



Borden Sports Association



Annual Report May 2022

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

The football team which play on Saturdays in the Andreas Carter Kent County League Premier Division witness the team 8th in the league table. This was an exceptional turnaround from January which saw them in the relegation zone and the then manager leaving the side. The football committee rallied with the new management and coupled with the determination of the players the team progressed back up the league to their final position which is a credit to all involved.

Full details of the coming season matches, once scheduled will be found on the website <http://bordenvillagefc.hitssports.com/default.aspx>

The Sunday cricket side which plays in the Kent Village League Division 3 also witnessed their season disrupted due to Covid 19. They were able to play most matches during that season ending 3rd in that league although were unable to provide full changing facilities and teas due to the Covid restrictions. This new cricket 2022/23 season begins in May and hopefully will witness a full return to normal matches and facilities with all matches this year being completed.

The Saturday cricket side will play occasional friendly matches as they are in need of players to build a team to enter an appropriate league. 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 stats & 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.

The wooden windows and doors of the pavilion have been renewed with PVC replacements this year due to the frames rotting and deterioration of the doors as being part of the original build 35 years ago. This was kindly financed by the Parish Council as landlords of the property.

The main room has been supplied with new tables and chairs by the Parish Council so that a meetings facility is available for all within this building asset. It is worthy of note that since the introduction of this furniture, the nine months has seen twenty five meetings of Parish Council business alone, which includes their sub-committees and groups, being held in this facility.

The William Barrow's Charity kindly purchased a large outside storage container for use by the Sports Association during this period. The association allow the Borden Fete Committee to store their numerous items at the premises thus creating a storage space problem which has been alleviated by this latest requisition.

The sports committee, whom are all volunteers, continue to work extremely hard in maintaining the sports field and pavilion for the pleasure of all to enjoy. They would like to place on record their thanks and appreciation for the continued support of the Parish Council whom without such backing these sports facilities would not be available to the parishioners of Borden both players and spectators alike.

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