

# Towersey Playing Fields – Project Update. Nov 2025

## New Pavilion Update – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm – Village Hall

Want to know what's happening with the new pavilion? Then come and join us for a quick informal update on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November. It'll be a great opportunity to ask any questions you might have AND there'll be tea and cake!

Some members of the Fringe committee will also be joining us to talk about the future running of the Fringe.



### New Pavilion

Progress continues but is being delayed by a number of planning conditions imposed by SODC's planning department. Most of these conditions (10 in total) must be approved by SODC before construction can start. The committee is considering both conventional and timber framed construction for the pavilion. We're in contact with several companies to obtain quotations and to visit previous project sites.

At the moment, we estimate that construction will start in the second half of 2026 depending on funding.

### Clubhouse and Car Park

Demolition of the old Clubhouse, and renovation of the existing carpark utilising hardcore from the demolished clubhouse has an anticipated start date of early spring 2026.

### Temporary Changing Rooms / Toilets

TPFC intend to install temporary changing rooms / toilets at the playing fields in order to attract team sports clubs to use the field. We are in discussion with several companies who can provide these facilities.



Typical (container based)  
portable changing room /  
toilet unit.

## Storage Containers and Garage

One of the existing storage containers has been removed from the playing fields and is now used by the Allotments Society. The remaining container has been sold to a local company and will be removed shortly. The garage near the entrance to the allotments will be dismantled in the near future and disposed of.

## Children's Play Area

The chippings around the play equipment were topped up this year and we are investigating an alternative material to provide a more durable surface. Following the annual inspection by RoSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) we are waiting for parts to replace the frame of the junior swing. In the meantime we have removed the actual chains and swing seats in the interests of safety.

## Website

The Playing Fields website is nearing completion and should be online in the very near future. This will enable us to provide up to date information on all aspects of the playing field and the development project. The website will go live in January 2026.

## Funding

The funding subcommittee are working through their list of available grants and in the next couple of weeks we should hear whether we have been successful in securing a grant from SODC's Capital Grant Scheme.

## Local Event Fund Raising

**The Fringe** – another record-breaking year for the Fringe held over the August Bank holiday weekend. A total of £50,000 was raised including a substantial donation from an anonymous donor. Our thanks go to them all for their generosity. Thanks also to the army of volunteers who made this happen.

**The Fete** – another phenomenal grant donation was received from the Fete - £11,000.

**150 Club** – Once again this event has proved very popular with Towersey residents. Three prizes are drawn each month and this raises around £2,500-£3,000 for the playing fields each year. (2024 - £2,840)

**Race night** – This was held in April and it was an extremely successful evening both socially and financially. It was organised by the Village Hall committee who very kindly donated their profits (£2,462) from the event to the playing fields. Our thanks go to them for their generosity

**Murder Mystery** – This was held at the Manor Barn and organised by Towcap, who very generously donated their profits to the Playing Fields - £1,280. Our thanks go to them for their generosity and brilliant organisation of the event.

## Progressive Supper

The Progressive Supper is taking place on 1<sup>st</sup> November. Following on from the success of last year's event it promises to be another brilliant evening, raising much needed funds for Playing Fields.

**Thank you** to the people of Towersey, who attended all the local events. Your support is crucial to the success of the Playing Fields.

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