

Report title: Artificial Grass Pitch and Multi-Use Games Area	
Report to: Great Notley Country Park Joint Venture Partnership Board	
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County Divisions affected: Not applicable	

Purpose of Report

To provide an update on usage and income from the Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) and Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) at Great Notley Country Park for the financial year 2021-22 and the 4-month period from April – July 2022.

Members are asked to note the report.

**GREAT NOTLEY COUNTRY PARK JOINT VENTURE PARTNERSHIP BOARD
1 SEPTEMBER 2022**

ARTIFICIAL GRASS PITCH AND MULTI-USE GAMES AREA

1. INTRODUCTION

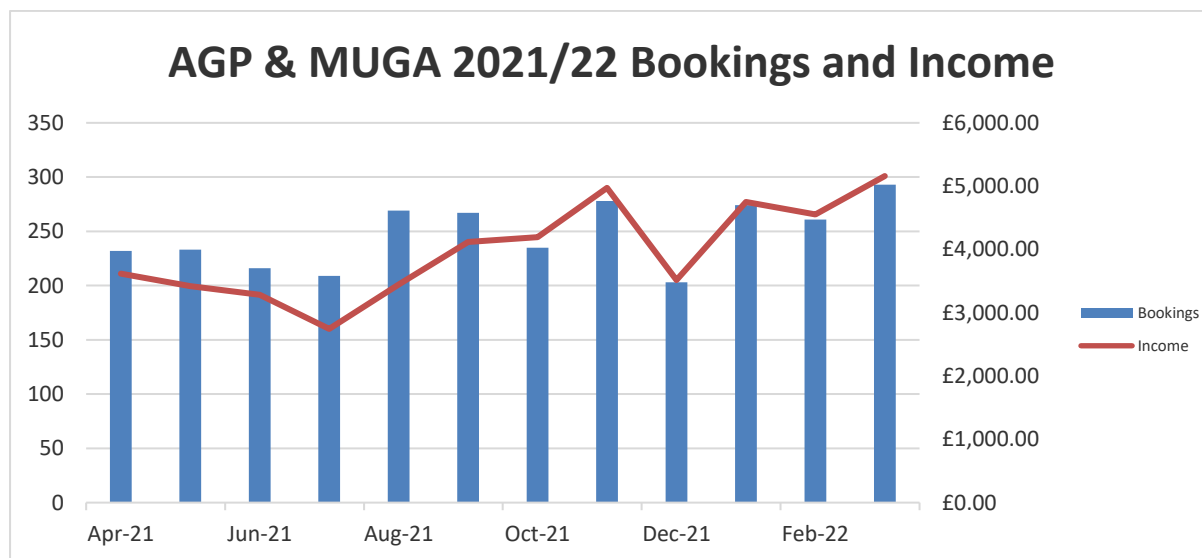
This report provides Members with an update on usage and income from the Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) and Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) at Great Notley Country Park. It covers the financial year 2021/22 and the 4-month period from April 2022 – July 2022.

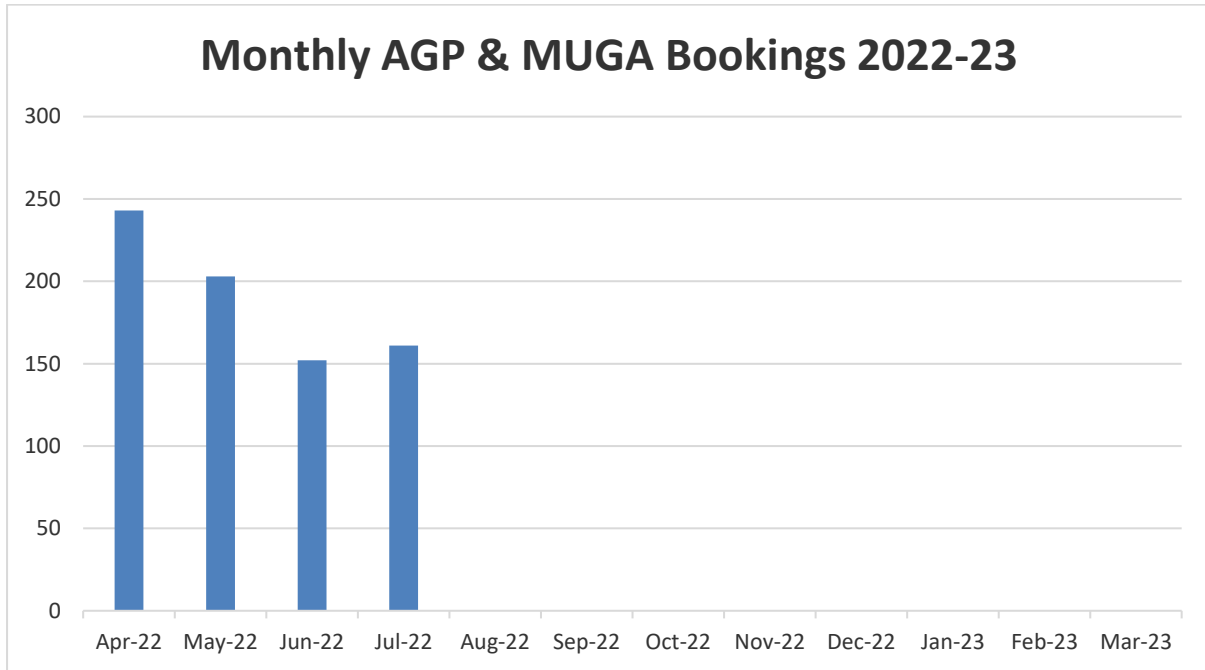
2. USAGE AND BOOKINGS

The graphs below show the number of bookings in each month for 2021/22 and up to the end of July 2022. There were 2,960 bookings in total over 2021/22 – an average of 247 per month and 759 bookings April to July 22 – an average of 63 per month.

