

Saxilby Cricket Update, Full Council, February 2022

All Stars and Dynamos Cricket

- Following discussion with Gary Johnson (Hurricane Sports) it was agreed to run All Stars and Dynamos Courses again in 2022.
- These were a big success in 2021 and were a positive first step on the road to returning cricket to Saxilby. Again these will be open for 5-11 year olds at a cost of £40 for eight weeks.
- This year's courses will again run for 8 weeks, beginning on Friday 6 May (All Stars 6pm-7pm, Dynamos 7pm-8pm) with a fallow week on Friday 3 June to allow for the Jubilee bank holiday.
- Sessions will conclude on Friday 1 July, allowing us to not run into the summer holidays which proved an issue last summer.
- Signups for children who have taken part in the programmes will go live on Friday 10 February, with sign ups for everyone else opening a week later on Friday 17 February.
- As we are already registered, we will be there for people to sign up to our course on the opening day, unlike last year where registrations didn't open until April.
- The sessions are limited to 30 children each and it would be great to build on the numbers we had last year.
- Look out for advertising on our social media and notice boards from the middle of next month and in March's Foss Focus.
- For more information on the All Stars and Dynamos programmes, please go to: <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars> and <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/dynamoscricquet>

Women's Softball Cricket

- Unfortunately, it was decided to pull out of the indoor winter league due to lack of preparation. This was a shame but was the right decision in the circumstances.
- I have been invited to observe the indoor league in the next few weeks so I can see what it's all about and start putting some plans together for next winter.
- I am currently trying to organise indoor training on Tuesday evenings, this was the most popular evening chosen by the team for availability to train.

- It's difficult as a lot of places are booked up by now, but I'm hopeful we'll be able to find somewhere soon, this will enable us to launch the 'Tuesday night is Women's cricket night' campaign. Look out for that soon.
- As soon as we can return to outdoor training in the village, we will. This will make it easier for more ladies who are parents to attend, this is following feedback from a couple of the parents in the squad.
- The Women's Softball Cricket Team is now entered into the East Midland's Women's Cricket League's softball competition for summer 2022.
- This is an eight-group competition with Saxilby being placed in the 'Division 2 North East' Group, along with teams from: Alford, Broughton, Grimsby, Lindum, Louth, Nettleham and Woodhall Spa.
- Games will be played over four weekends throughout the summer, with each team playing the other teams once, a total of seven games.
- Matchdays will see teams playing two matches per day on three weekends with one weekend seeing one game played.
- This will then culminate in a final's day towards the end of summer with the winners from each group involved.
- Saxilby will be hosting its first cricket matches in over a decade on Sunday 7 August as we host Alford and Lindum. This represents a big milestone on this journey and I look forward to working with all parties to make this a very special day in the village.

Non-Turf Pitch progress

- Following on from feedback from Sport England on the MUGA planning application and a discussion with the MUGA architects, it was agreed that a Ball Strike Risk Assessment (BSRA) should be carried out.
- This was needed to help the MUGA planning application along as well as the cricket proposal.
- The ECB have a deal with Labosport UK which sees the ECB cover half the cost of a BSRA.
- It was recommended that we have an onsite risk assessment carried out due to the complex nature of the site.
- The site visit was carried out on Friday 14 January and we await the report.
- A lot depends on the feedback in the report, it will recommend any mitigations that need to be put in place to allow adults hardball cricket to be played in the village.
- Our final amount to pay following the ECB contribution is £400 plus VAT.
- Until the bill is paid we won't receive the report, and I'm aware the MUGA architects would like the report before February 15 to submit towards the planning application.

- Once it is received, I will be able to progress work towards the installation of a Non turf pitch.

Proposal: To ratify approval of expenditure of £400 + £80 VAT from the ring fenced MUGA funds on the Ball Strike Risk Assessment.