



**ENGLAND
FOOTBALL**

CAMBRIDGESHIRE FA FOOTBALL FACILITIES 2021-2022

Facilities have been prioritised by The FA and we at Cambridgeshire FA are making every effort to improve the facilities around the county. Do you have a project idea? Get in touch!



If you are intending to improve your football facilities, which may involve 3G football turf pitches, changing room pavilions / clubhouses, grass pitch improvements or better indoor / outdoor spaces, please contact Katie Critchley on 07944747310 or via email at Katie.Critchley@Cambridgeshirefa.com



Quality Grass Pitches

Access to good quality pitches to provide an enhanced playing experience at all levels of the game

Strategic Objectives

- Execute the Local Football Facility Plan (LFFP) pipeline of 3G pitches to allow clubs to play and train on a quality artificial surface to preserve grass pitches
- Support members in securing capital investment to provide better community football facilities
- Unite key partners to provide facilities for all formats of the game
- Engage members to embrace a developmental culture around improving facility provision by using digital tools

Key success measure:

By 2024 we want to have increased the number of improved grass pitches by 50%

LOCAL FOOTBALL FACILITY PLANS



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What are Local Football Facility Plans?

The Plans (LFFP) are detailed reports that map out the football facilities needed across every local authority area in England.

Over the last two years we've worked with The FA, local authorities and communities to create these tailored Plans. But this is only the first step. We're now working with local authorities and partners to turn these Plans into reality.

In Cambridgeshire, we have 3 Plans: Greater Cambridge, East Cambs and Fenland

You can search for your Local Football Facility Plan by clicking [HERE](#)



PITCH POWER



What is PitchPower?

PitchPower is a mobile tool that puts the power in your hands, making it easy to sign up and carry out pitch inspections. You'll then get a detailed assessment report from the grounds management experts at the GMA with recommendations on improving the quality of your grass pitches.



<https://footballfoundation.org.uk/pitchpower/how-it-works>



PITCH POWER



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1. Set up your PitchPower account

Complete from the comfort of your own home

- Using your mobile, sign up [here](#)
- Find your **organisation** from the dropdown list
- Locate the **ground(s)** you maintain
- **Add all the pitches** you maintain at the ground(s)

2. Carry out your pitch inspection

- Head **out to the pitch**. Make sure you have a spade or a soil sampler, a tape measure and a camera phone with you.
- Using your phone, go to [PitchPower](#) and sign in to **complete a pitch inspection**
- Complete an inspection for **the pitches you maintain at your ground**. If you have up to 6, you need to complete an inspection for each. If you have more, please see [here](#).

3. Submit your info and receive your report

- Submit your **completed inspection** before the window deadline
- The Grounds Management Association (GMA) will review the information and **assess the quality** of your pitches
- You will receive an **assessment report** within 21 days
- This will provide **practical recommendations** for how you can improve the quality of your grass pitches. For example, applying for funding or taking a training course.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLmOyV2YMgDtl3VMMHztIGKoXYVOXh3sl8>



LOOKING FOR FUNDING



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Football facilities funding usually comes from the Football Foundation, in partnership with the FA and The Premier League. From new goalposts to new pitches, find out how the Football Foundation can help turn your vision into reality!



Football Foundation Funding

- Funded by the Premier League, FA and Government (via Sport England)
- Large and small grants available covering everything from goalposts to 3G pitches
- More than 60,000 grants worth over £800m provided to clubs and organisations since 2000

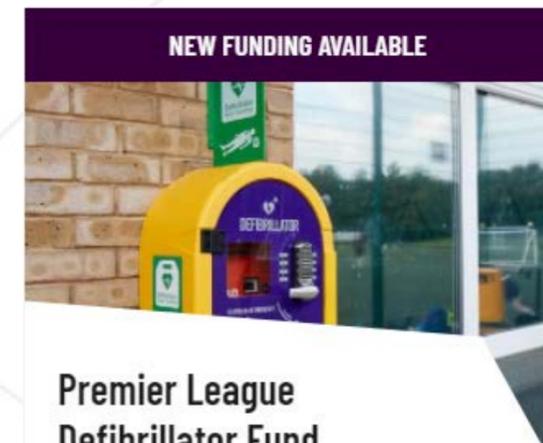
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Football Stadia Improvement Fund

- Funded by the Premier League, the FSIF awards grants to clubs in the EFL, National League System (Step 1-6), FA Women's Pyramid and Cymru Premier League
- Grants are designed to improve stadium safety and enable clubs to satisfy their ground grading requirements

[FIND OUT MORE](#)



NEW FUNDING AVAILABLE

Premier League Defibrillator Fund

- Funded by the Premier League
- Free Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and/or External Storage Cabinets available for grassroots, National League System (Step 5-6) and Women's Pyramid (Tier 3-4) clubs
- More than 2,000 facilities set to benefit

