



Pitch Improvement Workshop

Wednesday 9 March 2022 @ St. George's Park



End of Season Pitch Renovations

SUPPORT | DEVELOP | UNITE



Welcome & Introductions

- **Kevin Duffill** **Regional Pitch Advisor, Grounds Management Assoc.**
- **Andy Jackson** **Head of Grounds, Stoke City Football Club**
- **Andy Gray** **Head of Grounds & Estates, St. George's Park**
- **Kevin Staples** **Head of Delivery, Staffordshire FA**
- **Gareth Thomas** **Commercial & Partnerships Lead, Staffordshire FA**





Itinerary for the evening

- **6.30pm – 7.00pm** **Arrival Window | Tea & Coffee | Networking**
- **7.00pm – 7.15pm** **Welcome | Updates from Staffordshire FA**
- **7.15pm – 8.15pm** **FF Funding | End of Season Renovations | Q&A**
- **8.15pm – 8.30pm** **Insight from Andy Gray | Q&A**
- **8.30pm – 9.00pm** **Tour/discussions by England training pitch**
- **9.00pm** **Depart**



Objectives for the evening

- To gain a clearer understanding of the 'grass pitch revolution' in Staffordshire.
- To recap on the Football Foundation funding support which is available to clubs.
- To receive some additional advice & guidance to support your club with the planning for your end of season pitch renovations.
- To ask questions of the pitch maintenance experts in attendance.
- To network with key contacts and volunteer grounds persons from other clubs.
- To enjoy some informative insight with regards to pitch maintenance at SGP.
- To hopefully leave with some key actions for your club.



Grass pitch revolution in Staffordshire

- FA/FF National Target by 2030: 20,000 'Good' quality pitches.
- Staffordshire FA Target by Summer 2024: 198 'Good' quality pitches.
- Staffordshire FA Current Status: 105 'Good', 'High', or 'Advanced' .
- No. of Sites who have completed Pitch Power: 57 Sites.
- No. of Pitches assessed via Pitch Power: 209 Pitches.

<i>Poor Pitches</i>	<i>Basic Pitches</i>	<i>Good Pitches</i>	<i>High Pitches</i>	<i>Advanced Pitches</i>
54	50	44	20	41

- No. of priority Club Pitches remaining (min.): 89



Staffordshire FA additional support

- In addition to the detailed Pitch Power reports received from our Regional Pitch Advisor, Kevin Duffill, and the funding clubs are then able to access from the Football Foundation for contractor work, products and machinery.
- Staffordshire FA and our member clubs are also lucky to be able access additional support in the form of a site visit, via our **Support Pitch Advisor, Andy Jackson**.
- This support is available to all clubs who have accessed a Pitch Power report, but would potentially welcome a site visit from Andy to discuss their report – or any specific site issues/questions – in more detail via a face to face visit.
- For any clubs who would like to invest in a visit, email: support@staffordshirefa.com
- Website: www.staffordshirefa.com/leagues-and-clubs/grass-pitch-improvement