


Stroud Playing Pitch Strategy - Site Overviews

SDGF.09	GL2 4UJ	Hardwicke; Gloucester Fringe	HARDWICKE VILLAGE HALL PLAYING FIELDS, Elmgrove Estate, Hardwicke, Gloucester	Single site - football
				
Owner/Manager	Sports Club			
Pitch sports played on this site	Football. Former cricket ground - not available as disused.			
Pitches on this site – football quality	<p>1 adult and 2 minis pitches 7v7 (60 x 33m); rated standard. Club comments that pitches are generally poor and it has to spend a considerable amount of money trying to keep them to a good standard. The pitches are on a public recreation ground and dog fouling and litter is an issue. The club have sought quotes for pitch improvement programme but currently do not have the money to invest. Other issues are: Unable to meet ground grading for Hellenic League for various reasons – not an appropriate site for floodlighting; barriers around pitch have to be removed at the end of every season. Only way for club to progress is to move to another facility; the club has the capability within its playing squad.</p>			

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Changing & ancillary facilities	Club invested heavily in separate referee changing within village hall. No separate changing for club. VQA changing rated as good. Club say overall quality is poor/adequate.							
Clubs/teams on this site - football	Hardwicke AFC 1 st & 2 nd XI – 31 matches on Saturdays; Hardwicke Rangers Youth u8s, u9s and 2x u10s - Saturdays Minis total 40; u17 - 10							
Comments on capacity – adult football pitch	Hardwicke AFC 1 st & 2 nd XI – 31 matches on Saturdays and u17s – Sundays. Being played to the level the site can sustain.							
	Matches	1.5	Training		Casual	0.5	Education	
	Carrying Capacity - grass	2	Community Use Total	2	Spare capacity in week	0	Spare capacity peak time	0
Comments on capacity – mini football pitches	Hardwicke Rangers Youth u8s, u9s and 2xu10s – Saturdays. Spare capacity							
	Matches	2	Training		Casual		Education	
	Carrying Capacity - grass	8	Community Use Total	2	Spare capacity in week	6	Spare capacity peak time	6
Key Findings and Issues	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Former cricket ground. Not available as disused, no community use. 2. Public recreation ground with on-site village hall. Used by Hardwicke Rangers 1st & 2nd team, u17s and some minis. Adult pitch being played to the level the site can sustain; some spare capacity on mini pitches (but not quite sure of split between this and the pitches at Rob Dawe Memorial Close) 3. 1 adult pitch and 2 minis rated as standard. Ground is not suitable for standard of play of home club (which is on a par with Frampton Utd and Stonehouse Town FC 1st teams). Ground does not/cannot meet requirements for Hellenic League re in particular floodlighting, maintenance of barriers and changing facilities. 4. Club has invested heavily in maintenance of pitches and additional referee changing in village hall; it does not currently have funds for required pitch improvement programme. 5. Only way for club progress is to move to another facility; the club has the capability within its playing squad. 6. Club would like separate changing facilities. Key site for FA focus. 							