



Saxilby and District Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) Update to Planning and Development Committee

October 2026

Timeline and progress update

- The build started on 09 March 2026 with completion scheduled for June 2026. A meeting was held with the contractor on 04 September 2026 for the practical hand.
- The remaining incidental **snagging** items have been completed by the contractor.
- The **floodlights** have been re-directed so the pitch is illuminated by the lighting.
- The remaining **tree works** were scheduled for 15/09/2026 to cut back one tree overhanging from the LACE housing gardens and cut down one next to the boundary on the Canal Court side to prevent damage to the court from debris. The works have been completed to cut back the trees overhanging from LACE housing boundary. The contractor needs to undertake a return visit as a bird was nesting in the tree to be felled.
- The installation of the correct **electronic access** hardware to link with the software system which the council uses (Hallmaster) is the remaining item.

The hardware was delivered on 11/09/2026. The sub-contractor returned to site to undertake works.

A further site visit is scheduled for Monday 19/10/26 with the sub-contractor and electrician to attend with a view to getting the system operational.

- The **booking system** has been operational for local clubs from 11/09/2026, with manual arrangements currently in place for access. When the access control is operational this will then link with the booking system to provide a code to access the MUGA when payment is made.
- For the booking system to trigger an access code payment needs to be made. This is currently presenting an issue with completely free immediate public access. The alternative is the manual triggering of a code on the system, whereby a booking request is submitted and then approved by staff – this will mean a time delay is needed to ensure a staff member can review and approve the request. The proposed time for bookings to be made is a minimum of two working days ahead. If the booking is required sooner, the customer can be requested to call the council during working hours, to request confirmation.
- As this is a new system, arrangements may evolve based on feedback. As such, this is the proposed initial operating model for the free public access sessions. If any changes are required based on feedback, suggested alterations will be brought back to committee.
- A final budget position will be provided at the completion of the project.

Official Opening

The official opening took place on Friday 25 September 2026 Lincoln City FC players George Wickens and Mikkel Ladefoged attended to help cut the ribbon and lead activities

The event hosted football sessions in the MUGA, including walking football, a bouncy castle by KiddysCastles, a cake stall raising funds for Westcroft Green Space Development Project, a Spud Van, and drinks at the Saxilby Sports Hub.

The event was well attended with an estimated 300 visitors and funds raised for the Westcroft project. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the event.



Recommendations:

1. Note the update.

Appendix I: Project Progress

Before March 2026



After - September 2026



September 2026



Benches installed, electrics installed for access control system, basketball backboards now installed.

July 2026

Carpet has been laid, reinstatement works have started, snagging is taking place, hardware for the electronic access system is being installed.



June 2026

Shock pad has been laid and carpet is being laid (12 June 2026)



The top layer of tarmac has been laid on the MUGA and carpet and shock pad delivered for installation. (05 June 2026)



May 2026

Fencing has been installed including integrated football goals and additional re-bound fencing on the lower portion of the fencing. Hardcore base has been laid. Tarmac base layer has been laid on the access area and is being laid on the pitch (13 May 2026).



April 2026

Fencing is being installed, the retaining wall between the car park and pitch has been built, and tarmac in the old MUGA surface has been broken up (07 April 2026)



March 2026

Groundbreaking ceremony



Before (March 2026)

