



**Proposed Recreational Fields Project at
Pear Tree Lane fields
Pear Tree Lane, Euxton, Chorley**

**Report on the Need for the Recreation Fields
(revised version – March 2011)**

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Need for Recreation Space in Euxton

The search for areas to supply additional leisure and community facilities was begun by Euxton Parish Council in 2000 in response to information fed back to the Council from parishioners, Councillors and later responses from a Village Questionnaire.

Recently, this need has been further recognised as a result of the high rate of house building within the Euxton area and the fall in the percentage of recreation space available for the increased number of residents (see national standards below).

1.2 Shortage of Recreation Space

The National Playing Fields Association standard adopted by Chorley Council as a guide for playing field/sports pitch provision is 1.7ha/1000 population. Using this standard, Euxton has only 21% of the recommended provision according to the Council's own assessment (see Appendix 1)*

The "Greenspace" Strategy produced by Chorley Council (see Appendix 1) has identified that Euxton has an overall provision of 1.1ha/1000 population but only 0.36ha/1000 population of it is accessible.

According to Chorley Council's own assessment (Appendix 1), the only publicly accessible** playing fields/sports pitches in Euxton are at Greenside and Princess Way. The open space at Princess Way is an open area of grass with goal posts, it has no facilities such as changing rooms, drainage for the pitches or parking.

These figures clearly identify a need for more accessible sports pitches in Euxton in order to meet the NPFA standard.

* Reference: Figure supplied by Chorley Council, Director of People and Places.

** Reference: defined by Chorley Council as 'unrestricted' i.e. publicly-owned open land.

2.0 POPULATION GROWTH

2.1 Increasing Population in the area

The Parish Council is conscious of the long term growth of Euxton and its surrounding area and the current shortage of facilities, which has become more acute as a result of the increased numbers of properties that have been built over the last 10 years. Increased house building in the area has not been matched by any corresponding increase in recreation space.

Euxton lies within the Borough of Chorley and, the Parish Council is conscious that Euxton is no longer a small village. The number of houses has expanded over recent years and the local population is set to grow further with the continued development of Buckshaw Village (much of which presently falls within the Euxton boundary) and other smaller developments within Euxton village with existing planning permission.

2.2 Housing and Population Growth

The current number of residential properties in Euxton is 4108* (see Appendix 2). This figure has increased in the last ten years by over 800 properties, and may reach 1000 by the end of 2010.

Although the last ten years has seen a significant increase in property and population figures in Euxton, the next ten years will show an escalation of this trend. The developments in the Parish which already have planning permission but have not yet been built could increase property numbers by over 1600. These developments include a further 830 on Buckshaw Village, around 770 properties on the Group 1 site and 12 properties on Wigan Road near the Railway Tavern. This represents a 39% increase on the current figure***. Once all these properties are occupied, the population of Euxton could increase from its present level of 10,000 to over 14,000 (using national occupancy figures per household of 2.51**).

The Euxton area will be subject to unprecedented growth over the next 5-10 years. In recent years, the provision of recreation space has not kept pace with the population increase and, if new provision is not made available in the near future, then the already deficient rate of provision of 21% of the NPFA standard will drop to 13% by the end of the next decade.

** Reference: Property numbers supplied by Chorley Council and are correct August 2010. 1997 - 3,015; 1998 - 3,077; 1999 - 3,170; 2000 - 3,272; 2001 - 3,357; 2002 - 3,472; 2003 - 3,575; 2004 - 3,591; 2005 - 3,679; 2006 - 3,792; 2007 - 3,855; 2008 - 3,920; 2009 - 4,011; 2010 - 4,108 (August 2010).*

*** Reference: Office of National Statistics, average occupancy levels in the Parish of Euxton using the 2001 census statistics.*

**** Reference: Property numbers supplied by Chorley Council, August 2010 (Appendix 2).*

3.0 EXISTING RECREATION PROVISION

3.1 Serviced-pitch provision

In Euxton there are only three publicly accessible playing pitches available which have changing facilities available to them. These are at Greenside and currently consist of one senior, one junior and one mini-soccer football pitches.

Greenside cannot be expanded in terms of more pitch space as it is land-locked with residential properties on three sides, and woodland and river on the fourth side.

The facilities at Greenside are adequate for the playing pitches currently in place and have the elements required for league football. However, part of the land at Greenside was until recently shown in the Local Plan for 'potential future housing development' and could still be developed. With this prospect in mind, the lease has a short release clause. If this portion of land were to be developed, this would significantly reduce the playing field provision on this site.

