

Alconbury Recreation Field Charity – Reg No 279991

The Alconbury Recreation Field Charity offers unique sports, exercise and recreational facilities not available elsewhere in our rural area. The Charity's values are healthy lifestyles, sport, leisure, sociality and voluntary work.

The Charity focuses services on children, families and the older age groups in an extensive network of rural villages. It supports healthy life styles, promoting outdoor exercise on its two Fields and encouraging social activity in its permanent premises.

Since our Pavilion/Clubhouse was built by Volunteers over 35 years ago, we have added a second set of Changing Rooms, a purpose built storage building and a safe Children's Play Area. To accommodate our ever expanding and successful Junior Football Section, we purchased 6 acres of additional land to site more Natural Grass Pitches and a state of the art floodlit Artificial Grass Pitch, whilst refurbishing and extending one set of Changing Rooms. We have recently commenced a programme to refurbish the Clubhouse and have provided a permanent Outdoor Gymnasium.

The cost of the additions and improvement to our set up amounts to over £500,000. Apart from our own input of £100,000+, we have attracted Grants and Funding from a variety of sources, confident in our capabilities and willing to help us achieve our aims. Amongst others, we have received major awards for infrastructure, maintenance and refurbishment from The Football Foundation (£280,000), The National Lotteries Charities Board (£28,000), WREN (£30,000), Garfield Weston (£5,000), Huntingdonshire District Council (£15,000) and Alconbury cum Weston Parish Councils (£20,000). More recently, we have been provided Grants by the Cambridgeshire Community Fund (£13,000+) and the Big Lottery Fund (£10,000).

Alconbury Sports & Social Club is Committee run and holds a Club Premises Certificate which allows the provision of alcohol for its Members in the Clubhouse. ASSC has a Licence to Occupy agreement with the Charity and supports the day to day running and maintenance of the Charity facilities.

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Ownership & Structure

- The original grounds and car park are owned by Alconbury Parish Council. The charity rents this land from the PC at a peppercorn rent (£1 per year).
- The MUGA and field upon which it is located is owned by the trustees of the charity, as is the main building containing the bars, function room, changing rooms etc.
- The Alconbury Sports and Social Club (ASSC) is legally a separate entity from the charity but was set up alongside it to distance the Charity from the sale of alcohol
- ASSC pays a small rent to the charity to occupy the building and operate the bar under a "Licence to Occupy" and has its own Club Premises Certificate.

The Charity

- The charities deed requires that it is overseen by trustees. There are four trustees who are under a duty to:
 1. Act in the best interests of the charity
 2. Manage the charities resources in a responsible manner
 3. Act with care and take appropriate specialist advice where necessary

The Sports & Social Club

- The Management and Finances of ASSC are separate from the charity and entrusted to the Chairman, Treasurer and the Management Committee. The ASSC 'Rules' state that the Committee should be made up of:
 1. Seven club members (elected at the AGM) one of whom is elected as Chairman
 2. The four charity trustees
 3. A representative from the Parish Council
 4. Representatives of affiliated clubs and user groups (Colts, Cricket, Pool etc.)
- The ASSC Management Committee meets monthly to discuss any urgent matters and to run through a set agenda which includes planning events and functions, the maintenance requirements for the building and the field, club finances, bar matters, membership applications and any disciplinary matters.