

## Thongsbridge Cricket Club - Grant Awards Report

At the beginning of October 2018, we began a project to refurbish and extend our existing clubhouse facility, which was a prefabricated building, with no indoor toilet facilities. Until this time, the only toilet facilities at the club were in an outdoor toilet block that was unhygienic and often unusable in the winter months. We had no disabled facilities or baby changing facilities and the outdoor block had become unfit for purpose.

The majority of the work to rebuild the clubhouse, has been done by our own members on a voluntary basis, as we had limited funding in place at the beginning of the project. However, we needed funding to provide materials and the Community Assets Grant of £2000 from Holme Valley Parish Council, was very much appreciated and enabled us to purchase items of sanitary ware required for the extension to the facility, to fit out a the new toilets. We also received an additional award of £1000 from the Holme Valley Parish Council, towards the general refurbishment, which has also helped to pay for materials. required to complete the project.

The clubhouse is now almost complete, apart from some external works, with new indoor toilets, a disabled toilet and baby changing facilities. It has been in use for training, matches and functions and is proving very popular. The improved facilities have helped to create a pleasant and family friendly facility for the local community to enjoy. Without funding from grant awards such as this, we would not have been able to achieve our goal.

We are now able to host a variety of events such as charity fundraising days, as well as sporting events, with modern and appropriate facilities. Previously, our unsuitable outdoor toilet facilities have prevented us from holding events throughout the year. We will now be able to host events and activities all year round which will increase the use and enjoyment of the facility and will also enable us to increase our fundraising opportunities. The improvements made will help to ensure that our soon to be 160 year old club, will be sustainable for future generations and will be a hub of the local community for years to come.

We would like to thank members of Holme Valley Parish Council for their continued support of Thongsbridge CC and particularly for their help with the project.

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Please see below the images of the old clubhouse with the old outdoor toilet block next to the mill wall, as well as images of the disabled and ladies' toilets.