Under the current Local Plan this smaller piece of land is designated specifically as GN1 settlement status. Chorley Council inserted in the lease renewal to the Parish Council an additional release clause referring to “if needed for development or vacant sale”.

This portion of land is currently fully used for recreation but does not have the long term security which the rest of Greenside recreation land has i.e a designation as LT14 Public Open Space.

Seasonal booking enquiries are made with the Council each year for pitches from teams in the vicinity and beyond which cannot be accommodated. The three pitches are run by Euxton Parish Council and currently host a number of Euxton Girls FC teams and an Euxton male team called Funktion FC.

In the summer months Greenside accommodates football tournaments run by Euxton Girls, a Girls Inter-primary schools tournament, Gillibrand Warriors Junior boys tournament and friendly games, and practice sessions for Euxton Villa Football Club. It also hosts some ad-hoc summer activities run by Chorley Council Play Rangers and Get Up and Go scheme.

Map of Recreation and Playing Pitches available in the area (prepared by Euxton PC 2010)



- Reference **A**, coloured with green star - Recreation pitches with changing/toilet facilities
- Greenside, Euxton
 - Astley Park, Chorley
 - Worden Park, South Ribble
- Reference **B**, coloured with red star - Recreation space with no changing/toilet facilities
- Westway Fields, Astley Village
 - Kem Mill Lane, Whittle-le-Woods
- Reference **C**, coloured with blue star - Private club facilities, no access for the general public
- Euxton Villa Football Club, Runshaw Hall Lane, Euxton
 - Bolton Wanderers Football Club, Euxton Lane, Euxton
 - Charnock Richard Football Club, Church Lane, Charnock Richard
 - Chorley Rugby Club, Chancery Road, Euxton
- Reference **D**, coloured with purple star - Space which is not online yet
- Gillibrand playing fields, not available for use yet (season 2010/2011)
 - Buckshaw Village recreation pitch, undergoing remedial works presently not on line (season 2010/2011)
- Reference **E**, coloured with blue square - The proposed site
- Pear Tree Recreation Fields proposed site
- Circle is a 2km approximation

3.2 Analysis of Recreation and Playing Pitches available in the area (researched by Euxton Parish Council 2010) (see map above)

Reference **A**, coloured with green star - Recreation pitches with changing/toilet facilities

A1. Greenside, Euxton

Offer: Greenside has a senior sized pitch, a junior sized pitch and a mini-soccer pitch. It has changing/toilet facility building.

Current state: being used and fully booked with organised teams on match days.

Future possibilities: cannot be expanded as it is surrounded on three sides by properties, one side by a steep wooded banking down to a river. The area is split with two leases, the mini-soccer area being on a breakable lease as this is designated for future housing.

Conclusion: Greenside cannot increase its offer, it could however decrease in size if housing option is pursued.

A2. Astley Park, Chorley

Offer: Astley Park has five football pitches with a changing/toilet facility building.

Current state: being used and fully booked on match days through Chorley Council.

A3. Worden Park, South Ribble

Offer: Worden Park has 11 sports pitches with a changing/toilet facility building.

Current state: being used, bookings through South Ribble Borough Council.

Reference **B**, coloured with red star - Recreation space with no changing/toilet facilities

B1. Westway Fields, Astley Village

Offer: Westway Fields in Astley Village are informal playing pitches with no facilities.

B2. Kem Mill Lane, Whittle-le-Woods

Offer: Fields off Kem Mill Lane are informal playing pitches with no facilities.

Reference **C**, coloured with blue star - Private club facilities, no access for the general public

These private club facilities do not give a public offer.

C1. Euxton Villa Football Club, Runshaw Hall Lane, Euxton

C2. Bolton Wanderers Football Club, Euxton Lane, Euxton

C3. Charnock Richard Football Club, Church Lane, Charnock Richard

C4. Chorley Rugby Club, Chancery Road, Euxton

Reference **D**, coloured with purple star - Space which is not online yet

D1. Gillibrand playing fields, not available for use yet (season 2010/2011)

Offer: Gillibrand playing fields have been constructed but are not available yet (checked for season 2010/2011). They will have access to changing facilities, when available, which are attached to a community centre building.

Current state: not available.

