.

Sport England are determined to lead from the front through a new approach to investment in facilities.

There are many other funds that may give smaller amounts of funding that can be found on their website: <http://www.sportengland.org/funding.aspx>

## **Small Grants**

This programme has been set up to support local community sport projects which seek to increase participation, sustain participation or develop opportunities for people to excel at their chosen sport.

You can apply for any sum from £300 to £10,000 but the total project cost cannot exceed £50,000. For example, they might help a sports club expand its age range by helping it to buy extra team kit or pay additional coaching fees. Or they may help youth clubs work together with local sports clubs to get more young people playing sport.

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## **National Governing Bodies**

Sport England will give money to 46 governing bodies over the next four years. Each sport has developed a [whole sport plan](#) that explains how it will use this money to achieve these targets.

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## **Football Foundation**

The Football Foundation offers various grants these are listed below:

### **Facilities Grants**

The facilities scheme provides money to develop new or improve facilities for community benefit. These include changing rooms or clubhouses, grass or artificial pitches and multi-use games areas.

### **Community Large Grant Scheme**

This scheme aims to create opportunities and build communities by funding projects that use football and sport as a force for social change. We fund projects that address social exclusion and inequalities in education and health.

### **Football Stadia Improvement Fund**

This provides money for clubs in the Football League and the National League System down to step 7 and below who want to improve their facilities.

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## **Cash 4 Clubs**

Cash 4 Clubs offers all sports clubs in the UK the chance to win grants ranging from £250 to £1000. It is a simple scheme aimed at giving community clubs a helping hand and provide the opportunity to raise the money they need to invest in their club.

If you are a sports club and are looking for funding then this might be the place for you. Cash 4 Clubs is a sports fund aiming to support grassroots sports clubs all over the country.

We have given away over £30,000 over the past year to deserving sports clubs up and down the country. Now we are stepping up our efforts to spread the fund as far as possible to reach as many worthy sports clubs as possible

Closing date for this round 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2010

<http://www.cash-4-clubs.com/>

## Funding workshops at Harrogate Borough Council, Department of Community Services, Leisure Museums and Arts section.

This document lists stand-alone workshops/briefings designed to help you apply for specific types of funding, enabling you to develop your sporting, art etc project.

There is also a second set of workshops in a programme called 'Funding Matters'. The Funding Matters workshops are designed to run as a full course of 4 workshops or you can also choose to attend individual sessions best suited to their particular needs. **Please ask for information about this programme.**

The cost of each workshop is £5.00 per person per session. When you confirm your attendance on a workshop by payment you will receive a welcome pack that will include directions and confirmation of your booking(s) plus an outline or description of the workshop. When you attend the workshop you will receive a resource pack to take away with relevant information.

To book your place(s) please use the booking form attached at the end of this document.

Further copies of this document are available to download from:

<http://www.harrogate.gov.uk/harrogate-4191>

[www.harrogate.org](http://www.harrogate.org).

You can complete and return the booking form electronically.



