

Sevenoaks District Council

Big Community Fund

Application form

1 Name of ward: Sundridge Ward, Sundridge with Ide Hill Parish Council

2 Name of Member: Robert Piper

3 Name of delivery organisation: Sundridge with Ide Hill Parish Council

Address of delivery organisation:

Kathryn McKerlie
Sundridge with Ide Hill Parish Council Clerk
4 The Pantyles
Nightingale Lane
Ide Hill
TN14 6BX
Tel: 01732 750107

Name of the main contact who will be accountable for the delivery of the project:

Michael Stokes,
Member Sundridge with Ide Hill Parish Council
20 Church Road
TN14 6DT

Telephone number of main contact: 01959 564160

4 Description of Project:

The project at Sundridge Recreation Ground is designed to create a dedicated and heritage playing area for younger football players of both sexes – under 7s through to under 9s; Such a community resource is not currently available to meet needs identified by the community, Chipstead FC – the prime users of the Recreation Ground – and the Parish Council. Regulations require players under 10 to use smaller size pitches.

The new facility will be created by removing an existing and 1950s derelict play area, clearing the site, levelling the ground, adding top soil and seeding an area sized to meet the requirements of initially under 7 and 8 year olds, and later under 9s and 10s. Additional security measures would be installed to monitor the area.

The grant would be to meet some of the costs of this work, with the Parish Council providing additional funding and with Chipstead FC organising on-going maintenance finance.

Sundridge Recreation Ground is intensively used by cricketers – Holmesdale juniors - and footballers – mainly Chipstead FC. But also (Tonbridge School) Old Boars and Oak Park Rangers. The two full sized pitches are heavily used at weekends by older juniors, seniors and veterans. Additionally other grassed areas are used by juniors for evening training under flood lights.

A new use by Under 10 players would require a smaller pitch and require a new area

so as not to interfere with use by older players and not to add to the existing wear and tear.

Sundridge Recreation Ground, which is wholly owned by the Parish Council, provides a good quality pavilion and changing rooms with adequate off-street parking. To extend what is available the existing play area would be cleared for this new use. This play area has fallen into virtual disuse because of vandalism, the isolated and "threatening" environment and a location that is cut off from potential users by the busy A25 Main Road. The Parish Council has already as part of upgrading leisure facilities, provided a new play area in a more suitable location at Bowers Meadow, Woodside Road.

Chipstead FC are an established club with strong management and an age related team structure that allows players to progress through junior age defined teams to the seniors and veterans. They attract players from a wide geographic area and mixed social and ethnic origins. Younger players receive management, training, organised league fixtures and team kit. Mini pitches would add to the base of this structure and would encourage younger boys and girls to participate in group and team based activities located in community based facilities. Hopefully the increase in younger aged involvement will discourage anti-social attitudes later.

The project would be managed by the Parish Council with a management team made up of the Clerk, the Chairman of the Finance Committee and a member with experience of project management and organising open space use.

5 Total project cost: £ 5750

How will the money be spent?

1. For the removal of playground inc fence matting and concrete £2,150.00

2. For the hire of 5ton excavator / dumper and operators to level area for junior football pitch where existing play area £1,800.00

3. To supply and level area with top soil and seed £1,700.00

4. To cut back trees that overhang new pitch £100.00

TOTAL £5,750.00

Contributions from other funders if applicable:

Parish Council £2750

Amount requested from the SDC Big Community fund:

£ 3000

6 Your community

How have you been able to involve the local community in planning this project?

1. Consultation and negotiations have taken place with Chipstead FC regarding the growing need for and specification of mini football pitches;
2. Feed back from Recreation Ground users and residents has been absorbed about the issues, such as anti-social behaviour that make by parents with young children prefer to use the new facility at Bowers Meadow.
3. Advice from the Police (PCSO and crime prevention officers) has been taken over the existing use of the Recreation Ground with such a secluded and isolated location and the greater suitability of the site for organised team sports and the contribution this could make to reducing youth anti-social behaviour.

