



Borden Sports Association



Annual Report May 2023

Borden Sports Association continues to host both village football and cricket teams whom play at the Playstool sports field through their respective seasons.

Thanks must go to the sports committee consisting of Roger Pudner, Kevin Smith, David Roche and Knocker Williams who commit their free time to the running of this group. A special recognition is extended to Roger and Kevin who work tirelessly each week on the pavilion infrastructure and sports field ensuring the playing pitches are at the high standard required for their respective matches. Without the commitment of these gentlemen a sports programme at Borden would not be possible.

The men's football team which play on Saturdays had an exceptional year winning the Kent County League Premier Division title, the highest position the club has held in the entire history of Borden Village Football Club. Whilst credit goes to the entire squad a special mention must be made of the two managers. Conner Twomey and Matt Rowe's stalwart dedication and managerial direction has driven the team to the successful place achieved. The premier title is testament to their commitment and hard work.

Full details of the coming season adult matches, once scheduled will be found on the website: - <https://www.bordenvillagefc.co.uk/>

The football under eights team play in the Medway District Youth League. This is a non-competitive Sunday morning league side with fixtures being played on the newly formed smaller lower Playstool pitch. Appreciation must go to Sam Stone whose tireless commitment encouraging sport at this young age is to be applauded. The team move up to under nines next season with home games still being played on Sunday mornings.

The Sunday league cricket side had an excellent season with numerous wins and points gained. They finished runners up in the Kent Village League Division 3 and look forward to a competitive season this year.

The Saturday cricket side continue to play occasional friendly matches due to the lack of numbers available and are always looking for new players to bolster the side. It is hoped that should players be forthcoming then a team will be developed to enter into one of the local Saturday Kent leagues.

The cricket statistics & club information particularly for new interested players can be viewed at www.borden.play-cricket.com

Anyone interested in playing regular cricket is asked to contact the cricket section via the details on the website.

I would like to thank the monthly 'Knit and Natter' group whom use the pavilion for their regular meetings. Wendy Walters-Wills of that gathering does an excellent job of giving the pavilion a deep clean each time which is a service much appreciated.

The Parish Council is to be thanked for installing new showers in the changing rooms as the existing ones were from the original 1980's build and were in desperate need of an upgrade. The opportunity was also taken to install a cost saving kitchen water heating system for the benefit of the numerous users taking advantage of this asset.

As the pavilion is now used for meetings by several local groups it was obvious that the lack of a heating system had an adverse effect on the welfare of attendees. The Parish Council thankfully subsidised a new air condition heating system which was installed to rectify this shortfall.

To ensure new heating costs will be reduced and with a view to reducing our carbon footprint a successful grant application was obtained from Councillors Baldock and Hampshire for loft installation which was installed by the committee.

The committee continue to be fully committed to maintain this excellent parish sports facility and with the continued grateful assistance of the Parish Council the future appears positive.

Clive Sims
Chairman
Borden Sports Association