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### **GUILDFORD CITY BOYS FC SCORE WITH £261,463 FOOTBALL FUNDING BOOST**

Footballers in Guildford were celebrating confirmation of a massive £261,423 awarded by the Football Foundation, the UK's largest sports charity.

The cash bonanza will allow Guildford City Boys, Girls and Youth Football Clubs to redevelop their Stoughton Rec. Pavilion (Worplesdon Road ) changing facility .

With further financial assistance and support from Guildford Borough Council and through the Club's own fundraising efforts, the 40 year old Council-owned facility needed to be improved to allow the Club to fulfil its development plan for youth and girls' football, widen the age range for football coaching and through further training of existing and new coaches of football and extending access to facilities, introduce coaching for young players who have disabilities.

GCBFC have now started coaching players from the age of four and is now working hard to firmly establish teams and outlets for older players, helping The FA in its aim to 'keep players in the game'. Further announcements will appear in the press and locally about the projects and Club progress and to encourage players to join this well-established, but growing and improving Club.

Plans for the improvement require GCBFC to take a 25-year lease on the building and will enable it to bring this facility up to date and give a much needed face lift to the general area. In addition the facility will be used as a dedicated lecture and course facility to help improve general coaching standards. This development project will affect hundreds of players, their families, and friends over the next 25 years and help to bring more people into the game.

The improved Pavilion include new provisions for:

- improved changing room sizes
- improved washing/toilet facilities for boys and girls
- referees changing facilities (2 to accommodate male and female referees)
- new ladies toilet facilities
- disabled toilet facility
- new kitchen and outside service hatch
- social area expanded for coaching courses and lectures
- secure doors and windows
- full disabled access
- security shuttering

- a new, pitched roof.

The Football Foundation is dedicated to revitalising the grass roots of the game, constructing modern football facilities, developing football as a force for social cohesion and as a vehicle for education in communities throughout the country. Funded by the Premier League, The Football Association and the Government, the Football Foundation is the nation's largest sports charity with a £40m budget going straight into the heart of football.

Paul Thorogood, Chief Executive of the Football Foundation said: **“We warmly congratulate Guildford City Boys FC and the Surrey County FA for their hard work and dedication in securing this award.**

**“Sport is playing a central role in helping people to stay fit, strengthen communities and promote responsibility amongst young people. It is thanks to the contributions from our funding partners – the Premier League, The FA and Government – that the Football Foundation exists to invest in projects such as this.”**

Phil Dyas, Club Chairperson at Guildford City Boys FC, said: **“This grant from the Football Foundation and the support from Club and the Borough Council, has given us a superb opportunity to improve the high standard of coaching and football that we already provide, but also allow us to extend that football provision into a much wider area of coaching , and encourage more people to get involved in football whatever their standard or ability.**

**“We are grateful to the Football Foundation and Surrey FA for their support in making this application and also to Guildford Borough Council for granting us financial support and continued long term use of this facility.”**

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