



# ECCLES RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Founded 1897

## 2021/2022 AGM GROUNDS & PAVILLION REPORT

It would not be possible to deliver a AGM G&P report and not first mention the massive loss of our Ground and Pavilion Chair of 25 years, Ted Nicholls, who did the whole lot virtually since he retired from work in 1997, along with the mountains of other stuff he did including big contribution to our club ethos.

Thanks also go to all the Thursday volunteers, BG, Tunny, Henryk, Simon H, Benty , MP, MD, Larry and Marie when she can be bothered to turn up and make lunch! Thanks to James and others for all work done in my absence and to Martin Parkinson for taking on his new roll of Buildings Manager. Sincere thanks to Marie for dedicated Bar Manager service and all the other stuff she attends to.

In review of the past 12 months -

- Following the 21 AGM the planning application for canopy and pergola was submitted to Salford Council. Thanks to Sean Monaghan and Lewis Wilky. Prices obtained for steelwork and roof cladding. Various options considered and researched.
- Additional gates installed, concrete aprons with integral speed bumps installed in stone car park and new paths created which have all improved safety.
- Second LED Floodlight head installed.
- Extra camera security fitted. All the above funded by crowdfunding.
- Bar cellar cooler condenser unit replaced due to noise issues with neighbour, thanks to Seward's for their contribution on top of their sponsorship.

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- Alarm system updated with new panel.
- Roof leak and mystery smell appear to be resolved.
- Flower garden opened in competition to RHS Bridgewater.
- The Pitches are in the best condition in the 50 years I've been coming down. Probably the best condition since 1948. Lack of use through covid has played a big part but the long-term regime has also contributed. The new seed is taking well. Heywood Road now copying our seed choice this year following our pitches performance. Vertidrainning and shockwaving (de consolidation procedures) programmed for later this year.
- New five year Astro maintenance programme of 3 monthly visits started now that the maintenance programme that came with the new installation has expired (same contractor). Still needs some brushing from us and MD's invaluable housekeeping and vigilance regime (now in its 18th year).
- Stone Car Park and Overflow Car Park have been reviewed with the council. MD to advise.

Looking ahead to this summer, I plan to bring machine on to stone car park (again, but optimistic this time) to regrade and compact to reduce puddling and to improve stub road into field. Outside lighting is to be attended to by Martin and Patio area development to be advised.

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