



## Long Compton Sports Club

### Geographic Details.

<b>County Cricket Board</b>	Warwickshire
<b>Project Start Date</b>	2012
<b>Project Completion Date</b>	2013
<b>Funding Stream(s)</b>	£24,805 SITA-Trust fund, exclusively available to Fields in Trust-protected sites
<b>Location (Inner-city/Urban/Rural)</b>	Rural
<b>Applicant / Organisation Status</b>	
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### Quantitative and Qualitative Detail.

#### **Background.**

Having spent 2011 and 2012 using volunteers from within the club to refurbish the old pavilion, Long Compton Sports Club were looking to restore the playing field to its former glory as it was allowed to fall into a state of disrepair when a football club was formed that started to play home matches in the village. Unfortunately in the preceding years the ground had started to return to 'ridge and furrow' and this coupled with moles taking up residence meant that there were numerous complaints received regarding the unsafe nature for the playing surface.

#### **Aims and Objectives.**

The plan for Phase 1 of the development of the ground focused on getting the playing surface redone to allow home games to be played on a safe surface. Part of these works allowed the football pitch to be moved slightly and therefore create the space to allow a 5 lane cricket wicket to be installed along with a synthetic wicket.

The result of this planning meant that home cricket matches were to be played on the ground for the first time since the 1990's. Once the surface of the field had been refurbished the club intended to utilise the playing surface to encompass senior and junior football, senior and junior cricket, rounders and a full range of school activities, both sporting and recreational.

#### **Achievements to date.**

£24,805 was awarded to Long Compton Sports Club as part of the QEII Fields SITA Trust 'Major Works' fund. The funding, exclusively available through Fields in Trust's protection of the site in

perpetuity, guarantees SITA's investment as part of the QEII Challenge. The site is now used for sports, recreation and community events and their protection offers additional benefits of future funding, goody boxes for any community events and the opportunity to be shortlisted for national awards.

## **Pictures.**

Before...



After...



## **Main partners involved.**

Long Compton Sports Club  
Fields in Trust  
SITA Trust  
Lottery-funding

## **Comments from the applicant / organisation.**

*"We were delighted to have been successful in obtaining funding from the trust and to be able to put that money into much-needed improvements to this community facility."*

Andrew Lund-Yates , club member

*"After a gap of 11 years, 2014 finally saw cricket come home to Long Compton. A successful funding bid has delivered a wicket and outfield to be envious of and further Lottery funding has secured the means to maintain it."*

Long Compton Sports Club website

## **Headline Figures and Statistics.**

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