



Outlook

Re: TTC Grant Application - Kennet Leisure Centre - Sports Hall - Upgrade of Indoor Cricket Practise Nets

From Iain Cottingham <cottii2306@gmail.com>

Date Tue 15-Apr-25 09:21

To Cllr Mike Cole <Mike.Cole@thatchamtowncouncil.gov.uk>; Mel Taylor <town.clerk@thatchamtowncouncil.gov.uk>

Cc Cllr Owen Jeffery <Owen.Jeffery@thatchamtowncouncil.gov.uk>; Cllr John Boyd <john.boyd@thatchamtowncouncil.gov.uk>

Hi Mike,

July F&GP will be fine – hopefully we will reach our target without the need for a TTC grant – I was just thinking of the comms / photo opportunity when the nets are officially opened!

Regards

Iain

From: Cllr Mike Cole <Mike.Cole@thatchamtowncouncil.gov.uk>

Date: Tuesday, 15 April 2025 at 09:13

To: cottii2306@gmail.com <cottii2306@gmail.com>, Mel Taylor <town.clerk@thatchamtowncouncil.gov.uk>

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Subject: Re: TTC Grant Application - Kennet Leisure Centre - Sports Hall - Upgrade of Indoor Cricket Practise Nets

Hi Iain

As Mel says, the next full Grants round is in September - can this wait until then or should we try and get it on the agenda for July F&GP (there is also an F&GP on 28th April if it is particularly urgent).

Cheers

Mike

From: cottii2306@gmail.com <cottii2306@gmail.com>

Sent: 14 April 2025 16:50

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Hi Mike,

Many thanks for the prompt response – yes the project is on The Good Exchange, see link below

[Kennet Leisure Centre - Sports Hall - Upgrade of Indoor Cricket Practise Nets](#)

Regards

Iain

From: Cllr Mike Cole <Mike.Cole@thatchamtowncouncil.gov.uk>
Sent: 14 April 2025 10:30
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Hi Iain

Is there an entry on The Good Exchange? If so we have an arrangement with them for matched funding of anything where TTC grants money up to an annual limit of £17,000.

Cheers
Mike

From: Mel Taylor <town.clerk@thatchamtowncouncil.gov.uk>
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Iain, Mike

Just to advise, the next Grants meeting is scheduled for September.

Kind Regards

Mel

Mel Taylor FdA

Town Clerk



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From: Iain Cottingham

Sent: Sunday, April 13, 2025 11:38

To: Cllr Mike Cole

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Subject: TTC Grant Application - Kennet Leisure Centre - Sports Hall - Upgrade of Indoor Cricket Practise Nets

Hi Mike,

I hope you are well.

The purpose of my email to you is in my capacity as Chair of Thatcham Town Cricket Club.

As previously mentioned I was approached at the start of the year by Kennet School's Head of Cricket – Jonny Peppiatt to support a project to replace / upgrade the indoor cricket nets at Kennet Leisure Centre.

Unfortunately the originally installed nets had fallen into disrepair and now require an investment of £45k to be replaced. As KLC is owned by WBC, operated by Everyone Active I've been exploring every avenue possible to secure funding.

So far, a grant of £5k has been obtained from GT/WBC and further matching funding secured. Sport England have offered £15k of matching funding. So hopefully between GT and Sport England we will raise in the region of £30k towards the target.

Would it be possible to add this project to the next TTC grant application meeting?

Many thanks.

Iain Cottingham

Chair TTCC

From: Thatcham Town Cricket Club <ttcc@hitssports.co.uk>

Date: Saturday, 5 April 2025 at 12:34

To: Iain Cottingham <cottii2306@gmail.com>

Subject: Kennet Leisure Centre - Sports Hall - Upgrade of Indoor Cricket Practise Nets

Last October the ECB published **State School Action Plan** (see attached) with the ultimate aim of increasing access and participation in cricket.

The pupils of **Kennet School** are very fortunate to have **Jonny Peppiatt - Head of Cricket** who has invested significant amount of his resources to improve the access to and cricket facilities at the school.

As we know cricket is an outdoor sport like no other for which the **practise** and playing of matches is determined by the **weather**. Indeed last week **our new outdoor nets** were used during this unseasonal sunny period and no doubt will be used extensively during the Easter break as the sun continues to shine. However, it is important to have **indoor cricket practise facilities 52 weeks** of the year (when the sun isn't shining) to enhance skills and maintain interest in the game that we love.

Unfortunately there are no fit for purpose indoor cricket nets in the **Thatcham** area currently, as the indoor nets at Kennet Leisure Centre have fallen into **disrepair**, thus resulting in us having to book facilities in **Newbury**, which meant numerous return car journeys from Thatcham to Newbury etc.

A couple of month's ago your **cricket manager Simon Lewis** and I met with Jonny on how we could **work together** to achieve the aims of the aforementioned ECB State School Action Plan. **Ambitiously** we agreed to see if we could raise enough funding to **install a replacement new 4 lane indoor cricket practise nets** at Kennet Leisure Centre.

To do so, has entailed numerous meetings with West Berks Council (who own Kennet Leisure Centre), Everyone Active (who operate KLC), Kennet School, Sport England, Berkshire Cricket Foundation, Greenham Trust and the Indoor Net supplier.

I'm delighted to confirm that we have secured the following funding towards the £45k target.

1. Matching £5k funding from Greenham Trust plus an approved £5k grant (already applied).

2. Matching £15k funding from Sport England via their Movement Fund and Crowdfunder site.

We are currently exploring other sources of funding from West Berkshire Council members bids, Thatcham Town Council grant and awaiting how to apply for funding from the ECB per their State Action Plan.

However in the meantime if you wish to make a donation to this project you can do so via

<https://app.thegoodexchange.com/project/20841/thatcham-town-cricket-club/kennet-leisure-centre---sports-hall---upgrade-of-indoor-cricket-practise-nets>

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/indoor-cricket-nets-at-kennet-leisure-centre>

Once the funding target is reached the nets will be purchased by West Berks Council as they own KLC, which will allow the facilities to be used by schools in the community during the school day and out of school hours to be booked by cricket clubs in the Thatcham area.

You may ask why is TTCC supporting this initiative, ie being the fund raising vehicle? In a few words "**without the conveyer belt of nurturing and growing junior (boys and girls) and existing talent**" we will never achieve our full potential as a

community amateur sports club, we believe having indoor practise nets in Thatcham significantly contributes towards this ambition.

This is a landmark collaborative project between TTCC and Kennet School.

Many thanks for your support.

Regards

Iain Cottingham

Chair TTCC

Attachments : [ECB-State-School-Action-Plan-FINAL.pdf](#)

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