[APPLY NOW](#)



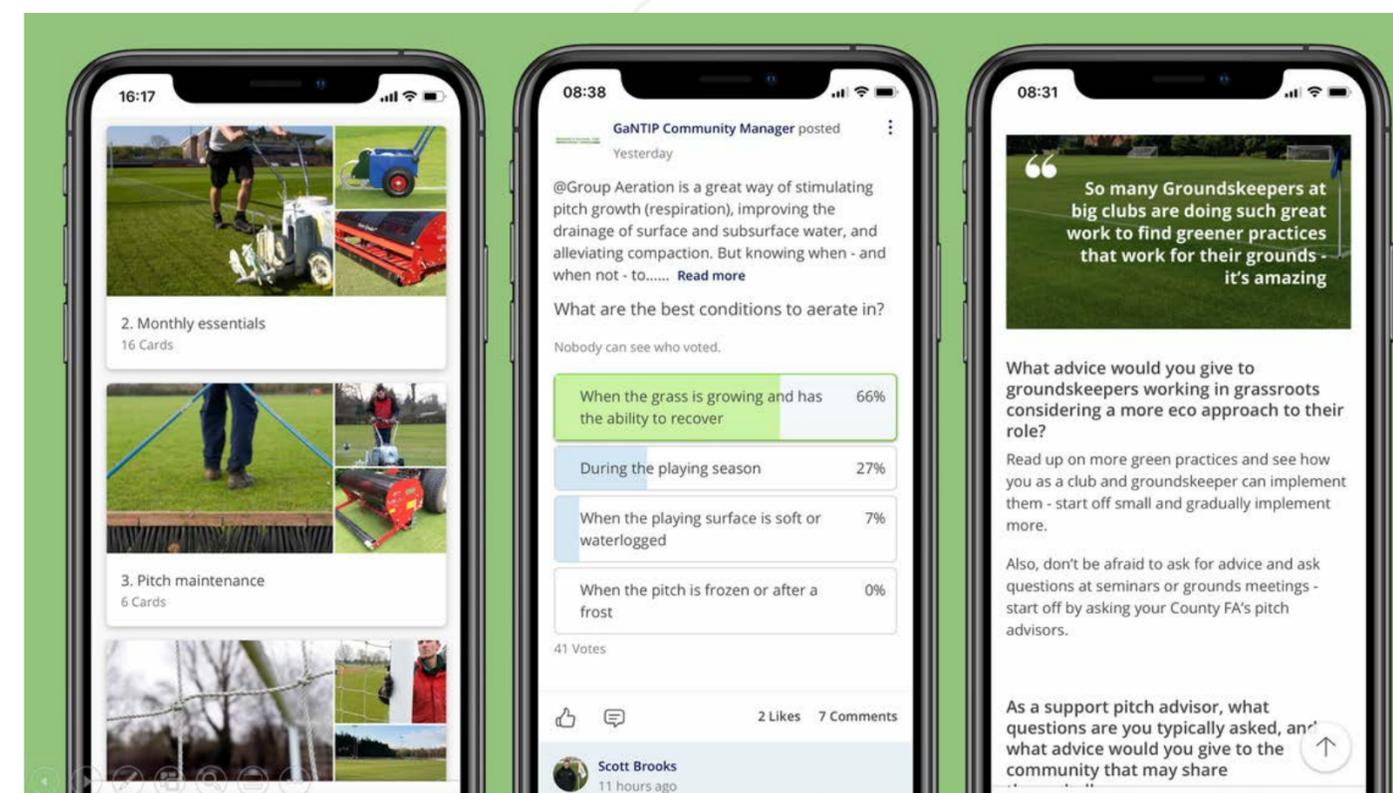
THE HIVE LEARNING



Welcome to The Football Foundation Groundskeeping Community!

The Hive offers the following:

- build knowledge and understanding on key operations of pitch maintenance throughout the year
- connect with fellow groundskeepers and share experiences (videos, interactive content, Q&A's, hints and tips and information sharing)
- seek expert advice on getting the most from the pitches groundskeepers manage (Regional Pitch Advisor and other professional ground staff)



<https://footballfoundation.hivelearning.com>

FAQ'S



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What will I need to apply for funding?

The football club will need to make the application and will be required to have security of tenure.

Can I apply for funding directly through the website?

For small grants such as goalposts, yes - you can apply directly via the Football Foundation website. For larger grants, please email Katie.Critchley@CambridgeshireFA.Com

How long does it take for a funding application to be approved?

It usually takes a couple of weeks for a small grant application to be approved. Larger grants take longer and this process will be discussed with you prior to the application being made.

Do I need to apply for grass pitch funding using Pitch Power?

Yes. All grass pitch applications must have pitch information uploaded to Pitch Power.

GET IN TOUCH



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