

TANDRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL - APPLICATION FOR A RENTAL GRANT SUBSIDY

please complete and return this form, together with your organisation's financial accounts for the last two years (i.e. profit and loss accounts and balance sheets)

Name of organisation*: Lingfield Sports Association
Description of land / property*: Sports ground known as Lingfield Sports Ground, Godstone Road, Lingfield.
Annual market rental assessment*: Draft assessment £54,500.
Please complete sections 1 to 5 below
<p>1. Contact details</p> <p>Name: Robert Mitchell</p> <p>Position within the origination: Chairman</p> <p>Contact phone number:</p> <p>Contact e-mail address:</p>
<p>2. Role of the organisation / membership regime / community links</p> <p>2A Please describe your organisation's objectives and how it utilises the land / buildings leased from the Council.</p> <p>A sports association aiming to provide opportunities for participation and spectating in a range of sporting activities for residents in the Lingfield and surrounding area. The sports field and associated clubhouse is primarily used for cricket and football but we hope to expand the activities for wider community use.</p> <p>The member clubs include: Lingfield Cricket Club Lingfield Football Club Acorns AFC Ladies Football Club Lingfield Running Club are considering joining in 2023.</p>

3B Is your organisation affiliated to a county / regional / national body? (if so, please give details)

The member clubs are affiliated to their respective national sports' governing bodies (ECB and FA) through both Sussex and Surrey.

3C How many paid up members does your organisation have?

Over 700 members through the member clubs.

3D Approximately what percentage of the paid up members live in Tandridge?
65%. (Note that we are based on the very edge of Tandridge being only 4 miles from both the Kent and Sussex borders)

3E Are there any restrictions to membership?

No. We are inclusive. None of the member clubs currently has specific opportunities for disabled sports but there are for girls, ladies, veterans and children of all backgrounds.

3F Please provide details of relevant membership and hire fees and any other charges

Membership is mainly through the individual member clubs, which have a scale of fees subject to age, and whether playing or social.

Direct individual membership is levied at £10 per adult and £5 per child.

There are not any set hire charges. The sports field and clubhouse require considerable investment before they can be considered suitable for external hire.

3G Are discounts available on the grounds of financial hardship?

Yes. These are treated on a case by case basis.

3H Are the facilities only available to members or can users 'pay on the day'?

Temporary guest membership is available for spectators.

3. Access to facilities and integration with the wider community

3A When are the facilities available for use during an average week?

Almost every day, but currently the ground and building are only in use when sport is taking place.

For 4 months of the year from early May to early September the ground and clubhouse is used every day for cricket. During weekdays this is primarily evenings and at weekends it is all day. During the rest of the year football takes place on 2 or 3 evenings a week and at weekends.

The running club will, hopefully, use the club on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings as well as Saturday mornings.

Once the building is refurbished it is planned to make it available more widely for greater community use.

3B Does the organisation do anything to encourage wide ranging community use of the facilities? For example, initiatives to:

- achieve a diverse membership base (besides any membership fee concessions / hardship relief schemes referred to in 2B above); and / or
- allow use by non-members such as community taster sessions; training / coaching development programmes; or via partnerships with local schools

We are actively trying to attract other sports clubs in Tandridge to join the association in order to make wider use of the ground and facilities. We do allow local schools to use it when they need, subject to pitch availability and suitability. We are in touch with Surrey Cricket Foundation to see if the site could be a venue for disability cricket and Walking Cricket.

We host and subsidise First Aid in Sports courses each year available to anyone who might need it.

The clubhouse requires refurbishment before it can be offered to the community for greater use and this is built into our current business plan

Response to 3B (continued)

3C Does the organisation fulfil any wider community roles (e.g. outreach work in schools or participation in community events such as fetes and shows)?

The cricket club works with Surrey Cricket to deliver the Chance to Shine programme in local schools and also runs All Stars cricket aimed at local children aged 4 to 7.

Discussions have recently commenced in conjunction with Lingfield Running Club to see if we could open up the ground to resurrect and host the Lingfield Marathon Minibus Fun Run.

4. Financial position / sustainability

4A Are financial reserves being accumulated for any particular purpose (e.g. future projects or specific contingencies)?

We have 3 major projects:

- install effective drainage system.
- Refurbish, extend or replace the clubhouse.
- Develop the additional open space land

We are actively applying for grant funding for these projects and have a small £10,000 sum available towards these.

4B Please give details of any commercial activities on the site which generates income (e.g. bar / catering operations)

We have a members only bar which partially contributes to the running costs of the association's member clubs.

4C Please describe any fundraising activities undertaken by the group during a typical

year

These are typically organised by the member clubs rather than the parent association.

4D Does the organisation pursue any funding opportunities from other grant giving bodies?

We are applying for funds from Your Fund Surrey, CIL funding, Gatwick Area Community Trust and will be seeking others once we have a new lease.

5. Alignment with the Council's corporate priorities

5A In light of the information provided above, please explain how you think your organisation's activities align with the Council's corporate priorities/Strategic Plan (page 8 also refers).

Under the strategy - Looking for opportunities to support better health and wellbeing for local residents, our activities can help to improve health and wellbeing.

6. Required subsidy

6A What level of subsidy do you wish to apply for as a % of the annual market rental assessment on page 1 above

100%

6B What, in your opinion, would be the consequences of the Council not providing the subsidy, both for your organisation and the community at large?

It is quite conceivable that the football clubs would not be able to continue in their existing state.

All member clubs would be forced to raise their membership fees which undoubtedly would result in those less well-off being unable to afford to play.

We could not afford to undertake the level of maintenance to the ground and building to the desired standard.

Key Corporate Priorities for 2020/21 – 2023/24

1. **Building a better Council** – making the Council financially sustainable and providing residents with the best possible services
2. **Creating the homes, infrastructure and environment we need** – both now and in the future
3. **Supporting economic recovery in Tandridge** – from lockdown to growth that everyone benefits from
4. **Becoming a greener, more sustainable District** – tackling climate change

Please see further detail on the Council's website:

<https://www.tandridge.gov.uk/Your-council/Strategies-and-plans>