

Football Facility Improvement Project in Ringwood

Football Development In Ringwood

Introduction

The project is highlighted in the Health and Wellbeing Action Plan.

A Football Facilities Plan published by the Football Foundation identified:

- the need to grow adult male and youth football
- greater provision for women, girls, disability and recreational football.

The Plan reviewed current facilities and identified the need for an artificial pitch in the district.

There was an opportunity for improved facilities at Long Lane, Ringwood.

There are many benefits of a 3G (third generation) artificial grass pitch.

The 3G pitch was completed in February 2023

Benefits of the project

- Significantly improved facilities.
- Greater opportunities and removal of barriers to partake in sport.
- Improved physical and mental health for those involved.
- Empowering young people.
- Strengthening the community.

Ringwood Town Council project lead - Chris Wilkins

Funding and resource provided by many partners including NFDC.

Project outline



The ambition - to expand and diversify participation



The means – add an all-weather pitch and replace the pavilion



The problem – Ringwood Town FC too small to do it alone



The solution – partnership working

Project partners



Project Reach

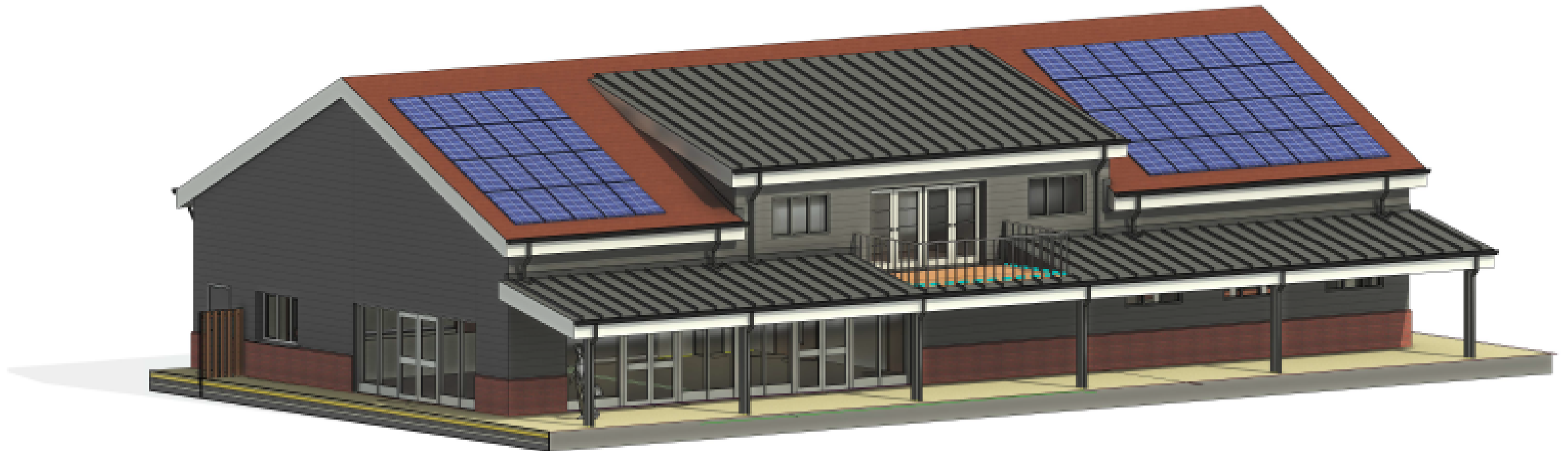
Ringwood Town FC – Established 1879 – Serves mainly Ringwood and surrounding villages and area – keen to expand (currently runs just under 30 teams)

AFC Bournemouth Community Sports Trust – Supports community football across the western New Forest, Bournemouth Christchurch & Poole and adjoining areas - looking for a secure base for its activities

Third-generation Artificial Turf Pitch



New pavilion



Isometric - View 1 - (PL)

NFDC contributions

- Funding – c.£500K toward c.£3M total project cost
- Staff time:
 - Health (Jamie Burton and Joanne McClay)
 - Planning (Richard Natt)
 - Procurement (Jonathan Munden and Gary Jarvis)
 - Estates (Andrew Smith and Stuart Yeo)
 - Finance/Planning (Alan Bethune and Dean Brunton)