7 What is the need for the project?

1. The project would create a new and permanent facility dedicated to the growing use and demand for organised football by younger players (under 7s and under 8s);
2. Encourage additional numbers of younger children of both sexes to participate in sporting activities and in particular organised team games, and via Chipstead FC recruit them into a progression of year/age based teams which are provided with training and competitive fixtures
3. Potentially reduce youth social problems by encouraging more involvement in cooperative activities that would also expand or maximise use of expensive local community resources.
4. Reduce the current wear and tear at the Recreation Ground on existing pitches and grassed areas as a result of growing use.
5. Remove an existing dated, vandalised and potentially dangerous play area that is currently very little used.

8 Long term benefits

Please comment on the lasting effects of the project:

Creation of a permanent, self funded sports facility with social benefits across a number of local communities

9 The impact of your project

How will you know whether the project has been a success?

Usage statistics, initially by under 7s and 8s, and in future use by under 9s and girls teams.


10 Ongoing costs

If there is an on-going need for maintenance or management of the project, who will be responsible and how will this be funded?

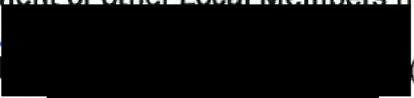
1. Ongoing or operating costs would be minimal; and easily met by the Parish Council from its existing ground maintenance programme (grass cutting, weed prevention etc) and by

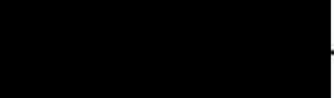
2. Chipstead FC providing "marginal cost" items such as goal posts, pitch marking and team management including player kit.

11 Supporting statement from the sponsoring Local Member:

Signed  (sponsoring Local Member)


12 Agreement of other Local Members that they are happy with the proposed project:

Signed  (Local Member)

Signed  ... (Local Member)

13 Declaration by project delivery organisation:

I confirm that my organisation will be responsible for the grant and the delivery of the above project and any on-going maintenance or management. I confirm that the organisation has an equalities policy or has signed the attached District Council's Equality Statement.

Signed  .Date 31.08.2012

Please remember to include the following documents with your application:

- A copy of the constitution of the delivery organisation
- A copy of the latest audited accounts of the delivery organisation
- A signed copy of the Equality Statement, or a copy of the delivery organisation's equalities policy


EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES STATEMENT

Sundridge with Ide Hill Parish Council recognises that everyone has a contribution to make to our society and a right to equal treatment. We aim to ensure that no organisation or individual involved with our organisation will be discriminated against by our organisation on the grounds of:

- ❖ Race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national
- ❖ Sex, marital status or caring responsibility
- ❖ Sexuality
- ❖ Age
- ❖ Physical or mental disability or mental health
- ❖ Political belief or religion
- ❖ Class
- ❖ Health status
- ❖ Employment status

Please note that if you have an Equal Opportunities Policy you may prefer to enclose a copy instead of signing the Equal Opportunities Statement.

I confirm that my organisation is committed to equal opportunities

Signed (on behalf of the organisation)	
Designation:	Clerk KATHRYN MCKERRIE Sundridge with Ide Hill Parish Council

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1 Name of ward: WHITE OAK SWANLEY

2 Name of Member: Cllr. Mrs Sargeant

3 Name of delivery organisation: Community Futures Kent, Part of The Avenues Group

Address of delivery organisation: River House, 1 Maidstone Road, Sidcup, Kent.
DA14 5TA

Name of the main contact who will be accountable for the delivery of the project:
Martin Chittell

Telephone number of main contact: 020 3535 0547

4 Description of Project:

Badminton Connect is an inclusive community Badminton Group based at White Oak Leisure centre in Swanley, and is run by Community Futures Kent (CFK - part of The Avenues Group). Badminton Connect sessions especially welcome Disabled People. The sessions are organised by Avenues Sports and Active Lifestyle Co-ordinator Martin Chittell and are led by Orpington Juniors Badminton Club Coach Ken Martin. There is also a group of dedicated volunteers who help with the running of the sessions.