## Stand Alone Workshops/Briefings to be held in 2010

	Afternoon Workshops	Evening Workshops
February	<p><b>W/S 1: Applying for a Grassroots Grant.</b>  Date: Friday 19<sup>th</sup>  Time: 2-3:30pm  Venue: Crescent Gardens, Harrogate</p>	<p><b>W/S 2: Applying for a Grassroots Grant.</b>  Date: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>  Time: 6-7.30pm  Venue: Ripon Leisure Centre</p>
March	<p><b>W/S 3: Awards for All workshop.</b>  Date: Monday 8<sup>th</sup>  Time: 3-4.30pm  Venue: Crescent Gardens, Harrogate</p>	<p>No Workshop</p>
April	<p>No Workshop</p>	<p>No Workshop</p>
May	<p><b>W/S 4: Awards for All workshop.</b>  Date: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>  Time: 2-4pm  Venue: Crescent Gardens, Harrogate</p>	<p><b>W/S 5: Applying for Landfill tax money. WREN, Biffaward and Yorventure.</b>  Date: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>  Time: 6-7.30pm  Venue: Crescent Gardens, Harrogate</p>
June	<p><b>W/S 6: Awards For All Workshops.</b>  Date: Monday 7<sup>th</sup>  Time: 5-7pm  Venue: Crescent Gardens, Harrogate</p> <p><b>W/S 8: Fundraising for Capital Projects.</b>  Date: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>  Time: 2-4pm  Venue: Crescent Gardens, Harrogate</p>	<p><b>W/S 7: Developing your sporting project.</b>  Date: Monday 28<sup>th</sup>  Time: 5.30-7.00pm  Venue: Crescent Gardens, Harrogate</p>
July	<p><b>W/S 9: Heritage Lottery fund.</b>  Date: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>  Time: 2-4pm  Venue: Crescent Gardens, Harrogate</p>	<p><b>W/S 10: Applying for Sport England's Small Grants.</b>  Date: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>  Time: 5:30-7.00pm  Venue: Crescent Gardens, Harrogate</p>
August	<p>No Workshop</p>	<p><b>W/S 11: Awards For All Workshop.</b>  Date: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>  Time: 5.30-7.00pm  Venue: Crescent Gardens, Harrogate</p>

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September	<p><b>W/S 12: Making the case for your project.</b>  Date: Monday 6<sup>th</sup>  Time: 5.30-7.00pm  Venue: Crescent Gardens, Harrogate</p>	No Workshop
October	<p><b>Meet the Funder in Ripon</b>  Date: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>  Time: 11am till 3pm  Venue: Ripon CVS  This is a free event run by Harrogate Borough Council, and Ripon and Harrogate CVS's</p>	
November	<p><b>W/S 13: Awards for All Workshop</b>  Date: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>  Time: 2-3.30pm  Venue: Crescent Gardens, Harrogate</p>	No Workshop
December	No Workshop	No Workshop

## Workshop Descriptions

### W/S 1 & 2: Applying for a Grassroots Grant.

This workshop will cover the Grassroots application process and filling in the form. You will have the opportunity to talk to an adviser about your project and search for other funders using a funding database. To apply for Grassroots funding you should meet the following criteria:

- Annual income of less than £30,000 over 3 years.
- Have been carrying out the work for 12 months.

The Grassroots Grants programme will open on the 1<sup>st</sup> March and close again on the 14<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> April so you will need to be ready with your application.

To Look at the funds information before the workshop please follow the link below:

[http://www.ynycf.org.uk/grants/grassroots\\_grants/](http://www.ynycf.org.uk/grants/grassroots_grants/)

### W/S 3 / 4 / 6 / 11 and 13: Awards for All workshop.

Are you looking to raise between £300 and £10,000 for your community group. This workshop will explain about the new Awards for All Grant and run through 2 exercises and the application form, it will also identify to you the common pitfalls identified when completing the form.

To view information on Awards for All please follow the link below:

<http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/england/index.html>

For more information on the change of the old Awards for All grant scheme and who you might apply to please see the end of this booklet.

### **W/S 5: Applying for Landfill tax money. Covering WREN, Biffaward and Yorventure.**

Applying for Land fill tax money can be complicated with processes you may not have seen before. This workshop will concentrate on the three funders in the title and show you how to check your schemes objectives fit the fund. If your project is an eligible area to apply and run through the up to date application forms showing you how to identify where they are available from and who the key people to speak to are for each fund. The workshop will also explain the role and procedures of ENTRUST.

For information prior to the workshop please follow the following links:

Biffaward: <http://www.biffaward.org/>

WREN: <http://www.wren.org.uk/>

Yorventure: <http://www.yorventure.co.uk/>

### **W/S 7: Developing your sporting project.**

This workshop will help you to identify common pitfalls and models that may help you to move your project forward. You will receive key information on funds open when the workshop runs and key websites that will help you to identify funds for your project.

It will also provide you with a list of useful information that will help you to ensure you have thought of every eventuality when developing a sporting project.

