



Halstead Templars RFC

(affiliated to RFU, ECRU & SRU)

Grant Report for Halstead Town Council 31st March 2023

Halstead Templars rugby football club was established in 2010, by a team of keen enthusiasts with a passion for rugby, who wanted to offer rugby union in the local community. Their initial aim was to establish an adult male rugby union team for those who wanted to experience the game and join a friendly local team of likeminded individuals. Over the past 5 years the club has worked hard to diversify its offering to the local community through touch rugby. Touch rugby is a non-contact form of the sport, which is open to all ages and genders, promoting health, wellbeing, team sport and ultimately rugby.

The touch rugby sessions are held every Monday night and there are competitions held during the summer months, when adult rugby union is out of season. The club only charges a nominal fee (£1) for attendance at touch rugby sessions in order to encourage participation, as we recognise the importance of supporting health and wellbeing within the community especially after COVID-19 and its detrimental impact on people's physical and mental health.

The grant of £450 provided by Halstead town council last July supported this mission. The club purchased a passing skills net (£127.99) which is used to train individuals in ball passing technique and is also used to promote the club at local events in the park such as 'Armed Forces Day', where it is very popular with children and adults alike, and touch rugby balls (£118.50). The remainder of the funds (£203.51) was put towards the purchase of additional floodlights, to allow us to run sessions over the winter. These floodlights cost the club £1338.84 in January 2023. Unfortunately, our rugby pitch, 'The Pit', is not currently floodlit therefore in the winter months the use of portable floodlights is essential!

On behalf of Halstead Templars RFC, I would like to thank you for your support over the last year through the provision of the grant and would kindly ask for any additional support with regards to the provision of main powered floodlights at Courtauld Sports Ground. We look forward to your continued support in promoting health and wellbeing through sport in our local community.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Knight
Director and Hon. Treasurer, Halstead Templars RFC