Future possibilities:

The football fields which have been created at Gillibrand, as part of the whole development, comprise of two senior sized and one pitch which can be used for senior or junior. These will not be available to be played on, or booked for play until the 2011/2012. Gillibrand Warriors has 10 teams and supports junior boys teams in three different leagues from under 8's to under 16's with a total membership of approximately 150 children. Currently they are spread over four different venues for matches, another for training and others for tournaments.

D2. Buckshaw Village recreation pitch, undergoing remedial works presently not on line (season 2010/2011)

Offer: These are relatively new facilities on Buckshaw Village. They do not lie within the Euxton boundary but within the Whittle-le-Woods boundary presently. There are one senior and one junior grass pitch, supported by changing facilities, and an astroturf area for practicing.

Current state: The management company, RMG, are carrying out remedial works on the pitches and the pitches are not available for anyone to rent for the 2010/2011 season.

Reference **E**, coloured with blue square - The proposed site

E1. Pear Tree Recreation Fields proposed site

Red circle is an approximate 2km perimeter line.

3.3 Analysis summary

Chorley Council has in total throughout the borough 16 football and two rugby pitches but only eight football and one rugby pitch are supported by changing facilities (five football at Astley Park, three football and one rugby pitch at King Georges, Adlington). Other areas such as at Westway are informal and do not have any facilities. (Figures courtesy of Chorley Council Sports Development Officer, August 2010).

The other main football facility in Euxton is Euxton Villa FC. This is a private club based off Runshaw Hall Lane, also on Green Belt land, but which has additional facilities such as a social club and license. Being a private club it does not host other Football Club's teams. Euxton Villa FC currently runs 16 teams, of varying age groups, in male football leagues, using its three senior sized pitches and one junior sized pitch. Some of its games are played at other venues. It informs it has capacity to create one Girls team, but could not accommodate all 9 teams from the other large local club, Euxton Girls FC.

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4.0 LOCAL DEMAND

4.1 Organised Football - League Requirements

To be accepted for organised league football, teams are required to have a nominated home ground and secure changing facilities with showers, toilet facilities and referee accommodation. This rules out the use of informal open space and playing areas due to the lack of facilities.

4.2 Girls/Women Teams

*Football is now the most popular sport for women in the country with the number of girl's/women's teams dramatically growing over recent years. Lancashire currently has over two hundred Girls and Women's football teams who participate across five different leagues within the County.

**The 'West Lancashire Girls Football League', is the largest Girls Football League in the England.

***Women's and girls' football continues to grow with more players competing in affiliated competition than any other female team sport. There has been an increase in the number of players, clubs, leagues and competitions since 1993; the number of players has increased from 10,400 to over 150,000 today.

Sport England's Active People survey in 2008 highlighted that 260,000 women and 1.1 million girls play some form of football in England. There are 26 million females playing across the world, of which 4.1 million are playing affiliated football – this is a 54 per cent growth since the year 2000 (FIFA Big Count 2006).

**Reference: Lancashire Football Association website quote July'10 (Appendix 3)*

***Reference: West Lancashire Girls Football League website July'10 (Appendix 4)*

****Reference: The Football Association website quote August'10 (Appendix 5)*

4.3 Euxton Girls Football Club (see Appendices 6 & 7)

Euxton Girls FC is a large, local Euxton club which has 9 competition League teams and one development squad with many members coming from Euxton.

Euxton Girls FC has grown considerably since it was founded in 2002 and now has 10 teams actively playing in leagues throughout the North West of England. The club caters for girls from the age of 8 through to 17 years of age and has a membership of around 150 players.

The need for good quality pitches for match play has always been a problem and is even more of an issue as it has a high number of teams actively competing. This has

led to an increased need for pitches with access to toilets / changing facilities to ensure that the girls both from Euxton Girls and the visiting teams have the necessary facilities for a safe and enjoyable game of football.

It is now accepted that we need to encourage all members of the community to take part in regular exercise and this drive towards a healthy lifestyle needs to start with our young people. It is also a statistical fact that teenage girls are the most difficult group to engage in sport and exercise. This is particularly the case in Chorley and District where the uptake of sport and exercise by women and girls is among the lowest in the UK (source: Women's Sports and Fitness Foundation: <http://wsff.org.uk> as quoted in Euxton Girls FC Appendix 6 & 7). This is why the provision of facilities and access to sport provided by Euxton Girls FC is so important.