### **W/S 8: Fundraising for Capital Projects.**

This workshop will look at sporting and leisure capital projects and cover project development and funding issues. You will be asked to fill in a pre-application form prior to the workshop. You will leave the workshop with a clearly identified process for moving your project forward.

### **W/S 9: Heritage Lottery fund.**

If you are developing a Heritage project and you would like a one on one meeting to discuss your project with a member of the Heritage Lottery team this is your opportunity to meet in Harrogate.

They will show a short presentation that people who are thinking about applying will be able to attend and then bookable ½ hour slots will be available. To book your appointment please fill in the pre-application form which you can download using the following link:

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/Pages/starthere.aspx>

When you have read the information on the Heritage Lottery page the link above brings up click on the register and apply link on the left of the page and complete the pre-application form prior to the workshop. This will be the basis of your discussions with the Heritage Lottery member of staff.

### **W/S 10: Applying for Sport England's Small Grants.**

If you are a sports club and are looking for funding between £300 and £10,000 this workshop could help you.

This workshop will identify how to fill in the application and what types of answers Sport England are looking for. There will also be an opportunity at the end of the workshop to look for other funding open for sporting clubs.

To look at the Sports England's Small Grants details please follow the following link:  
[http://www.sportengland.org/funding/small\\_grants/want\\_to\\_apply.aspx](http://www.sportengland.org/funding/small_grants/want_to_apply.aspx)

### **W/S 12: Making the case for your project.**

This workshop will cover everything from setting out your project goals to capital cost, self financing, gathering evidence of support, managing skills, identifying with the wider community and meeting specific funding criteria. You will need your thinking cap and you will be asked to fill in a pre-application form prior to the workshop.

The booking form for the workshops follows.



## Working for you

**Funding Workshops Booking Form. Please print and use a separate form for each workshop/briefing**

**Name of workshop:**

**Date:**

**Time:**

**Venue:**

Thank you for booking a place on a funding workshop.

Please fill in the name of the course you want to book onto: \_\_\_\_\_

**It would be helpful if you would let us know the following details in advance:** Please return your completed form as an attachment to [leilah.vyner@harrogate.gov.uk](mailto:leilah.vyner@harrogate.gov.uk) or post it to Leilah Vyner, Project Development Officer, Scottsdale House, Springfield Avenue, Harrogate, HG1 2HR. I will also need the £5.00 to confirm your place.

**Contact Name:**

Role in the Organisation:

**Organisation:**

Address:

**Contact email:**

**Contact telephone:**

**Please complete the following table as is appropriate to your needs:**

What is your reason for attending the Funding Surgery, please tick near the most appropriate option:

- a. I am seeking details of funders that will fund my project
- b. I am seeking help with my process of application to identified funder(s)
- c. I want to talk about organisational issues
- d. Other  Please explain briefly

2. If you need funding, what do you need the funding for?

3. How much do you need? Up to £500k

4. Are you familiar with The Funding Bulletin? Yes  No

5. Who will benefit from your project?

6. Please tick near appropriate option. Are you a  
Registered Charity  Community Group  Other not-for profit   
If Registered Charity, what is your charity number?  
What date were you established?

If Community Group or other what date were you established?
6. If none of the above, have you set up a steering group or a committee to manage your project? Please give brief details:
7. What has been your average turnover in the last two years?
8. Do you have a constitution or a governing document? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
9. Do you have a bank account with at least two signatories? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
10. Do you have a dedicated person who looks after your book-keeping and organisational financial records? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Do you have a Treasurer? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Are both the above people the same person? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
8. Who are your current main funders?
9. If you are seeking help with your application form/letter, which funder(s) are you applying to?
10. If you have already made recent applications who, if anyone, have you applied to?
11. It would also be useful to know if you have already sought advice/help about your identified needs from any of the following organisations, please circle:  Harrogate CVS, Ripon CVS, Harrogate Borough Council Project Development Officer, NYFVO

Thank you

Please continue here if you need to expand on any of the information you have given above.