



Press Release

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Buckinghamshire set for new £460k community sports pavilion

Iver Parish Council are delighted to announce confirmation that a new £464,143 community sports pavilion will be built, supported by a £115,636 grant awarded by the Football Foundation, the country's largest sports charity.

The funding boost will replace the existing dilapidated changing rooms at Iver Recreation Ground with a new two changing room pavilion to support the growth and development of the partner club, Delaford Colts FC. The club will be the main beneficiaries of the site that will be owned and managed by Iver Parish Council.

The club are a long standing part of the local community and recently gained FA Charter Standard Development status. The proposed facilities will allow the Club to provide football for children of all ages and abilities including new opportunities for girls and disabled players.

The project will allow the creation of an additional 13 teams and boost participation on the site by 76%. The club hopes to also achieve Charter Standard Community status by year five and increase the amount of FA Qualified coaches at the club to 19.

Funded by the Premier League, The FA, and the Government via Sport England, the Football Foundation is the nation's largest sports charity. Since it was launched in 2000, the Foundation has awarded around 8,000 grants worth more than £420m towards improving grassroots sport, which it has used to attract additional partnership funding of over £520m.

Pat Leech, Chairman of the Amenities Committee at Iver Parish Council, said: **"I'd like to thank the Football Foundation and Delaford Colts for their help and generous contributions to this project. It will be an amazing community facility for local footballers of all ages for many years to come"**

Paul Thorogood, Chief Executive of the Football Foundation, said: **"We warmly congratulate Iver Parish Council and the Berkshire and Buckinghamshire FA for their hard work and dedication in securing this award.**

"Since the Foundation was set up in 2000 it has worked closely with the Berkshire and Buckinghamshire FA to support 197 grass roots sports projects across the

county with grants worth £4.6m. These grants have attracted further partnership funding of £5.8m into the area's grass roots.

“This new project in Iver is but one example of thousands across the country that the Football Foundation is supporting with money provided by our funding partners – the Premier League, The FA and Government.”

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