Euxton Girls training for all teams takes place on the astro-turf pitches at Buckshaw Village and Holy Cross High School which are outside of Euxton. One of the aims of the club has been to secure sufficient access to pitches to play matches in the village of Euxton where the club was founded.

All League matches have to be played on grass pitches. This is a specific requirement of the leagues the various teams play in (this is also the case for boys and men's football).

The Greenside facility is shared with a local men's team who use the full sized pitch. The two pitches currently used by Euxton Girls FC can be used for 9 a side or 7 a side matches respectively and therefore can only cater for the teams from Under 9 up to the Under 15 age groups. This requires the under 16 and 17 teams to play outside the area as they are struggling to have match day facilities in Euxton or even Chorley.

This problem aside, there are still not enough pitches for all the Euxton Girls FC teams to play matches on Saturdays and Sundays in the village (see tables below & Appendix 6). Matches cannot usually be played on weekdays during the season because the teams are run solely by volunteers who work and the girls are at school and college during the daytime. Matches can only therefore be played during the evenings and as this is a winter sport evening matches are only possible in September and April.

The only facility for the older teams playing at 11 a side (like most of the male football clubs) was secured by widening the search to Leyland. The 2010/11 season has two older teams playing on Wellfield High Schools playing fields on Sunday and if they can make a pitch available on Saturday.

Euxton Girls Football Club feels the current situation is far from satisfactory and it has long been their aim to have good quality grass pitches with changing and toilet facilities for all their teams in one location in Euxton. They feel that the development proposed by Euxton Parish Council is essential to meet the current demand for sports facilities not just in Euxton but in the whole Borough of Chorley. The proposed facility will ensure that access to sport and exercise for local residents will be readily available and that the future of Euxton Girls FC and its continuing growth can be accommodated.

The teams are split in age groups from Under 10's, up to and including 18 year olds. Presently, because of the number of teams Euxton Girls FC run, it has no one home base and matches have to be played split over a number of venues and out of area as follows:

Under 10's Team Greenside, Euxton
 Under 11's Team Greenside, Euxton
 Under 12's Team Astley Park, Chorley
 Under 13's Team Greenside, Euxton
 Under 13's Team Greenside, Euxton (occasionally at Primrose Hill)
 Under 14's Team Greenside, Euxton
 Under 15's Team Greenside, Euxton
 Under 16s Team Wellfield High School, Leyland
 Under 18's Team Astley Park, Chorley
 Development squad train on Buckshaw Village astro turf area

For the continued development and growth of Euxton Girls Football Club a single base for them to train and play on would be invaluable.

Venues investigated by Euxton Girls FC & responses given by the Schools concerned 2010 (see table below)

Enquiry	Availability	Suitability
Balshaw Lane Primary	Will not allow any community use of their playing fields by football teams or other sports providers.	
Primrose Hill Primary	Will allow the use of their pitch - suitable for 7 a side matches.	The school will not open for access to toilet facilities.
Euxton CE Primary		Does have small pitches for 7 a side matches but these are poorly drained and cannot be used between October and March. Toilet facilities are not available
Euxton RC Primary		Does have small pitches for 7 a side matches but these are poorly drained and cannot be used between October and March. Toilet facilities are not available
Buckshaw Primary, AV		No toilet/changing facilities
Buckshaw Village, BV	Not available for 2010/2011 season due to remedial works on the pitches.	

Parklands, Chorley	Refused permission for Euxton Girls FC to use their fields at weekends.	
St Michael's, Chorley	Refused permission for Euxton Girls FC to use their fields at weekends.	
Southlands, Chorley	Fully booked with boys teams at the weekends. EGFC are on a waiting list for any pitches that may become available at both venues.	
Holy Cross, Chorley	Fully booked with boys teams at the weekends. EGFC are on a waiting list for any pitches that may become available at both venues.	
Albany High School, Chorley	Refused permission for Euxton Girls FC to use their fields at weekends.	
Astley Park, Chorley	Only been able to secure one playing pitch this season for 9-a-side	Has access to toilets and changing facilities.

5.0 SUMMARY

Euxton Parish Council has been looking to provide additional recreation space in the village since 2000. Since that time the population has continued to grow without any matching recreation space provision. The Parish is now faced with an even larger population increase over the next 5-10 years (10,000 – 14,000+) which, without new facilities, will leave the area severely deficient in recreation space provision compared with national standards

This report has analysed the existing recreation provision in detail and highlighted its deficiencies. In particular it has illustrated the strength of demand for girls/ladies football which has no facilities of the required standard available at the present time.

