

GRASS PITCH IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME



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Lincolnshire FA are working in partnership with The FA, Football Foundation and the Grounds Management Association (GMA), to develop a grass pitch service which can be utilised by grassroots football sites, with the simple aim of improving the quality of grass pitches.

The key principles behind the service are to provide members of the programme with advice/practical solutions via a Grass Pitch Assessment Report which will also identify the key enhanced maintenance works required along with machinery requirements.

In Lincolnshire we will be working with the GMA East Midlands Regional Pitch Advisor, Julien Morris and a local support network to provide visits to grass pitch sites across the County.

Programme Process

1. Sites complete and submit an Expression of Interest / Pre-visit form if they wish to receive a visit.
2. Lincolnshire FA will co-ordinate the time and date of the visit in conjunction with the selected site(s).
3. Lincolnshire FA will notify the Pitch Advisor of visits and all relevant details.
4. The Regional Pitch Advisor or Support Network will complete the site visit.
5. A report is produced by the Pitch Advisor within 28 days of the visit with a copy for the site and Lincolnshire FA.
6. County FA will discuss potential funding streams available to support the site, based on site grading.
7. Clubs follows recommendations and actions.
8. Feedback sought from site following agreed milestones and timescales, based on the recommendations provided by the Pitch Advisor.
9. A second pitch visit will take place following a minimum 12 months of maintenance.

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Costs & Payments

The cost for the programme is detailed in the table below:

| Initial Visit | Re-Visit |
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| Charter Standard Club - £50 | Charter Standard Club - £25 |
| Non Charter Standard Club - £100 | Non Charter Standard Club - £50 |

Clubs will be required to pay Lincolnshire FA, in advance of the visit following receipt of an invoice.

Pitch Improvement Workshops

As part of the Pitch Improvement Programme, the East Midlands Regional Pitch Advisor will deliver a number of workshops throughout the season on a variety of topics.

For more information or further support surrounding the Grass Pitch Improvement Programme, please contact Adam Thurston, Football Development Manager on **07813520371** or via e-mail on adam.thurston@lincolnshirefa.com