



Recreation Joint Users Group

Thursday 8th October 2025 at 7pm, Room 3 at the Olney Centre

Meeting Notes

In attendance:

Olney Town Council	Debbie Whitworth
Allotment Association	Andrew Albrecht, Brian Winkworth
Bowls	Gerald Wilson
Football	Ian Stokes
Rugby	Dave Smith

Also Jane Brushwood

1. Apologies – none received

2. To discuss the ex football club project

Unfortunately, as the back bowed wall which affects the roof, it will need to be rebuilt, before the toilet block can be built, it means that we now don't have the funds yet to complete this stage, so we're back to square one.

3. To discuss two Padel courts at the rec

The response was largely in favour for the courts, they will now go through the MKCC planning application process.

4. Group Matters:

Allotment Association – had a good year, all 7 committee members re-elected, have done lots of fundraising and open days, worked with the council to create an environmental pond and to reach all plot holders when required, as not all are association members. Requested help from football club about the parking problems, conclusion is there is no solution!

Bowls – no problems, just put to bed for the season but the grass is still growing. Looking forward to the new toilet block being built as the soil was dumped above the level of their damp proof course! The hole in the fence created when the sheds were removed has been filled in.

Cricket – not represented

Fishing – not represented

Football – now called "Olney Football Club", have dropped the "Colts" as there are also girls and seniors teams making it is a more inclusive name. Total 35 teams. Discussed the shared use of the pitches with rugby so that they're not churned up before a match, communication being the key. Are starting SEN training with FA for 5-12 year olds.

Netball – not represented

Rugby – senior levels are dwindling in numbers, they are not helping grass roots, 18-24 year olds showing a marked drop off, women's teams are starting to increase.

Runners – not represented

Tennis – not represented

Any other – none

The meeting closed at 7.40pm