

Appendix 1.7 Sports Fields

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Introduction

This study of playing pitches in Cranleigh is based on taking information from the Playing Pitch Strategy issued by Waverley Borough Council in March 2013 and extracting the parts that are relevant to Cranleigh. In addition outdoor sports in Cranleigh, which were not in the Waverley document have been added.

The aims of this document are to:

Measure the capacity of existing pitches,

Identify the quality of the facilities,

Provide background for integration into the Cranleigh Neighbourhood Plan.

What the document covers:

The pitches covered in the study were all those in the Cranleigh area of the following types, including those not currently available for community use:

- a) Football (mini, youth, adult).
- b) Cricket.
- c) Rugby Union (mini, youth, adult).
- d) Hockey (synthetic turf pitches)
- e) Bowls
- f) Petanque
- g) Lawn Tennis

It uses the standards issued by Sport England and the relevant governing bodies of the sports.

This information is in appendices at the end of the document.

Pavilions were checked against the standards set by the governing bodies of sport and the standards set by the leagues in which our teams play.

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General Information

We are in a time of changing requirements for sport. Health and Fitness are now a major part of the Government's new strategy. Funding is being redirected towards sport in school, starting at primary level.

Neither of our state schools have community use agreements for their fields which is the latest government policy. However they do allow organisations to hire pitches. It is assumed that this policy will continue. Accordingly they have been included when measuring the number of people catered for.

In addition to identifying sports pitches, from Cranleigh, which are in the Waverley Pitch strategy, it includes information on tennis courts, petanque and bowls. Notes on these are included in the appendices as are the local details from their strategy.

The Waverley strategy gives fuller details on all pitches in the borough and can be referenced if necessary. Their document refers to the 6 acre standard. On 5th November 2015, Fields in Trust announced the release of the new 6 Acre Standard. It is called "Guidance for Outdoor Sport and Play". The conclusions have been checked against this document. You can pick up this standard at <http://www.fieldsintrust.org/guidance>.

Conclusions

This is taken from an analysis of the entries in the appendices and the standards referenced above.

1) There are sports pitches which are within acceptable travelling times for all the village.

2) The size of the population that is allowed for by the pitches in the area:

Adult Football	20,000
Youth Football	9,600
Mini Soccer-	30,000
Cricket	8,400 (This includes Snoxhall and Cranleigh School's Lowers) (Glebelands could bring this up to 11,000)
Rugby-	24,000
Synthetic Turf	0 (Excluding Cranleigh School)

3) The pitch surfaces are of a reasonable standard. However, in view of the cuts in council funding, consideration should be given to providing funds for improved maintenance.

4) The changing facilities in the Waverley survey are marked as average or at the bottom of the good range. It was noted that the Cricket Pavilion on the common does not meet the standard set by the England and Wales Cricket Board. The Football changing facilities do not meet the standards set by the Football Association. Money needs to be put aside to improve these buildings.

5) There is sufficient capacity for Tennis if the facilities provided by the Parish Council and Cranleigh Golf & Country Club are included.

6) The Bowling Green and Petanque facilities are adequate.

7) If we retain the existing sports fields, and improve the quality of the facilities, we should be able to cope with an increased population. None of the fields is secured from building development so there is a risk. This may be increased if growth in schools takes part of their playing fields.

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Appendix A

Sport England's Pitch Size Standards

Pitch Type	Pitch length	Pitch width	Size including run-offs
Adult football	Max. 120m/Min. 90m	Max. 90m/Min. 45.5m	Max. 126m x 96m
Youth football	Max. 100.6m/Min. 68.25m	Max. 64m/Min. 42m	Max. 106.6m x 70m
Mini-soccer	Max. 45.75m/Min. 27.45m	Max. 27.45m/Min. 18.3m	Max. 54.9m x 36.6m
Adult cricket	20.12m	Max. 36.6m/Min. 3.05m	111.56m x 106.69m
Junior cricket	19.2m	Max. 27.45m/Min. 3.05m	92.36m x 88.41m
Adult rugby	Max. 144m	Max. 70m	Max. 154m x 80m
Mini-rugby	Max. 70m	Max. 43m/Min. 30m	Max. 80m x 53m
ATP (Artificial Training Pitches)	91.4m	56m	101.4m x 63m

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Appendix B

Security of access

A key consideration in assessing pitch supply is the extent to which provision is available for unrestricted community use and subject to formalised access arrangements that cannot easily be rescinded. Sport England has produced a formal classification for access to playing pitches which is set out below.