There has been a steady flow of participants to the Badminton Connect sessions. Throughout the weeks there has been a clear progression in skill level, thanks to a tailored coaching programme provided by Ken Martin. This has allowed participants to progress at their own speed and has encouraged them to keep coming back to the sessions. At the very beginning some participants could not hit a shuttlecock consistently, and now participants are able to not only rally consistently but also play a game.

Both Disabled and nondisabled players have attended the sessions. Volunteer Maggie Martin has said "I love going, it is really worth while and you come away feeling marvelous, everyone enjoys it so much it is really uplifting! The team have come along so much in the beginning they struggled to hit the shuttlecock but now they can take part in rallies, move around the court and are learning the rules. I would encourage anyone to come and take part."

Scott Bailey who joined the club when it first started and has continued since said "We learn from Ken who is our coach, it is a good club and anyone can join. I joined to meet more people and to get fit. Peter one of the younger club members even purchased his own racket.

Badminton Connect is all about true community inclusion. People can get together- no matter what their background and enjoy the many physical, mental and social benefits of playing together.

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Total project cost: £ 1,475.00

How will the money be spent? There are 3 costs to continue Badminton Connect Sessions:

1. Facility Hire - £1,085.00
2. Support Costs - £ 500.00
3. Coaching Costs - £ 440.00

SESSIONS TIMETABLE

Autumn 2012: 17 September to 8 October (4 Sessions)

Winter 2012: 12 November to 17 December (6 Sessions with a Christmas Event)

Spring 2013: 04 March to 08 April (6 Sessions)

Summer 2013: 03 June to 08 July (6 Sessions)

This amounts to 22 sessions run throughout the Year.

Contributions from other funders if applicable:

Players contribute £5.00 to each Session and we have in the past received small grants and some donations from local businesses. The players contributions have been subtracted off the total project cost.

Amount requested from the SDC Big Community fund:

£ 1,475.00

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Your community

How have you been able to involve the local community in planning this project?

In order to deliver Badminton Connect we are working in partnership with the following local Community Organisations:

SENCIO LEISURE - As a major Community based organisation we have worked with Sencio right from the start of 'Badminton Connect' to ensure the sessions are inclusive and accessible. They have provided the Venue and CFK have provided the expertise with regards to welcoming participants into the centre.

ORPINGTON JUNIORS BADMINTON - The planning and delivery of the sessions was provided by Ken Martin, a badminton coach from Orpington Juniors Badminton Club. Using a locally based Badminton expert has been the key to people coming back to the sessions. Ken's tailored approach has ensured badminton players progress in a fun, sociable environment.

SWANLEY TOWN COUNCIL (to promote the project) - Working with the Town Council has allowed us to put adverts in the local publications to help us promote the sessions. This has allowed us to get the message out to local people with regards to the sessions.

NORT WEST KENT VOLUNTEER CENTRE (to recruit volunteers) - This has allowed us to tap into two fantastic community resources in the shape of both our volunteers. Badminton Connect will continue to be advertised with the volunteer centre so we can engage with more local volunteers.

SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COUNCIL (In Shape Magazine) - Working with the District 'In Shape' Magazine meant an article was produced to spread the word about the sessions.

COMMUNITY FUTURES KENT BIG LOTTERY FUNDED MAGAZINE - An article has been prepared for Community Futures Kent Big Lottery funded magazine. This is an information friendly magazine and another place that has allowed us to engage with people in the local community.

7 What is the need for the project?

The Office for National Statistics (2010) "Life Opportunities Survey" which explores life in terms of social barriers to participation in the wider community outlines how disabled people experience more inaccessibility to sport and exercise than adults with out impairments. Adults with impairments were almost one and a half times more likely to experience a participation restriction to playing sport than adults without impairments.

The lack of access is one reason why many disabled people experience health problems throughout their lives. Not exercising and interacting regularly with the world around is detrimental to health for anyone. If you are a disabled person trying to access regular activity and exercise it is much harder because of the barriers society puts in place. This means a lot more disabled people not gaining the health benefits of regular exercise and activity.

