

Soham Village College Playing Fields

January 2023

3G Pitch Working Group



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Who are we?

Soham Village College has come together with local football teams in Soham; Soham Town Rangers, Soham Town Youth and Soham United. We have a shared ambition to bring a full size 3G football pitch to the town. We are working with Cambridgeshire Football Association and the Football Foundation to secure partnership funding towards this project.



Why a 3G pitch?

A full size 3G pitch will provide a fun, safe place for sporting activities and crucially will provide equal opportunity for all people in our community to play football. It will mean students at the College have access to state of the art facilities all year round. Due to the growth of football teams in Soham, clubs are finding it a challenge to find enough grass space to play matches and train. A 3G pitch will relieve the pressure on grass pitches, reduce the carbon footprint and financial burden of travelling further afield to play.



The Project

Soham Village College Playing Fields has been identified as a priority project for investment via the Local Football Facility Plan. Partnership funding could be available from the Football Foundation, which is funded by The Premier League and DCMS, following a successful application.

With 25+ football teams in the town, catering for youth and adult inclusive football, Soham desperately needs investment into sports facilities. Most grass areas are already being heavily used, which in turn impacts the quality of the grass pitches.

This is a fantastic opportunity to ensure a high quality sports facility can be accessed by the community of Soham and the surrounding area.



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The playing fields at Soham Village College are a perfect site to house a 3G football pitch. Which will be able to host football training and matches for male, female and disabled groups of all ages and abilities.

Our community is in great need of new sports facilities, and Soham in particular has enough demand to warrant this investment, which will be an incredible addition to our town.

How will it work?

We need to apply to the Football Foundation for partner funding. Soham Village College with the support of our local clubs are hoping to raise enough funds to bring this project to fruition.

Soham Village College will be responsible for the operational delivery of the site. The Soham Village College 3G Pitch Working Group is responsible for raising partner funding to support an application to the Football Foundation for a capital grant to secure the new facility.

We have full support from Soham Town Council and local councillors.



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How much do we need to raise?

 **£125,000**

Minimum target

How are we going to do it?

SOCIAL MEDIA

Social Media Campaign
Go Fund Me Page

FOOTBALL CLUBS

Task each youth football team from
each club to raise £1000

FUNDING

Funding opportunities via Local
Authorities for community projects

Community / sports grants

COMMUNITY

(bake sales, bag packing, car
washing, raffles etc)

DONATIONS

If you would like to make a donation please contact:
Ross Knappett, Facilities Manager for Staploe Education Trust,
email RKnappett@staploeeducationtrust.org.uk or Tel 01353 724100

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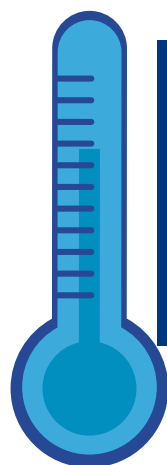
We need your help!

To bring this project to life, we're asking the whole community in Soham to get involved. This is a facility for all to use and will be a huge asset to the town for years to come.

We're turning a dream into reality and would love you to get involved in our fundraising activities, which will provide a fantastic facility in Soham and bring people to the town to enjoy all we have to offer.



How can you help?



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Soham Village College, Soham Town Rangers, Soham Town Youth, Soham United and the Soham Village College 3G Pitch Working Group are committed to this project and have a social media campaign, we will engage our football teams in fundraising, and apply for additional grants. However, we really would like our whole community to have the opportunity of being part of this fantastic initiative.

We need help in gaining donations from local businesses and organisations to help us to achieve our target. This facility is much needed in our town and will provide so much fulfilment to so many people, positively impacting lives in our town.

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FOOTBALL PITCH AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!**



We need to raise....

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- ✓ First class facility
- ✓ Access for all players
- ✓ Football for the town
- ✓ Maintain grass areas
- ✓ Provide a safe space for everyone to enjoy sport

Are you a local business that would like to donate to the 3G project?

Do you want to help raise money for the local community?

Do you have any expertise in fundraising for projects?

Would you like to donate to the project?

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