



# Projects & Grants Annual Report 2025/26

## Report purpose

This brief summarises the projects delivered during 2025/26, the planned improvements for 2026/27, and the future opportunities that can support Warmley Rangers FC's continued development as a community-led grassroots football club.

## 1. Summary

Warmley Rangers FC has continued to invest in the foundations of the club: securing its tenancy position, expanding the football pathway, improving playing equipment, and planning the next stage of facilities, digital and commercial development.

The next year's programme focuses on practical improvements that will strengthen the experience for players, coaches, volunteers, families, visiting teams and community partners. The work is grouped into three themes: facilities and infrastructure, digital transformation, and commercial/community development.

## 2. Projects delivered during 2025/26

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| Lease renegotiation | New Lease agreement in place.                                                                                                                     | Provides a stronger basis for long-term planning and future investment.    |
| Men's football      | Warmley Redbridge will play as Warmley Rangers Men's this season and are looking to introduce a reserve side to develop further the club pathway. | Creates an onward football route and strengthens the wider club community. |

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| New match and training footballs | New footballs supplied for all teams.                     | Improves training quality and matchday readiness across the club. |
| New match and training goal nets | New goal nets purchased for match and training provision. | Improves presentation, safety and the playing experience.         |

### 3. Planned projects and improvements for 2026/27

#### 3.1 Facilities and infrastructure

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| <b>Replacement changing rooms</b>             | Priority facilities project to improve the player, official and visiting-team experience enabling us to continue to host AYL and Men's football. |
| <b>Grange site project</b>                    | Continue development work connected to the Grange site.                                                                                          |
| <b>Grounds maintenance equipment</b>          | Use grant funding to support the purchase of a tractor and attachments. Grant contribution referenced: 25% of £30,000 = £7,500.                  |
| <b>Semi-permanent club gazebo replacement</b> | Replace the existing gazebo with a more resilient solution for matchdays, tournaments and club events.                                           |
| <b>Matchday equipment</b>                     | Dugouts, advertising hoardings and parking barriers to improve presentation and matchday management.                                             |
| <b>Painting of all three containers</b>       | Visual refresh to improve site appearance and pride in the club environment.                                                                     |
| <b>Club honours board</b>                     | Permanent display to celebrate team achievements and club history.                                                                               |
| <b>Club car park repairs</b>                  | Repairs to tarmac and entrance. potential replacement of gates to make it easier for larger vehicles.                                            |
| <b>Pitch drainage repairs</b>                 | Repair of drainage ditches on 11v11 pit                                                                                                          |

## 3.2 Digital transformation

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| <b>Microsoft 365 tenant and licensing</b>               | Procurement of a not-for-profit Microsoft 365 tenant with appropriate licensing.                         |
| <b>Migration of club information into Microsoft 365</b> | Move club data and documents into a central, secure and better-managed environment.                      |
| <b>Automation of club kit and football processes</b>    | Introduce automated ordering and administration for club kit purchases, footballs and related processes. |

## 3.3 Commercial and community development

The sponsorship programme will be refreshed to improve the quality and consistency of club sponsorship materials, including opportunities linked to the club, clubhouse, changing rooms and playing kit. This supports grant applications by showing that the club is also seeking sustainable local partnerships.



## 4. Future opportunity

### Girls' and Women's football

The further potential project identified is the ongoing development of Girls' and Women's football. This should be positioned as a strategic inclusion and participation opportunity, with a focus on creating new playing pathways, attracting volunteers, and expanding the club's community reach.

### **Why this matters**

This opportunity aligns strongly with community participation, inclusion, youth development and long-term club growth. It is also a strong candidate area for targeted funding, partnership conversations and volunteer recruitment.