



PLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

King George V Playing Field Renovations

A programme of works has been commissioned for the playing field.

This has been designed to help improve and maintain the quality of the playing field grass, particularly the playing surfaces for the Cricket, Football, Stoolball and Archery clubs.

The renovation programme is also aimed to help improve the natural drainage over the whole playing field, and thereby benefit all users throughout the year.

Dependent on the weather, the work will hopefully be carried out and completed over the coming few weeks. Given the current period of enforced 'inactivity' on the sports areas, this is an ideal time for the work to be scheduled.

The programme includes the following, in chronological order:

1. Spraying to reduce the presence of broadleaf weeds.
2. Scarifying to remove dead grass and thatch.
3. Verti-draining to help aerate the whole playing surface and optimise grass root growth.
4. Sanding the entire playing surface, which will assist drainage and support aeration.
5. Seeding of the whole playing field with a fast- growing grass-seed mix.

This is a major renovation programme which it is hoped will bring the overall playing field up to an exceptionally good standard.

Thereafter, it is proposed to operate a rotating 3-year programme of verti-draining and slit-rolling (for aeration) including sanding and re-seeding as necessary, whereby all the pitches and playing surfaces are fully treated at least once every three years.

This will hopefully ensure that the entire playing field is maintained at the newly renovated level, or even better.

The works are due to start with spraying on Tuesday 28th April (0700-1200) when the park will be closed all morning, to all users. This is the most weather-dependent element of the programme and (if too wet or windy on the day) will have to be re-scheduled. The rest of the programme will be completed in order after that but may take some weeks to complete.