Category	Definition	Supplementary information
A(i)	Secured community pitches	Pitches in local authority or other public ownership.
A(ii)		Pitches in the voluntary, private or commercial sector which are open to members of the public. (where there is a charge, this must be reasonable and affordable for the local community)
A(iii)		Pitches on education sites which are available for use by the public through formal community use agreements.
B	Used by community	Pitches not included above, that are nevertheless available but not secured for community use, e.g. school facilities without formal user arrangements.
C	Not open for community use	Pitches at establishments which are not, as a matter of policy or practice, available for community use.

Quantitative analysis

Details of all pitches with community access in Cranleigh are listed below, with the access category recorded for each.

Site	Access Category	Adult Football	Youth Football	Mini Soccer	Cricket	Rugby	Artificial Turf
Bruce Mackenzie Memorial Field	A(i)	2					
Cranleigh Cricket Club	A(i)				1		
Cranleigh Rugby Club	A(ii)					4	
Cranleigh School	A(iii)	4			2	3	3
Glebelands School	B	2	3				
Park Mead School	B						
Snoxhall Playing Fields	A(i)	4		6	1		
TOTAL		12	3	6	4	7	3

Synthetic Turf Pitches in Cranleigh

There are 3 synthetic pitches at Cranleigh School.

All are sand filled. Two were built in 1990 and are due for refurbishment one was built in 2005.

There are no 3G pitches which is the preferred surface for football.

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Pitch Quality

The Waverley Playing Pitch Strategy produced in 2013 had site visits to check the quality of sites. They used the methodology specified by Sport England in its "Playing Field Toolkit".

It should be noted that the National Governing bodies of Sport have since issued guidelines on changing facilities which recommend a higher quality than that used in this survey.

The markings per site are in percentages. The meaning of the percentages are given in the following table.

% Score	Criterion
90%+	An excellent pitch/changing facility
65% - 89%	A good pitch/changing facility
55% - 64%	An average pitch/changing facility
30% - 54%	A below average pitch/changing facility
Less than 30%	A poor pitch/changing facility

Audit results for Cranleigh are set out below.

Site	Pitches	Changing
Bruce Mackenzie Memorial Field	60%	63%
Cranleigh Cricket Club	91%	73%
Cranleigh Rugby Club	88%	73%
Cranleigh School	90%	78%
Glebelands School	79%	78%
Park Mead School	Not available	Not available
Snoxhall Playing Fields	83%	66%

Artificial turf pitches: The criteria assessed were as follows:

Playing Surface:

Rating	Definition	Score
High Quality	An entirely flat surface with no evidence of wear.	5
Above Average	An effectively flat surface with limited evidence of wear.	4
Average	An effectively flat surface with evidence of wear.	3
Below Average	An uneven surface, with significant evidence of wear.	2
Poor quality	A very uneven surface, with extensive evidence of wear.	1

Lighting of the Pitch:

Rating	Definition	Score
High Quality	Strong lighting levels over the entire playing area, with no glare, shadows or reflection to distract players.	5
Above Average	Adequate lighting levels over the entire playing area, with some slight glare, shadows or reflection to distract players.	4
Average	Adequate lighting levels over the entire playing area, with glare, shadows or reflection to distract players.	3
Below Average	Adequate lighting levels over the most of the playing area, with glare, shadows or reflection to distract players.	2
Poor quality	Poor lighting levels over the entire playing area, with glare, shadows or reflection that distracts players.	1

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Fencing of the Pitch:

Rating	Definition	Score
High Quality	Playing area fully enclosed by a high surrounding fence in good repair, with lockable gate and perimeter rebound boards.	5
Above Average	Playing area fully enclosed by a surrounding fence in reasonable repair, with a gate and perimeter rebound boards.	4
Average	Playing area mostly enclosed by a surrounding fence in reasonable repair, with perimeter rebound boards.	3
Below Average	Playing area mostly enclosed by a surrounding fence in poor repair, with no perimeter rebound boards.	2
Poor quality	No perimeter fence	1

