

Pitch Improvements at Hawkins Sports FC

Chris Burton, Chairman & Groundman (June 2021)

Please find some attached some photos and information regarding my first 11 months experience in using our new equipment, funded by the Football Foundation, which has had a huge impact on the improvement of our pitches.



New Holland Tractor – I cannot fault, an ideal piece of equipment in size, power, and comfort, reducing cutting time by at least one and a half hours.

Trimax Roller Mower – has made a vast difference to our playing surface, with a neat, even cut over all our four pitches and immediate outfield.

SISIS Quadraplay – so easy to use, adjust and connect to our tractor. I am finding the tools on the Quadraplay extremely useful, especially the scarifier and brush.

Over the last thirteen months I have carried out the following operations:

May 2020 – Vertidraind all pitches.

May 2020 – Over seeded all pitches.

July 2020 onwards – weekly mowing with the Trimax Roller Mower, set at 35mm.

August 2020 – Applied a liquid weed & feed.

September 2020 – Fertilised selected areas to improve growth.

September 2020 – Shockwaved all four pitches.

September 2020 – Additional over seeding in selected areas.

May 2021 – Vertidraind all pitches.

May 2021 – Lowered the cut to 30mm, to suit the cricket outfield during their season.

May 2021 – Overseed selected areas.

John Campey from Campey Turf Care has been brilliant with all his help and advice throughout the purchase of our new equipment, and with the removal of our old equipment. I would also like to thank Glen Howard from Rigby Taylor, for all his assistance and guidance on the purchase of suitable seed and fertiliser.

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