The Parish Council has been offered two fields (the subject of this planning application) by the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA, formerly English Partnerships) for use a recreation area, subject to planning permission being obtained. It has no other land options available to it at present and in its ten years of searching has found no other possibilities which could be earmarked for the future. This offer therefore represents a very significant opportunity.

It is the Parish Council's objective to provide as much recreation space as it can for its residents. This project, if approved, will be rolled out over the short-medium term as funds become available to pay for the elements within it.

The Parish Council is looking to the future with this project. The plans as drawn have endeavoured to maximum the provision of playing fields, changing facilities and parking on the site without damaging the local environment. It is, however, flexible

enough to accommodate any grass sports and activities, particularly as alternatives uses during the summer months.

6.0 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Communication History

Euxton Parish Council has carried out extensive consultation with the village on this project and this is all evidenced in a document entitled; '**Communication History**'. This document is available electronically on request from Euxton Parish Council or can be viewed on its website: www.euxtoncouncil.org.uk under the project of 'Pear Tree Greens' project.

Public Consultation Process

Euxton Parish Council had a drop in consultation session for this project in June 2010 with associated feedback mechanisms. The promotion and material for this event is contained in the Communication History document mentioned above but, the Feedback Report following the Public Consultation Event is entitled; '**Consultation Response**'. This document is available electronically on request from Euxton Parish Council or can be viewed on its website: www.euxtoncouncil.org.uk under the project of 'Pear Tree Greens' project.

Specialist Survey Reports

Euxton Parish Council has carried a number of technical surveys conducted by specialist contractors recommended by a planning consultant. These document titles are listed below together with the consultants' name and the subject of the study. These documents are available electronically on request from Euxton Parish Council or can be viewed on its website: www.euxtoncouncil.org.uk under the project of 'Pear Tree Greens' project.

Survey	Company
Tree Survey	OMC
Transport Statement	Singleton Clamp
Interim Travel Plan	Singleton Clamp
Topographical	Survey & Design
Geoenvironmental Report	Sub Soil Consultancy
Geoenvironmental Reports EDR	Sub Soil Consultancy
Geoenvironmental Reports GEO	Sub Soil Consultancy
Geoenvironmental Reports HIS Large	Sub Soil Consultancy
Geoenvironmental Reports HIS Small	Sub Soil Consultancy
Ecological Assessment Main text	TEP
Ecological Assessment Appendix 1	TEP
Ecological Assessment Appendix 2	TEP
Ecological Assessment Appendix 3	TEP
Ecological Assessment Appendix 4	TEP
Ecological Assessment Habitat	TEP
Amphibian Survey	TEP
Pitch Report	ADAS

APPENDIX 1

From: Jamie Carson
Sent: 28 July 2008 16:59
To: Cllr Debra Platt
Subject: FW: PPG17 - Sports facilities

Hi Debra

I hope this helps your business case ... in a nutshell Euxton has only 21% of the playing fields/sports pitches you would wish to see using the National Playing Fields Association's '6 Acre Standard' ... see email below.

Regards

Jamie

Jamie Carson

Corporate Director (People)

Chorley Council

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-----Original Message-----

From: Katherine Howarth
Sent: 25 July 2008 14:50
To: Debbie Johnson
Subject: FW: PPG17 - Sports facilities

Debbie

We are currently still using the NPFA figures to calculate open space requirements. The aim of the Greenspace Strategy was to assess existing provision and what needs there are in the Borough in order to identify new standards, which would be used to produce a new Open Space Supplementary Planning Document. However, the work did not provide enough information on needs and on what new standards we should use therefore more work needs to be done before we can devise new standards.

The NPFA standard for playing fields/sports pitches is 1.7ha/1000 population. The Greenspace Strategy identified that Euxton has a provision of 1.1ha/1000 pop but only 0.36ha/1000 pop are accessible. The only accessible playing fields/sports pitches in Euxton are at Greenside and Princess Way. These figures therefore suggest that more accessible sports pitches are needed in Euxton in order to meet the NPFA standard.

Hope this helps.

Katherine

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APPENDIX 2

----- Original Message -----

From: Mike Harkins

To: Euxton Parish Council

Sent: Thursday, August 05, 2010 10:24 AM

Subject: RE: some figures

Hi Debra

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2010 - 4,108 (August)

Hope this is OK.