There have been 25 different organisations/individuals both in and outside of the Braintree District who have regularly booked the facility, ranging from adult and children’s football clubs, including Great Notley Youth Football Club, and other sporting clubs – see Appendix 1 for full list. Great Notley Youth Football Club account for some 25% of the total bookings.

The facility continues to be well used during peak periods (evenings and weekends) when it is virtually full to capacity. This equates to 93% of all bookings, the remainder being made during the off-peak period (daytime Monday to Friday). Off-peak usage has and will continue to be a challenge in terms of the number of bookings, this is at least in part due to the accessibility of the location.

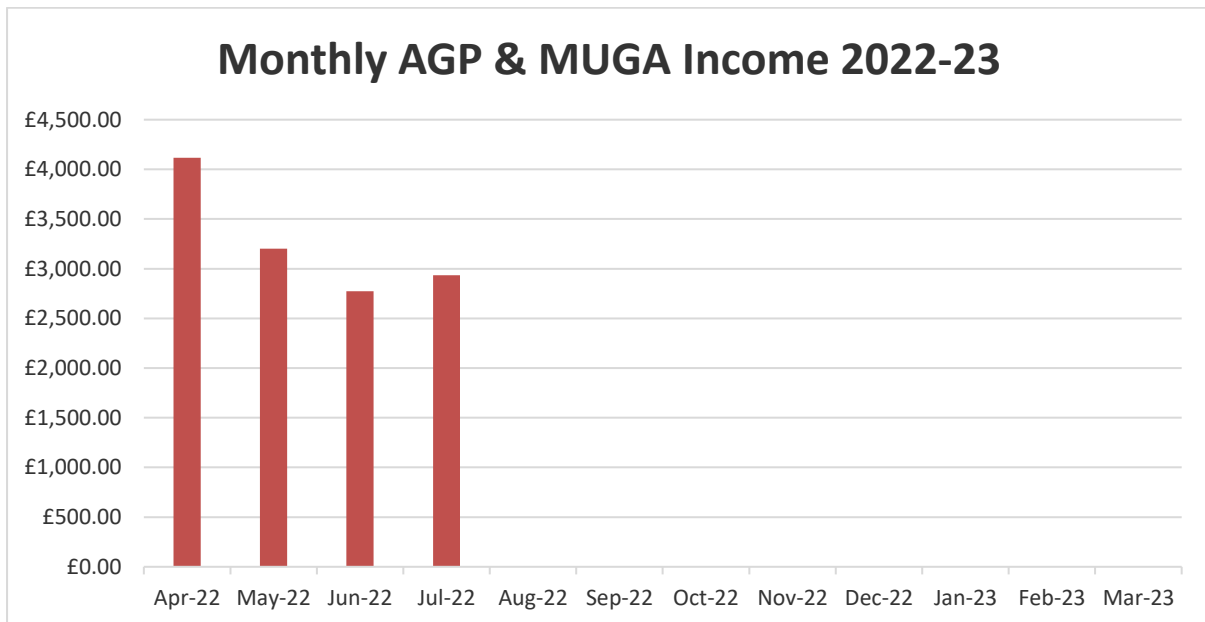




3. INCOME GENERATION

The income generated from the AGP and MUGA has remained in line with the budget projection for 2021/22 and 2022/23 and follows a similar trend to the previous year. In 2021/22 the total income was circa £48,000. This year, by the end of July, we had received £13,000 which is on a par with the same period in 2021/22.

The graph below shows the monthly income received:



4. BRAINTREE COMMUNITY IRON

Sadly, the Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the Community Iron (CI); the community charity of Braintree Town FC managed via a Trust, terminated in February 2022 at their request as the Trust disbanded. The CI provided an action plan for the use of facilities by a wide range of demographics, disabled groups and youth football (girls and boys). This was required by the Football Association when we got the original grant for the AGP over 15years ago. Many of the groups are well established and we continue to provide good, high-quality sports facilities to the community.

5. RECOMMENDATION

That Members note the report.

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Appendix 1 – List of Organisations and Clubs using the AGP and MUGA

Andy Layzell (Rayne Youth) (Affiliated) (J)
A.Wright (Dunmow Utd) (Affiliated)
Benjamin Bailey
Ben Crow (Felsted Rovers) (Affiliated)
Bocking Vets (Affiliated)
Braintree Churches (Affiliated)
Coggeshall Town Under 16's (Affiliated) (J)
Community Iron Group (Affiliated)
Fritch Sixes
Great Notley YFC (Affiliated) (J)
Gt Leighs YFC (Affiliated) (J)
Josh Pridmore
Dunmow United Lions ((Affiliated)
Michael Goodman (Old Gits Football)
Steve Tilsed
MNF (Daniel Clyde)
MRFA (Affiliated)
Neil Chambers (GNFC) (Affiliated)
Great Notley Lions (Affiliated)
Rayne Youths (Affiliated) (J)
RDC
Ross Blackery
Silver End United
Szymon Roda
Braintree FC