

PROPOSAL

Tor Playing Fields Association – Led by Kelly Oakley

Why form an Association?

The association will form a 'Community Trust' that will be run by elected members of the community for the community and will ensure that the outdoor facilities at Tor Leisure Centre are:

- Kept protected and accessible for all Community groups and users in perpetuity
- Professionally managed to promote continuity with community sports programmes
- Encouraged to access long overdue funding for playing surface renovations and improvements
- Encouraged by investment to adopt best practice in provision of 'open space environment' and provide fully inclusive access policies such as pathways, ramps
- Visually enhanced by appropriate landscape design for user and resident benefit
- Maintained within achievable budgets to satisfactory standards for the sports played
- Available for use by all community sports groups within the local area
- Made available to Town Organisations for a limited amount of Market Town events such as a Fair, mini Festival, Circus or other attraction to promote the well being of the community and specifically to raise funds for the Association to invest in infrastructure
- Financially accountable to full public annual audit scrutiny
- Encouraged to achieve status targets and awards as they arise for the benefit of the association and to promote the Town and District status for provision of standards of excellence.
- Fully compliant with all government targets, Town Council aspirations and District Council standards of statutory requirements of sports and open space facility provision.

What will the Association do?

- Work for the best interest and reasonable aspirations of the community and its users
- Manage the users of the facilities (when they use it, their conduct, their needs)
- Provide a framework / set of rules / terms of use for all community users to follow
- Set approved fees policy for use of the facilities based on local and appropriate district scales, include junior and senior access schemes, membership benefit schemes
- Work with and promote key partner groups and organisations, avoid elitism at the expense of traditional local activity, promote community sports and activity centre

Consult, co-operate with, promote,

- * Tor Leisure Centre
- * Local Sports Clubs / Groups
- * The Community
Glastonbury Town Council
- * Mendip District Council
- * Local Businesses, including Chamber of Commerce, TIC, Glastonbury Online

- Provide a unique model of multi use traditional grass sports facility within a planned public open space accessible to all the local community.
- Establish a 5 year plan of regeneration to identify essential im expectations of funding.

How will the Association conduct itself?

There will be a committee format which will hold Annual Governing Meetings to elect officers. These officers will work in the best interest of the Association for the Community. Officers may include:

- Chairperson - First Year Kelly Oakley
- Secretary - TBC
- Treasurer - TBC
- Event's officer - TBC
- Committee members – These from local clubs / groups / organisations
(This list isn't exhaustive) - TBC

The Association will meet at other regular times (TBC – perhaps monthly / quarterly) to discuss topics such as fees, progress, issues, developments plus others.

The Association will have a constitution / set of rules which they will follow.

Which areas will the Association cover?

The 15 acre Open Public Space which accommodates:

- 1 x 13 strip cricket table with a 65 metre boundary
- An artificial cricket strip with a 50 metre boundary
- 2 artificial grass cricket nets and 6 Test quality grass cricket strips.
- There is room for three 100 x 55metre (approx) football pitches or six 100 x 35 metre Frisbee pitches or ten junior football pitches.
- 6 rounders pitches, 3 grass hockey pitches
- An outdoor bowls rink – there is an independent club using this but a potential committee member(s)
- A floodlit netball court – there is an independent club using this but a potential committee member(s)
- 2 hard surface tennis courts and a multi use games area.

NB: These facilities are outside of Tor Leisure Centre in Glastonbury, Somerset, and above is a list of what the space could be used for – not all activities can be carried out at the same time due to space implications.

What activities / groups currently use or have used the facilities at Tor Leisure?

- Somervale Ladies Rounders League and 2 annual tournaments
- Glastonbury Cricket Club
- Tor Netball Club
- Frisbee Club and annual tournaments
- Bowls Club
- The Cadets (sea, army and air)
- Cross Country event
- The Scout Group
- Glastonbury Football Club – **NEW** from Sept 2010.
- Sunday League football teams
- Community
 - Dog Walkers
 - Hot Air Balloon Take off / Landings
 - Local Businesses (Clarks International Staff team building)
 - Families

What Events take place?

- Somervale Ladies Rounders League – Ladies Tournament
- Somervale Ladies Rounders League – Mixed Tournament
- Rounders England – National Team Training Festivals
- Frisbee Tournament
- Charity Day Events
- Cadet Events