Mike

APPENDIX 3

This is the Football Association's website front page for Women & Girls Football - comments quoted are first three paragraphs.

<http://www.lancashirefa.com/Development/WomenAndGirls/>

TheFA.com - Women's and Girls' Football - Mozilla Firefox


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http://www.thefa.com/GetIntoFootball/Players/PlayerPages/WomenAndGirls

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England | The FA Cup & Competitions | The FA | **Get Into Football** | Leagues | Ticketing | FATV | England Stars

Football School Football | News & Features | FA Learning | Referees | Coaches | Referees | Parents & Volunteers | Health Specialists & Medical | School | Club | County FAs

Women's and Girls' Football

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Over 20,000 females have successfully obtained FA coaching qualifications (including 150 Level 3 - UEFA 'B' - coaches) and full-time women's Football Development Officers (FDO) are now employed across the country. These 57 FDOs have had their contracts extended until the end of June 2012. Women's football has a well-regarded player pathway and a strong Centre of Excellence infrastructure. The number of national players emerging from these Centres is evidence of their success.

The number of female referees has increased by 21 per cent and The FA launched a specific Female Referees Strategy and Female Ambassador scheme.



Women's and Girls' Football

Related Articles

- FA statement: Women's Super League
- FA Girls' Centres of Excellence - Contacts

Related Links

- News & Features
- FA Girls' Centres Of Excellence
- History of women's football
- Women's and Girls' Development Officers
- Women's and Girls' Strategy

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APPENDIX 4

This is the website for the Lancashire County FA. The paragraphs quoted are the first two paragraphs.

<http://www.thefa.com/GetIntoFootball/Players/PlayersPages/WomensAndGirls>



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Lancashire County FA website. The browser's address bar shows the URL: <http://www.lancashirefa.com/Development/WomenAndGirls/>. The website header features the Lancashire County FA crest and the text "Lancashire County FA" with the tagline "DEVELOPING FOOTBALL FOR EVERYONE". A navigation menu includes links for Home, About Us, Development, Governance, Fixtures & Results, GetIntoFootball, News, and Members. The main content area is titled "DEVELOPMENT" with the subtitle "take your skills to the next level". The page is specifically for "Women and Girls".

Women and Girls

Football is now the most popular sport for women in the country, with the number of girl's teams dramatically growing over recent years.

Lancashire currently has over two hundred Girls and Women's football teams who participate across five different leagues within the County. Links to all Women's and Girls Leagues within Lancashire can be found to the right of the page.

Throughout the year Lancashire FA organise and develops a variety of opportunities for females of all ages to participate within football and provides support to clubs, players, coaches and volunteers through:

- Club Development
- Female only coaching courses
- Goalkeeping courses
- FA Girls Centre of Excellence based at Blackburn Rovers FC
- FA Charter Standard
- Football For All
- Lancashire Youth Games
- Coaching Days
- Women Only Higher Level Coaching Scheme

