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## Introduction

### Sir Trevor and England international open new Wembley pitch

*FA Director and England women's keeper open new pitch in FA's 150 anniversary year*

*Past and present England internationals, Sir Trevor Brooking and Siobhan Chamberlain, cut the ribbon at the opening of a new all-weather pitch in North Wembley.*



The FA's Director of Football Development, Sir Trevor Brooking, and England international and Bristol Academy goalkeeper, Siobhan Chamberlain, recently opened a new £230,000 state-of-the-art third generation (3G), artificial grass pitch with floodlights, part-funded by the Foundation, in North Wembley.

The new surface will be an asset to the community which will provide a base for local clubs' training sessions and allow Brent Council to provide a first class facility for community football, with increased opportunities for female footballers to get involved in the game. Middlesex FA will also use the site to host coaching courses.

Brent Council worked in partnership with the Middlesex FA to secure a £100,000 grant from the Football Foundation towards the project, with the council covering the additional cost.

Deputy Mayor of Brent, Councillor Bobby Thomas, said: "Brent aims to encourage local people to take part in more sport and activity. Investing in first-class facilities, such as this is will encourage more people to exercise and keep fit. This is a great example of how we can work with partners like the Football Foundation and Middlesex FA to improve facilities for local players."

Winner of the 2011 'Save of the Year' at the Women's Football Awards, Siobhan, said: "It's a real honour to be asked to open the pitch and see the kids here enjoying themselves. It is a perfect pitch. It can be used all day, every day, by lots of different groups of players. It is great to have partnerships between the Football Foundation, The FA and local authorities like Brent."

Sir Trevor Brooking, The FA's Director of Football Development, said: "The Football Foundation, funded by the Premier League, The FA and Government via Sport England, has been going for over 12 years now - it is absolutely key for us to provide facilities, like this one in North Wembley, that are usable throughout the winter.

"This new pitch is a fantastic surface for the grassroots players here to develop their skills."

Sky Sports News, the **Brent & Kilburn Times** and the **Harrow Observer** all covered the opening.

## News Stories

**“Nominate your community heroes to win a cash boost”  
urges Southgate**

*Award can net £5,000 towards local sports projects*

*Former England international, Gareth Southgate, has urged communities across the UK to give local sports heroes the credit they deserve by nominating them for the Barclays Community Sports Awards.*



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The Barclays Community Sports Awards, now in its third season, are monthly awards that recognise the outstanding achievements of individuals who use sport to benefit communities across the UK.

Anyone can be nominated for the award and each monthly winner receives **£1,000** for their group or organisation, a limited edition trophy and is entered into the end-of-season award to win a further **£5,000**, all donated by **Barclays Spaces for Sports**.

Gareth, who heads up the judging panel with representatives from Barclays, commented: "The Barclays Community Sports Awards are an excellent way to showcase the great work that many volunteers do across the UK in grassroots sports. It's important to recognise those doing so much for their communities, so I would urge people to nominate deserving candidates up and down the country for the Barclays Community Sports Awards.

"What's great about the Barclays Community Sports Award is it is open to anyone, at any age, from any sport anywhere in the UK. So make sure you nominate a deserving local community hero in your area."

If you would like to nominate a local hero who has made a real and lasting difference in their community through sport, then visit [www.barclayscommunitysportsaward.com](http://www.barclayscommunitysportsaward.com).

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## Chief Whip unveils facility in Hampshire

*New changing pavilion replaces dilapidated block*

*A new pavilion has just opened its doors to the Hampshire public. The Ken Hogan Pavilion, named after the late local resident who drove the project for 15 years, was unveiled by local MP Sir George Young.*



The Rt Hon Sir George Young, MP for North West Hampshire, has just opened a new community sports pavilion in Hampshire.

The opening of the Ken Hogan Pavilion at Berrydown, Overton, was made possible thanks to a £278,291 grant from the Football Foundation alongside significant contributions from the borough and parish councils, Sport England and local sports charity, Overton Recreation Centre (ORC), who will manage its operation.

The new facility will allow the ten-acre site to be optimised for football, cricket and athletics with an emphasis on youth development. The building is named after the late chairman of the ORC sports charity, whose initial drive and inspiration made the project possible after more than 15 years of trying.

