

**HERTS AND ESSEX PITCH REPORT**  
**BSHC - AGM 5 July 2021**

**(1) General Information**

Period of Operation

The pitch was constructed in early 2019 under an agreement between BSHC and H&E School, as part of the wider leisure centre development, under which each party contributed 50% of the total costs with the pitch being available for use from the summer of 2019.

Obligations

Under the agreement, there are a number of key conditions, which include the following:-

- The requirement to establish a sinking fund to receive contributions of £10,000 per annum from each party towards the maintenance of the pitch, primarily lighting and re-carpeting, which is expected to take place every 10 years
- BSHC to pay £11k per annum for use of the club room
- BSHC get use of the pitch on Saturdays, Sundays and evenings in the hockey season plus some summer use at no additional costs as BSHC effectively owns 50% of the pitch

Ground Lease

The pitch is built on land owned by the school

**(2) Payments**

As the pitch opened in Sept 2019, we made the following payments under the agreement in the 2019-20 season

		<b>PAID</b>	
Herts and Essex	06/03/2020	5,750	Club Room September 19 – March 20
Herts and Essex	09/03/2020	10,000	Sinking Fund 2019-20 Season

**In the 2020-21 season prior to COVID BSHC made the following payment**

		<b>PAID</b>	
Herts and Essex	08/05/2020	2,500	Club Room April to June 2020

**In addition to the above, we have accrued in our accounts**

Herts and Essex	Accrual	11,000	Club Room July 2020 – June 21
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As more than nine months of usage of the pitch has been lost due to COVID, we have agreed with H&E that neither party need to make the Sinking fund contribution for the 2020-21 season. As we had not agreed this at the time the year-end accounts were sent to members, so in our accounts we made an accrual of £5,000 representing 50% of the contractual sinking fund contribution.

BSHC has agreed to pay the full amount of £11,000 for the clubroom for the 2020-21 season despite much diminished use in order to bear a share of the costs of COVID for the centre. We understand that other clubs using the sports centre have agreed to take a similar approach on their payments to the sports centre. A proportion of this will pay for additional, higher netting at the clubroom end of the pitch to avoid further broken windows in the clubroom.

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**(3) Operational Structure**

The pitch agreements is being monitored by a group of individuals who meet regular from both H&E and BSHC

Steering Group:-

BSHC:-

Duncan Barber  
Gregg Pettit

H&E -

Hayley Jones - Deputy Principal  
Pippa Bull – Governor

**(5) Day to day lettings and costs**

The day-to-day running and letting of the pitch is through the leisure centre and under the agreement, all letting income from the pitch belongs to the School/Leisure centre to cover day-to-day operational costs.

**(6) Maintenance and facilities improvement costs -Sinking Fund [Target £200,000 after 10 years]**

Having paid our 2019-20 Sinking Fund contribution we are in discussion with H&E about setting up of a ring-fenced structure for the Sinking Fund so that the funding will be available for the re-carpeting and other core maintenance over a 10-year cycle. In the meantime, each side will set aside its future contributions to ensure funding available and not used in day-to-day operations.