

STANLEYS SIXTH SEASON SUCCESSES

As the 6th Football Season draws to a close at Stanley Park Sports Ground, it can be looked back on with a sense of immense pride, not only for the usage levels but the quality the Park delivers week in and week out. For the 3rd Season in a row the Sports Ground has achieved great stats, hosting over 800 matches & 900 training sessions from August 2009 – May 2010, with 70+ teams calling Stanley Park their home venue. On average we hosted 84 matches per month & 91 training sessions, and each of the 18 pitches has at least 97 matches or training sessions take place on it. The busiest month was May with 164 matches & 139 training sessions, and the quietist was December with 28 matches & 46 training sessions. The training room has increased in usage raising by 48% for 2009-10 usage includes Table Tennis & Dance Academy Classes, and the rise has been down to successful links being set up with these clubs, local businesses, associations & partners.



The Football in the Community programme has now been running now for 4 seasons, which started in 2006 with 28 children at an After School Club. The Council can now boast, for 2009-10, a set-up that Coached over 1950 different Children, 1737 boys and 222 girls, and now has set up a Development Pathway for all children and Adults getting into or already in Football. The first 'Stanley Cup' competition will be held this year in September 2010, this will give clubs, teams, managers & players making the transition to the 11 aside format a chance to play local teams for their Club,

ready for the their new season at playing 11v11 matches. In 2010-11 the FITC team will aim to obtain more funding and also ask the business community to help sponsor and partner this now well established scheme, so to offer more, and really make FITC Footy 4 All. For updates and programmes for the above scheme please visit our website www.chippenham.gov.uk or contact the Community Football Development Officer p.hussey@chippenham.gov.uk or 01249 463905.

With regards the Development of the Site, and reaching the next level, an application has been submitted to the Football Foundation for funding towards a Building Extension and a Floodlit Full size Artificial pitch and a decision on this is expected mid to late 2010. Stanley Park was successful again in funding towards 2 more sets of goalposts, and these will be erected ready for the 2010-11 season.

Thank you to all the Clubs, teams, Schools, local businesses, partners & associations who used Stanley Park Sports Ground in 2009-10.

Here's to 2010-11!!