The pavilion comprises four team changing rooms each with showers, two changing rooms for officials, a function hall and a kitchen.

The ORC worked in partnership with the Hampshire FA to secure the £278,291 grant from the Football Foundation.

Sir George Young, MP for North West Hampshire and government Chief Whip, said: "The Football Foundation and other bodies involved with this project have generously supported a community that is recognised as loving its sport.

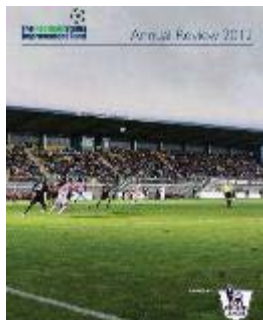
"I would like to congratulate the Overton Recreation Centre for their efforts and thank the Football Foundation for supporting grassroots sport in Hampshire."

You can also read how the **Basingstoke Gazette** covered the story.

## Side Articles

### FSIF Annual Review

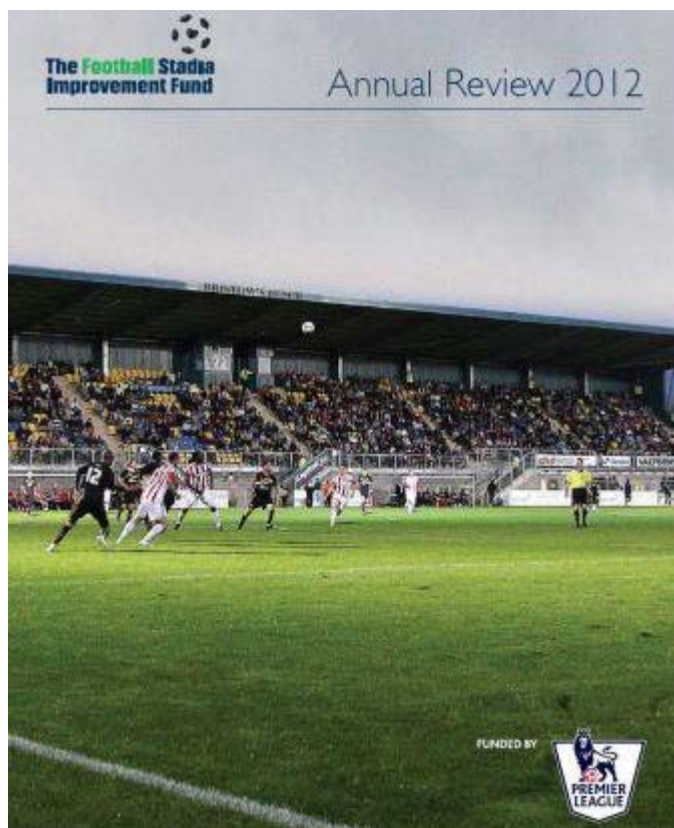
*Read the Football Stadia Improvement Fund's Annual Review online.*



Set up in 2000, the Football Stadia Improvement Fund (FSIF) continues the work of The Football Trust by providing financial support to football clubs towards their ground improvement projects to ensure the safety and comfort of supporters.

Funded by the Premier League with an annual budget of £6m, the FSIF awards capital grants to clubs from the Football League down to the lower levels of the National League System to improve safety at their stadia and to enable them to meet The FA's ground grading requirements.

To read the FSIF's most recent Annual Review online, simply click on the below image to open the digital version in a new browser.



## Before and After

## New pavillion fit for Royals

*Multi-sport site in Surrey gets major makeover*

*Claygate Royals FC and Claygate Cricket Club's new pavillion replaced the outdated clubhouse which was more than 75 years old, which as part of the project was knocked down and the area cleared.*



Claygate Royals FC and Claygate Cricket Club now enjoy a stunning new community clubhouse after working in partnership with the Surrey FA to secure a £20,000 grant from the Football Foundation.

Local MP, Dominic Raab, formally opened the new facility that not only includes state-of-the-art changing facilities but also a thriving cafe.

The fundraising and the management of the project has been carried out by members of the cricket club and, in addition, much of the internal completion in the building has been achieved through volunteer labour from the cricket club, football club and local community.

Click the 'right' arrow to scroll through the images and see the transformation.

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