



PITCHES REPORT AGM 2020-21

Season just gone-

- obviously, a disrupted season and difficult to assess how the pitches held up and played
- continued to invest in all-weather pitches (AWP) increasing playing and training slots.
- all younger age groups up to and including u13s have access to AWP throughout the season.
- unfortunately, there were times when these facilities were not utilised, this needs to be improved.
- we have increased the number of grass pitches including pitches at Bramhope cricket club and Bedquills.
- most pitches just have 2 teams sharing which is what we wanted to achieve long term as pitches were overplayed.
- we have also turned our attention to maintaining and improving some of the grass pitches.
- thanks to Andy Craddock who oversaw the use of the grant from the FA for pitch improvements.
- we are looking to continue this on pitches that we have access and permission to.
- improvements will be aeration and general maintenance- infill and seeding etc.
- we will ask if goals can be removed over the short summer break to enable goal mouths to recover where possible.

Upcoming season-

- feedback from managers about pitches including possible improvements is useful to know. We may not be able to action them all, but we can contact the appropriate people.
- new pitch schedule is due out please look at this as soon as you get it, any issues please let us know.
- if you are allocated a new pitch please contact the manager who had it in the previous season for info on access and equipment.
- **please do this as soon as you can**, please don't leave it until just before the first game...
- if you are allocated AWP pitches you MUST use them whatever the weather, they are a great resource and we need to keep them, if we don't play they will be offered to other clubs.
- if you share a pitch with another team make sure you contact them each week to arrange no times so no clashes.
- let us know if any issues with pitches or allocations, we would rather know.
- thanks for all managers support over the last season, hopefully this one will be back to normal.

Thanks

Ian and Rob