



Press Release

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Sutton United FC awarded funding to revamp football facilities

People living in the London Borough of Sutton are set to benefit from fresh investment into local football facilities. Sutton United have been awarded a grant from the Premier League, The FA and Government's Football Foundation, to install a community pavilion their stadium in Gander Green Lane.

The Football Foundation is the UK's largest sports charity and exists to improve the experience of playing football for everyone, by championing fair access to quality facilities.

This grant will enable Sutton United, which now plays in EFL League 2, to offer the chance to local people, especially young players, to play football each week from quality, secure surroundings.

Players will be able to enjoy the new pavilion with changing rooms, toilets and catering facilities which will represent a significant improvement on the existing absence of any dedicated facilities serving Collingwood Recreation Ground. Moreover the intention has always been to make the pavilion available to the local community for a wide range of activities.

Sutton United worked with the Football Foundation and the Surrey County FA to secure a £491,063 grant towards the project.

Mick Joyce, a director at Sutton United said: "This project has been a long time in coming to fruition and I'd like to thank everyone involved in getting us to this stage. We are extremely grateful to the Football Foundation for their generous grant, without which this exciting project could not go ahead."

Robert Sullivan, Chief Executive of the Football Foundation, said: **"This grant award to Sutton United towards developing their new community pavilion is great news for the local community.**

"It will support people's ability to play our national game locally and therefore help unlock football's many benefits to physical and mental wellbeing. That's why we're committed to transforming the face of grassroots football facilities in this country. It's therefore very welcome news to hear that this funding will



support Sutton United in developing a sporting and social hub for their local community.

“The Football Foundation is working closely with our partners – the Premier League, The FA, government and Sport England – support facility development projects like this across the country over the next decade to transform our grassroots game and unlock the power of pitches.”

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About the Football Foundation

The Premier League, The FA and Government’s Football Foundation is the largest sports charity in the UK. It champions and supports fair access to quality football facilities for everyone, regardless of gender, race, disability or place.

The Foundation receives money from the Premier League, The FA and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, through Sport England. This is matched with partnership funding and awarded as grants to create outstanding grassroots facilities that enable better games and attract more players, helping to transform communities.

Since 2000, it has awarded more than 21,860 grants to improve facilities worth more than £813m – including 996 artificial grass pitches, 9,612 natural grass pitches and 1,258 changing facilities. This has attracted an additional £1bn of partnership funding – totalling over £1.8bn investment in grassroots football so far.

Through the Foundation, the Premier League, The FA, DCMS and Sport England have come together to create Local Football Facility Plans for every area in England. They identify priority projects where demand is greatest, and the impact will be strongest. They will guide work and stimulate the action required to deliver them over the next 10 years to transform many more local facilities.

Visit footballfoundation.org.uk for more information on the Foundation.