Disabled Access:

Rating	Definition	Score
High Quality	Full disabled access to the pitch, including adequate width access gates and a level or ramped paved path to the changing facilities.	5
Above Average	Full disabled access to the pitch, including adequate width access gates and a paved path to the changing facilities.	4
Average	Full disabled access to the pitch, including adequate width access gates but no dedicated path to the changing facilities..	3
Below Average	Limited disabled access to the pitch due to inadequate width access gates and no dedicated path to the changing facilities.	2
Poor quality	No disabled access to the pitch because access gate too narrow, steps to the pitch and no dedicated path to the changing facilities.	1

Car parking and general access: Presence/absence of:

Dedicated car parking. Number of spaces meets Sport England standards. Dedicated spaces for mums/toddlers and disabled. Good signposting. Adequate lighting levels over the whole area.

Rating	Definition	Score
High Quality	Complies with all five of the criteria	5
Above Average	Complies with four of the criteria	4
Average	Complies with three of the criteria	3
Below Average	Complies with two of the criteria	2
Poor quality	Complies with one or none of the criteria	1

The results for Cranleigh are:

Site	Playing Surface	Lighting	Fencing	Disabled	Access
Cranleigh School (x3)	5	5*	5	5	4

* Only one of the three pitches is floodlit.

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Appendix D

Standards of provision:

Based upon the PPM outputs, the following standards were developed to establish the adequacy of current and future provision.

<i>Pitch</i>	<i>Standard</i>
Adult football	One adult pitch (1.2ha) per 5,000 people. All aspects of all pitches and ancillary facilities should rate 'average' or better. The whole population within 15 minutes' walk or drive of the nearest pitch.
Youth football	One youth pitch (0.75ha) per 3,200 people. All aspects of all pitches and ancillary facilities should rate 'average' or better. The whole population within 15 minutes walk or drive of the nearest pitch.
Mini-soccer	One mini-soccer pitch (0.2ha) per 5,000 people. All aspects of all pitches and ancillary facilities should rate 'average' or better. The whole population within 15 minutes walk or drive of the nearest pitch.
Cricket	One cricket pitch (1.2ha) per 2,800 people. All aspects of all pitches and ancillary facilities should rate 'average' or better. The whole population within 15 minutes walk or drive of the nearest pitch.
Rugby	One rugby pitch (1.25ha) per 6,000 people. All aspects of all pitches and ancillary facilities should rate 'average' or better. The whole population within 20 minutes walk or drive of the nearest pitch.
Synthetic turf	One synthetic turf pitch per 12,000 people. All aspects of all pitches and ancillary facilities should rate 'average' or better. The whole population within 20 minutes walk or drive of the nearest pitch.

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Information from Ken Mitchell supplied by the Parish Council

CRANLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL - USE OF FOOTBALL PITCHES

14 / 15 SEASON

YOUTH FOOTBALL		No of Games Played
U17	Full size pitch (BMMF or Bottom)	14
U16	Full size pitch (BMMF or Bottom)	13
U14	Full size pitch (BMMF or Bottom)	13
U13	Full size pitch (BMMF or Bottom) /9 vs 9	27
U12	Middle pitch	8
U11	9 vs 9	15
U10	7 vs 7	8
U9	7 vs 7	7
U8	5 vs 5	9

+ Small pitches used for training.

SENIOR FOOTBALL

27 matches played on main pitch or BMMF.

13/14 SEASON

YOUTH FOOTBALL		No of Games Played
U16	Full size pitch (BMMF or Bottom)	16
U15	Full size pitch (BMMF or Bottom)	12
U13	Full size pitch (BMMF or Bottom)	11
U12	Middle pitch	15
U11	9 vs 9	9
U10	7 vs 7	9
U9	7 vs 7	12
U8	5 vs 5	12
U7	5 vs 5	5

+ Small pitches used for training.

SENIOR FOOTBALL

32 matches played on main pitch or BMMF.