

WHO WE ARE

The village of Hesketh Bank has a long tradition of football going back as far as the late 19th century. The present club was formed in 1922. Until the 1987/88 season when joining the West Lancashire League, the club played mainly in the local Southport & District League.

In common with most village sides, the club was kept alive by the efforts of a small number of individuals who worked hard to provide football for the community.

In the late 1970's and early 1980's there was a complete re-organisation of the club which saw a planned programme of improvements, including the re-drainage of the pitch, building of changing rooms in conjunction with the Cricket Club, pitch side fencing, the stand and refreshment facilities.

In 1995 a new unified club was born out of an amalgamation of the senior club and the Hesketh Bank Boys club who had been formed in 1972. The club now currently operates teams from under 8's through to Veterans.

All the teams are sponsored which enables them to turn out in the traditional black and amber quartered kits. The amalgamation of the two clubs helps maintain the continuity of youngsters being able to move up through the youth teams and into the senior squads.

Due to this rapid expansion the club, who play all matches at Station Road and Shore Road, has no local facility for training. Therefore looking to the future the club now plans to provide the community of Hesketh Bank with an all-weather floodlit pitch, a community hall suitable for a variety of occasions and new changing rooms.

Such developments depend on the continued support of all concerned and as a purely voluntary body, the club relies on members subscriptions and the goodwill of businesses and individuals through sponsorship and advertising for our existence.

With the first team representing the village in a county league, the club is well known throughout Lancashire & Cumbria. Its annual 'Medals' competition has been running every April & May since 1921.

Over the last few years in conjunction with Everton Football Club the highly successful Mini Soccer School held every Saturday morning during May and June for boys and girls aged 5-15 years old has grown from strength to strength.

The club is currently applying to the Lancashire Football Association to become a FA Charter Development Club which will further enhance its reputation.

In Hesketh Bank AFC the village has not only the largest sporting organisation but also a club it can be proud of, catering for both sexes and all age groups.

For further information click onto our website www.heskethbankafc.com

ARIAL PLAN OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT



PHASE 1

Male and Female changing rooms, grass pitch drainage, an all weather floodlit pitch and small car park

PHASE 2

Social lounge and meeting room, fitness suites, and more car parking.

Phase 1 of the plan will see a transformation of agricultural land in Hesketh Bank into a new sports facility. The club has already secured outline planning consent. If this initiative is successful there will be an unquestionable beneficial social and sporting amenity for the villages for years to come.

Phase 2 of the plan will extend the facility to include a community social room, fitness suites and an extension to the car park.

THE FIRST PHASE OF THE PROJECT WILL COST £800,000

This will be required to fund the following:

- the construction of a brand new male and female changing facility that will meet the facility requirements of many leagues and sporting organisations and will enable the people of Hesketh Bank to participate in an extended range of sporting activities.
- Properly drained grass playing surfaces that will allow full skill development, raise performance standards and allow full personal sporting achievement for individuals.
- Floodlit multi use games area with an all weather surface. This will allow a full range of evening sports practices to take place in Hesketh Bank eliminating travel during the winter months. It will also allow the development of new community sports clubs such as hockey, netball, lacrosse and tennis.
- A new focal point for the young people of the community and to be able to develop personal skills through the associated social aspects membership of sports clubs brings.

The second phase will be a project of similar size

Why are we asking for your assistance?

The plan is ambitious and needs in the region of £800,000 - £1m. The football foundation policy aims to grant up to 50% of the costs (90% max) but we are unlikely to achieve the maximum and are aiming for 60% of what we need. This means the club has to be able to raise at least £250,000. The more we raise ourselves the more we can apply do in phase 1. The club during the past 12 months has focused on various fund raising events along with several more during the coming year which will approach a five figure sum and Hesketh-with-Becconsall Parish Council have recently pledged £50,000 with the grant being made available during the 2007-2008 financial year.

When do we need this assistance?

It is likely that your help will be needed in financial year 2007-2008. The application will be submitted in early summer 2006 and a decision will be expected in the autumn. Following that we will have to prepare documents and detailed drawings as well as competitively tender the construction project to ensure value for money.

Why do we need to pledge support so far ahead?

We would appreciate pledges at this early stage because it is essential to be able to include them in the application papers. You will be asked to send us a letter to this effect that we will include in the application we send off.

How can you support the application?

Cash pledges ~ Materials ~ Discounts on building materials
Trade skills donations -all of these will be translated into monetary value using a technical pricing guide (SPONS).

What do you do now?

Write a signed letter to the club secretary Don Hand at **93, Sidney Avenue, Hesketh Bank, Preston. PR4 6PD** giving a clear pledge of support in 2007-8 whether it be cash, goods or services or email to **donhand@tiscali.co.uk**

OR

Call Don Hand **07775 817934** and he will arrange a visit from one of the Development Team to come and see you to explain the project in more detail.

OR

Write out a cheque to 'Hesketh Bank AFC' and it will be paid into a separate deposit account - especially opened for this project. Your gift will be refunded in full if the bid is unsuccessful.

**HELP IF YOU CAN
PLEASE SUPPORT US IN THIS IMPORTANT
COMMUNITY INITIATIVE**

NEW FACILITIES FOR SPORTS DEVELOPMENT IN HESKETH BANK

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HESKETH BANK ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB



Hesketh Bank Association Football Club are spearheading an ambitious plan to secure a range of funding that will allow the building of a new sporting facility for the community of Hesketh Bank and Tarleton.

The villages, the parish council and its sports clubs have clearly identified that there is a real need for a modern community outdoor sports facility for the two adjacent villages in West Lancashire. The three local schools have already indicated they would be keen to use the facilities.

Hesketh Bank Association Football Club has a long and successful track record, and the club hopes that this reputation can be used to secure the support of a wider audience as it seeks to find the additional funds to support the funding bid.