Sport can play a major part in helping improve health. Not just in terms of physical fitness but also mental and social well-being. Disabled people experience many more health inequalities than non - disabled people. According to Active People 5 only 9.5% of disabled people in Sevenoaks currently take part in Sport. Badminton Connect can play a part with regards to increasing this participation rate.

8 Long term benefits

Please comment on the lasting effects of the project:

'Badminton Connect' provides an opportunity for everyone in the Community - No matter what their ability to take part in a fun sport. Currently there are very few sports groups/ clubs that provide this. 'Badminton Connect' is truly unique in this regard! By welcoming both disabled and non-disabled participants of all abilities. 'Badminton Connect' is one answer to exclusion from sport on local scale.

Leisure Centres and Sports Clubs often struggle to engage with disabled people and

people who have not exercised for a long time. This club is one answer to that problem.

We offer grass roots badminton to adults from all walks of life. The welcoming atmosphere provided by supporters makes them truly fun and accessible. 'Badminton Connect' is the start of a more inclusive community sport programme at White Oak. The club could grow to more members, or more sports could be added that people might like to try. There are also many health benefits related to exercise that all participants will experience, making for happier healthier people in the community. 'Badminton Connect' provides and will continue to provide an outlet for community conscious volunteers who want to give some thing back to their local town.

In terms of legacy 'Badminton Connect' fits well with the success of the recent Olympic Games, and will contribute to the local Paralympic Games Legacy. It will give any Olympic Volunteers (Games Makers) the opportunity to continue to contribute in a local sport setting, harnessing the enthusiasm that made the Games such a success.

9 The impact of your project

How will you know whether the project has been a success?

Attendance figures will give us the best indication of whether or not this has been a success. If we manage to sustain numbers of players and volunteers or increase this number then it will be deemed a success. Feedback from players and volunteers about the sessions will also provide us with an indication of success.

Badminton player John Taylor said of the sessions "Everyone joins in and you learn more about it, its good to meet new people and have fun".

Members state they learn from Ken who is the coach and some have purchased their own raquets.

10 Ongoing costs

If there is an on-going need for maintenance or management of the project, who will be responsible and how will this be funded?

Community Futures Kent Active Lifestyle worker Martin Chittell will be responsible for the continued management of the project, with the view to handing it to Sencio Leisure as a mainstream club eventually.

Participants will continue to be charged £5.00 to attend with the end goal being that the sessions can become self sustaining as more players join.

Currently with set up cost, venue hire and coaching each 90 minute session comes in at around £90.00.

Active Lifestyle worker Martin Chittell will continue to seek funding form small funding pots as and when they arise to ensure local people still have this activity in their lives.

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Supporting statement from the sponsoring Local Member:

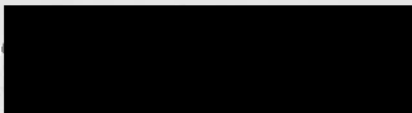
As a District Councillor for the Ward of White Oak - Swanley, I fully support this application for this inclusive 'Badminton Connect' group taking place at Whiteoak Leisure Centre.

Community Futures is a local Charity that supports people with Learning difficulties and Disabilities. The Badminton coaching sessions have been very well received by the participants who are local to the Swanley and Sevenoaks District area. The sessions rely not only on the paid coach but also volunteers and it is their participation that make these sessions inclusive and encouraging to people with learning disabilities to take active part in the sport.

The sessions promote health and well being through the active participation in sport and also provide a social atmosphere particularly with the Junior members and people with learning disabilities of a mixed age.

This is a worth while group and activity, but particularly this year with the 'Olympics' and Paralympics' taking place in 2012

Signed



(Sponsoring Local Member)

12 Agreement of other Local Members that they are happy with the proposed project:

Signed [redacted] (Local Member)

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Signed [redacted]Date 23/8/2012

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