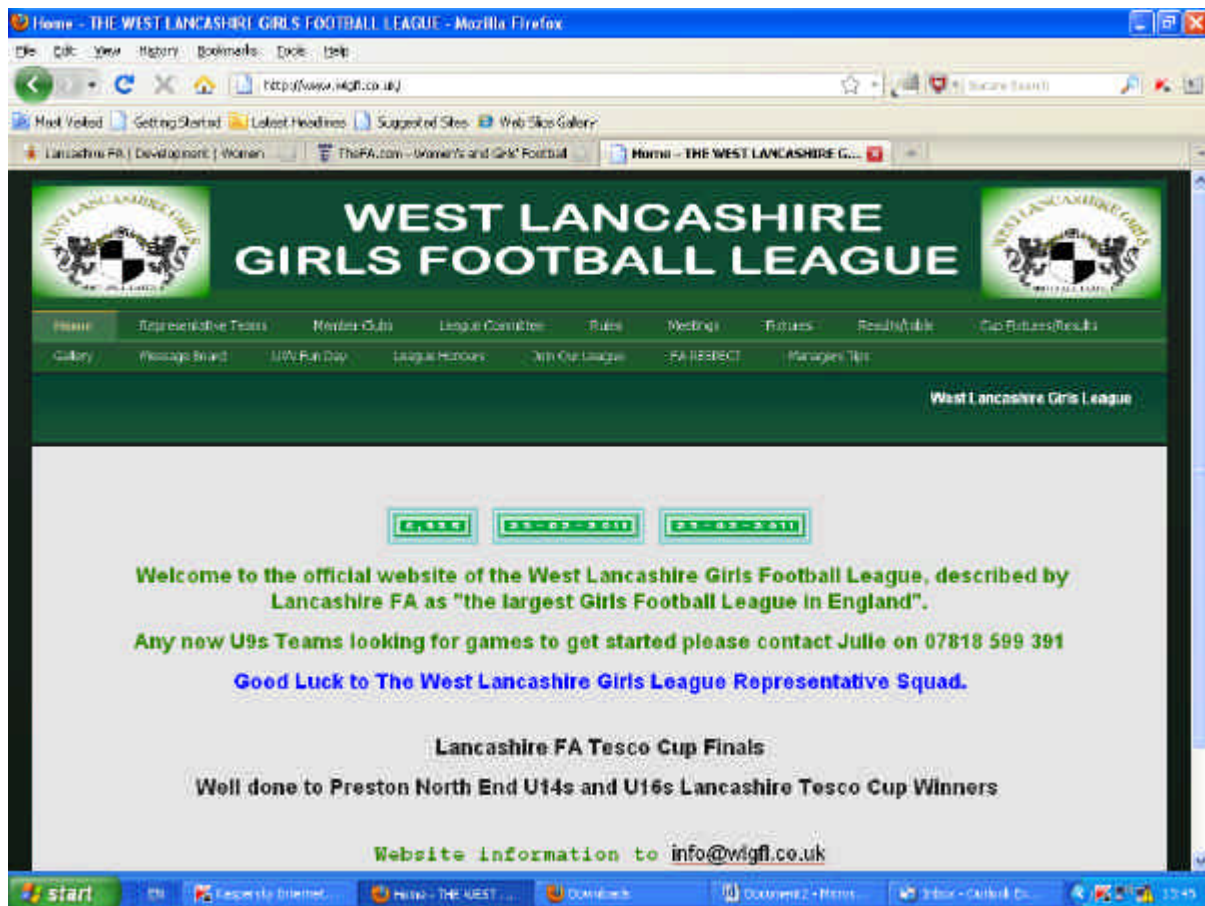
Related Links

- Find A Club
- Lancashire FA Women's County League
- Bolton & Bury Girls League
- North Valley Girls League
- West Lancashire Girls League
- Wigan & District Girls League

APPENDIX 5

This is the website for the West Lancashire Girls Football League comment quoted was the first paragraph on this site

<http://www.wlglf.co.uk/>





Euxton Girls Football Club

Chorley Community Club of the year 2007

Secretary: Mr. Dennis Winn, 13 Limes Avenue, Euxton, W- Chorley, PR7 6BJ.
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To Secretary,
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All League matches are required to be played on grass pitches, as this is a requirement of the leagues, which the various teams play in (this is also the case for boys and men's football).

The Greenside facility is shared with local men's team who use the full sized pitch. The two pitches currently used by Euxton Girls FC can be used for 9 a side or 7 a

Members of the Lancashire Football Association, Lancashire Girls League, West Lancashire Girls League and Bolton & Bury Junior League

side matches respectively and therefore can only cater for the teams from Under 9 up to the Under 15 age groups. This requires the under 16 and 17 teams to play outside the area as they are struggling to have match day facilities in Euxton and even Chorley.

This problem aside there are still not enough pitches for all the other teams which play matches on Saturdays and Sundays. Matches cannot usually be played on weekdays during the season because the teams are run purely by volunteers who work and the girls are at school and college during the daytime. Therefore matches can only be played during the evenings and as this is a winter sport evening matches are only possible in September and April.

The only facility for the older teams playing at 11 a side (like most of the male football clubs) was secured by widening the search to Leyland. The 2010/11 season has two older teams playing on Wellfield High Schools playing fields on Sunday and if they can make a pitch available on Saturday.

Euxton Girls Football Club feels the current situation is far from satisfactory and it has long been their aim to locate good quality grass pitches with changing and toilet facilities for all their teams in one location in Euxton. They feel that the development proposed by Euxton Parish Council is essential to meet the current demand for sports facilities not just in Euxton but in the whole Borough of Chorley. The proposed facility will ensure that access to sport and exercise for local residents will be readily available and that the future of Euxton Girls FC and its continuing growth can be accommodated.

