

Ravenshead Parish Council working alongside Ravenshead FC, has been awarded funding to revamp their football facilities

I am delighted to report that residents are set to benefit from fresh investment into our football facilities. RPC and Ravenshead FC have been awarded a grant from the Premier League, The FA and the Government's Football Foundation, to install fencing around the Arena pitch at Ravenshead Leisure Centre.

The Football Foundation is the UK's largest sports charity and exists to improve the experience of playing football for everyone, by championing fair access to quality facilities.

This grant will enable Ravenshead FC, who play in the Nottinghamshire Senior League & East Midlands Veterans League, to improve their Arena pitch facilities.

Players will be able to enjoy a safe enclosed environment which will represent a significant improvement on the existing open space, which is prone damage and litter.

Ravenshead Parish Council and Ravenshead FC worked with the Football Foundation and the Nottinghamshire FA to secure a £25000 grant towards the project.

Ravenshead FC said: **"Without the help of the Football Foundation and Ravenshead Parish Council this wouldn't have been possible and will give us a safer environment in which to grow and develop."**

Robert Sullivan, Chief Executive of the Football Foundation, said: **"This grant awarded to Ravenshead FC and the Parish Council for Perimeter Fencing around the Arena pitch, is great news for the local community."**

"It will support people's ability to play our national game locally, and therefore help unlock football's many benefits to physical and mental wellbeing. This is why we're committed to transforming the face of grassroots football facilities in this country. It's therefore very welcome news to hear that this funding will support Ravenshead Parish Council & Ravenshead FC in developing boundary fencing at Ravenshead Leisure Centre for their local community."

"The Football Foundation is working closely with our partners – the Premier League, The FA, the government and Sport England – to support facility development projects like this across the country over the next decade transforming our grassroots game and unlocking the power of pitches."

Skate Park

After seeing the success of our skateboarders at the recent Tokyo Olympics, it would be nice to report that the skate park, at the Leisure Centre, is well cared for. However, residents will recall that in recent months, due to both repeated vandalism and wear and tear, a large part of the skate park had to be removed. We are now forced to remove the final jumps, leaving only the concrete bowl. Parish Councillors are currently assessing the options for a replacement, with new concrete jumps being the favoured option, funds permitting. Further details will be reported on as soon as a decision has been made.

Hedges and trees

Walking around the village, it is so pleasing to see how many residents have cut back their overgrowing hedges and branches to allow pedestrians to easily pass. Thank you for helping to make Ravenshead such a wonderful place to live.

Martin Smith - Chairman