

# Huntingdonshire FA

## Presents

### Winter Pitch Preparation Workshop



**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**Huntingdon Town FC**



Uniting **Huntingdonshire** to  
improve the **Football** experience"



# Huntingdonshire FA

## Pitch Improvement Programme

Huntingdonshire FA has been working in partnership with The FA Facilities & Investment team and the Institute of Groundsmanship (IOG) to develop a grass pitch maintenance service.

This can be utilised by grassroots football clubs, Parish Councils, Local Authorities and Schools, with the simple aim of improving the quality of grass pitches.

The need for the Pitch Improvement Programme (PIP) is more relevant now than ever, given the current economic times and the pressures facing grassroots football. The key principles behind the service are to provide groundstaff with advice and practical solutions on a number of areas.

Membership to PIP for one year is £100. This fee includes:

- Two Site Visits
- Two Pitch Reports
- Annual Membership to the Cambridgeshire & Huntingdonshire Grounds Association and access to their Equipment Bank.
- Access to offers from the Huntingdonshire PIP partners which include, Fleet Line Markers, British Sugar Topsoil, Scamblers – ground care machinery, Halliday Lighting – Flood lighting, Phoenix Sporting Goods – ilite Portable floodlights and Replay Maintenance – Synthetic sports surface maintenance.

For more information please visit: [www.HuntsFA.com](http://www.HuntsFA.com)

Get In Touch: Andy Coles, 01480 447483, [Andy.Coles@HuntsFA.com](mailto:Andy.Coles@HuntsFA.com)



# Welcome

This particular workshop will focus on dealing with the winter weather and associated preparation.

The evening will be supported by The Institute of Groundsmanship, The FA National Pitch Improvement Programme (PIP) partners, Charterhouse and Rigby Taylor as well as Hunts FA partners.

## Agenda

- 7:00pm Registration, Buffett, Tea and Coffee
- 7:15pm Welcome, Introductions and Housekeeping
- 7.30pm Outdoor presentations with:
  - Danny White – Scamblers Specialist suppliers of turf care and ground care machinery
  - Oliver Hall – Fleet Line marking paint & line marking machines
- 8.15pm Refreshments and comfort break
- 8.30pm Presentations from:
  - Mel Pooley – Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire Grounds Association Machinery Bank
  - Kim Crampton – Topsoil from British Sugar
  - Simon Barwell – Automated Managed Services BIGMOW
  - Phil Jeggo – Regional Pitch Advisor East
  - Rob Bradshaw – Peterborough United Groundsman
- 9.00pm Top Table Panel Q&A
- 9.25pm Review evening and Closes

Here is to a great season of football being played on better pitches.

**Andy Coles, Hunts FA Senior Football Development Officer**

# Pitch Improvement Programme

## Feedback

Here is some feedback from the venues who have taken up the programme:

### **Kevin Stableford, Buckden Juniors FC**

“The visit from Rob in June was very useful for all parties attached to Buckden Junior FC. As a result of the visit and subsequent report we have undertaken the digging of a French Drain and complimenting this with some mole draining.”

“We are optimistic that with these works, in addition to standard work completed by Richard Salmon that we will be able to play more games over the winter months, especially on our 7v7 pitch which has been an issue for a number of years. A follow up visit from Rob would be welcomed”

### **Richard Churms, St Neots Town Youth FC**

“We're currently building out a plan to expand the playing area available to use on St Neots Common & also improve the quality of the pitches. The details provided by Rob have been really valuable.”

“We are in the process of getting all of the relevant permissions needed from the committee that run the Common, so hopefully early in the New Year we will be in a position to start work.”

# PITCH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERS

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## British Sugar Topsoil

Topsoil products

[www.bstopsoil.co.uk](http://www.bstopsoil.co.uk)



## Fleet Line Markers

Line marking paint & line marking machines

[www.fleetlinemarkers.co.uk](http://www.fleetlinemarkers.co.uk)

## Halliday Lighting

LED Sports Lighting

[www.halliday-lighting.co.uk](http://www.halliday-lighting.co.uk)



## Phoenix Sporting Goods - ilite

Portable floodlights

[www.phoenixsportinggoods.com](http://www.phoenixsportinggoods.com)

## Replay Maintenance

Synthetic sports surface and athletic track maintenance

[www.replaymaintenance.co.uk](http://www.replaymaintenance.co.uk)



## Scamblers

Specialist suppliers of turfcare and groundcare machinery

[www.scamblers.com](http://www.scamblers.com)

# FACILITIES

Hunts FA has a key role to support any facility project in Peterborough or Huntingdonshire by guiding them through the funding that is available and most appropriate, through either the Football Foundation, Sport England or Local Authorities.

If you are looking to improve your football facilities which could involve:

- Refurbishing and improving changing rooms
- Natural grass pitch improvements
- 3G Football Turf Pitch development
- Purchasing Portable Floodlights
- Replacing unsafe goalposts
- Purchasing Pitch Maintenance Machinery

The first step in the process is to contact Andy Coles, Senior Football Development Officer on 01480 447483 or via email: **Andy.Coles@HuntsFA.com** so that he can advise and guide you as to the best way forward and likelihood of success, before you spend time filling out the Expression of Interest (EOI) form.

For more information and to complete the Expression of Interest (EOI), please use this link:

[www.huntsfa.com/leagues-and-clubs/club-management/pitch-improvement-programme](http://www.huntsfa.com/leagues-and-clubs/club-management/pitch-improvement-programme)

# FUNDING

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# Notes

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