

CHIPPING FOOTBALL CLUB REQUEST FOR PERMANENT ADVERTISING BOARDS

Chipping Football Club use and maintain the community asset Chipping playing field during and out of season, and we contribute to the use of the Village Hall's MUGA facility.

Chipping Football Club is over 100 years old, and we currently have over 250 members from reception age to senior players - girls/boys, men and women from Chipping and the surrounding area.

We have a good partnership with the Parish Council and Village Hall, and we maintain the playing field employing our own groundsman, and we contribute to the project costs of the MUGA. (Total annual cost)

Our Club's membership subscriptions have remained the same as pre-COVID to seek to ensure the size of our membership, and people's ability to play football in difficult financial times for many families. Many of our usual fundraising activities have been cancelled over the last two years.

Our Club has an active membership who are very proud of their facilities and they and their families provide economic benefit to other businesses in the village, but we need to generate additional income outside of subscriptions. This will ensure the sustainability of our club and maintain the pitch facilities.

We are requesting permission from Chipping Parish Council for some permanent advertising of local businesses. All income generated is reinvested in the Club, and specifically used to maintain the playing field and contribute to the cost of the MUGA.

Our Club would like to make a planning application to Ribble Valley Borough Council to have permanent advertising boards on the two largest sides of their first team pitch. We are conscious of visibility for neighbouring properties, and we have suggested that the exterior of the boards is painted in green, with the advertising facing inward to the pitch. There would be no boards at the ends of the pitch which border onto Broad Meadow or Kirkfield.

Our Club will be responsible for ensuring the boards are always in a good state of repair, and to replace any which are broken so seek to ensure the overall aesthetic of the village (AONB, best kept village) is maintained.