



A Community Investment in Sport

Berkhamsted and Hemel Hempstead Hockey Club



An all-weather pitch (Artificial Grass Pitch AGP)

Providing sports opportunities for the whole of Dacorum

Accessible Sports provision

Changing lives

With floodlights and safety fences

Developing our young people

Increasing participation

A unique community investment

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to provide for sport in Dacorum

An AGP is desperately needed in Dacorum.
No new AGP could mean no Hockey!

BUT, we have a plan.

An all-weather pitch (Artificial Grass Pitch AGP) - With floodlights and safety fences at our Cow Roast site where we have been playing for 60 years designed to complement and fit in with our fabulous facilities.

We aim to create sporting facilities for the community, facilities which are sadly lacking especially given the extensive development of the borough with 13,000 new dwellings expected in Hemel Hempstead alone.

Our club is so much more than just Hockey

With a newly refurbished clubhouse, we also support many other community activities including

- **Berkhamsted Rugby Club**
- **Raiders, Maclay and Berkhamsted Football Club**
- **Dance (Allstars Dance Academy)**
- **Berkhamsted Bowmen**
- **Chiltern Dog School**
- **Adam Michie Personal Training**

the list goes on.



We know that Youth is our future!

We already have over 120 young people in our youth section

SADLY with nowhere suitable to play.

Active players in the club range in age from 6 to 76. Grandparents, Fathers, Mothers, Brothers and Sisters all encouraged to play sport in our 11 acres devoted to healthy living.

We run a thriving Summer mixed league in which the whole family take part. Hockey encourages women to return to sport after having children and men to return later in life. We have tangible evidence of hockey being used as a strategy to increase physical activity and mental health in all sectors of society, come along and see what's happening, we are growing all the time.



Why this all-weather pitch is desperately needed?

A community facility.

The creation of an all-weather pitch at the Cow Roast will help the Borough address the critical shortfall identified in the Dacorum Council pitch strategy assessment report April 2019. It will secure the future of Hockey in the Borough, and free up other aspects of the facilities for many different sporting and community uses.



Supporting schools.

We have provided and funded a series of Hockey taster sessions at local primary and secondary schools which have received very positive feedback. This is particularly important for children who would not otherwise get the opportunity to try a different sport. While they have been very successful, we have had to achieve this using facilities ill-suited to the sport. We are keen to promote Hockey within the Borough, and an AGP at the Cow Roast site will help us to expand this opportunity and to involve a wider groups of young people and students.

Supporting other voluntary organisations.

Members of the club have been approached this season by local Scout groups to provide taster sessions for their Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers. Sadly, we have been unable to provide such a service because these groups could not secure time at Tring AGP.

An AGP at Cow Roast will allow us to support these organisations more effectively.



Keeping teens in sport.

We have a very active youth programme that uses the mini-AGP located next to the canal in Berkhamsted. While we continue to support and grow this programme we are limited by the size of the site. The age profile of our youth section indicates a significant increase in numbers of over 12s coming into the senior club. An AGP at the club would allow us to expand our provision of sport to those in the critical early teens where participation in team sports, especially for girls, tends to fall.

Encouraging women to take up exercise.

This season we have become involved in the 'This Girl Can' program, a nationwide effort to encourage women to take up exercise. The Cow Roast site is an excellent and safe space for this community activity to take place.

Encouraging adults back into exercise.

We run 'Back to Hockey' and 'Walking Hockey' sessions for those who have not played for some time, have not played at all, are returning from injury or those for whom running is no longer suitable exercise. An AGP at the Cow Roast site would allow us to offer more in this regard and to build more of a community through these efforts to encourage participate by people over 50 and beyond.

Reducing traffic.

We estimate that by hosting home league games at Cow Roast facility we would reduce the total amount of miles driven by our members by in the order of 9,000 miles a year roughly equivalent to 3,200kg.CO2.

IT'S MORE FUN HITTING A BALL THAN HITTING THE GYM



How can you help?

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