The teams are split in age groups from Under 10's, up to and including 18 year olds.

Presently, because of the number of teams Euxton Girls FC run, it has no one home base and matches have to be played split over a number of venues and out of area.

Under 10's Team Greenside, Euxton
 Under 11's Team Greenside, Euxton
 Under 12's Team Astley Park, Chorley
 Under 13's Team Greenside, Euxton
 Under 13's Team Greenside, Euxton (occasionally at Primrose Hill)
 Under 14's Team Greenside, Euxton
 Under 15's Team Greenside, Euxton
 Under 16s Team Wellfield High School, Leyland
 Under 18's Team Astley Park, Chorley
 Development squad train on Buckshaw Village astro turf area
 From January 2011 we are introducing a new under 9 team.

For the continued development and growth of Euxton Girls Football Club a single base for them to train and play on would be invaluable.

Venues investigated by Euxton Girls FC (see table below)

Enquiry	Availability	Suitability
Balshaw Lane	Will not allow any community use of their	

Primary	playing fields by football teams or other sports providers.	
Primrose Hill Primary	Will allow the use of their pitch, suitable for 7 a side matches.	The school will not open for access to toilet facilities.
Euxton CE Primary		Do have small pitches for 7 a side matches but these are poorly drained and cannot be used between October and March. Toilet facilities are not available
Euxton RC Primary		Do have small pitches for 7 a side matches but these are poorly drained and cannot be used between October and March. Toilet facilities are not available
Buckshaw Primary, AV		No toilet/changing facilities
Buckshaw Village, BV	Not available for 2010/2011 season due to remedial works on the pitches.	
Parklands, Chorley	Refused Euxton Girls FC when asked if their fields could be used at the weekends.	
St Michael's, Chorley	Refused Euxton Girls FC when asked if their fields could be used at the weekends.	
Southlands, Chorley	Rully booked with boys teams at the weekends. We are on a waiting list for any pitches that may become available at both venues.	
Holy Cross, Chorley	Fully booked with boys teams at the weekends. We are on a waiting list for any pitches that may become available at both venues.	
Albany High School, Chorley	Refused Euxton Girls FC when asked if their fields could be used at the weekends.	
Astley Park, Chorley	Only been able to secure one playing pitch this season for 9-a-side	Has access to toilets and changing facilities.

Yours sincerely



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APPENDIX 7

This is the website for the 'Women's Sport and Fitness Foundation' as referenced in Euxton Girls Football Club letter, Appendix 6 above.

<http://www.wsff.org.uk>

A report referred to in Appendix 6 entitled, "Investigating reasons for sports drop-out amongst women and girls" is linked here

http://www.wsff.org.uk/sites/wsff.org.uk/files/summary_report.pdf

The image consists of two screenshots. The top screenshot shows a web browser displaying the 'Teenage drop out' page on the Women's Sport and Fitness Foundation website. The page features a navigation menu, a search bar, and a main heading 'Teenage drop out'. Below the heading, there is a 'Case Studies' section with a sub-heading 'For many sports, retaining women and girls in sport provides a different and unique challenge'. The page also includes a 'Download report' button and a 'Related publications' section. The bottom screenshot shows a PDF document titled 'summary_report.pdf' in Adobe Reader. The document has a header with the Women's Sport and Fitness Foundation logo and the title 'Investigating reasons for sports drop-out amongst women and girls'. The 'Introduction' section states: 'Nine National Governing Bodies of Sport (NGBs), have, alongside Sport England, targeted reducing the number of 16 to 18 year olds leaving their sport. For many sports, retaining women and girls in sport provides a different and unique challenge'. It also mentions that WSFF commissioned the Futures Company to carry out a definitive piece of research to identify key reasons for sports drop-out and identify further interventions. The research was designed to gain a deeper insight around drivers and barriers to participation amongst a key group of 16 to 19 year old girls as well as understanding sport-specific motivations. The research was qualitative in nature, encompassing focus groups, diaries and depth interviews with both lapsed and current participants in the following sports: Tennis, Football, Rugby Union, Rugby League, Badminton, Hockey, Netball and Basketball. Participants played the sport at least once a week in some sort of organised fashion (i.e. Member of a club, the school team etc.). Full methodology is included at the end of this document.

A report referred to in Appendix 6 entitled, "Women's sport participation" is linked here

<http://wsff.org.uk/sites/wsff.org.uk/files/sportparticipation240111.pdf>

