

Frequently Asked Questions About the Club's Fund Raising Programme for the Refurbishment of the Artificial Turf Pitch

- 1** ***How much has the Club got to raise for the ATP refurbishment of the Meole Brace School/Roman Rd Sports Centre artificial turf pitch project and by when?***
£28,000 by March 2022.
- 2** ***When will the refurbished pitch be ready to use?***
Shropshire Council, Meole Brace School and England Hockey are planning a procurement programme for the project that will enable the work on the facility to be done in the summer of 2022 so that the facility is ready for the School and Club to use from the beginning of the school autumn term at the beginning of September 2022.
- 3** ***What happens if the Club doesn't raise the full amount of £28,000?***
We can't predict that at this stage but the Club will: regularly monitor progress with its fund raising; work closely with Meole Brace School and Shropshire Council between November 2021 and March 2022; openly share and discuss any concerns and issues about our fund raising programme; discuss any mitigating options and actions.
- 4** ***How much capital funding are other partners putting into the ATP refurbishment?***
Shropshire Council, via Community Investment Levy (CIL) funding - £196,000 (70% of total cost)
Meole Brace School £56,000 (20% of total cost)
- 5** ***What will the ATP refurbishment scheme comprise?***
Replacement of the shock pad
Replacement of the playing surface, suitable for hockey
Replacement of floodlights with LED lighting
- 6** ***Why does the Club have to raise £28,000?***
The Club Committee has been working closely with Shropshire Council for the last 3 years to secure the future of the Roman Rd Sports Centre for hockey use. £28,000 is 10% of the estimated capital cost of the ATP refurbishment project. 90% of the costs are to be met through Shropshire Council and Meole Brace School funding. The Club Committee and England Hockey - whose national Facilities Manager has been involved in negotiations about the future of the ATP over the last year or so - agreed that whilst it will be very challenging for the Club to raise £28,000 in such a short period of time, this presents the Club with an opportunity to work with Meole Brace School, Shropshire Council, Shropshire Hockey Association and others to secure long term use of a quality hockey facility on the site and help the Club achieve its longer term Club Development Plan.
- 7** ***What will the Club get in return for its investment of £28,000 in the ATP refurbishment.***
As well as a facility that is fit for purpose and which helps the Club achieve its Development Plan, the Club will get long term security of use of the facility (it currently has no security of use), more hours of use of the facility and an opportunity to work more closely with Meole Brace School on plans for development of the sports facility(ies) on the site. All the details of this will be set out and agreed in a Memorandum of

Understanding and User Agreement between Meole Brace School and Shrewsbury Hockey Club working in partnership with Shropshire Council Leisure Services, Shropshire Hockey Association and others.

- 8** ***Will the Club have a say in the type of ATP and its technical specifications?***
England Hockey's Facilities Relationship Manager is working closely with/advising Shropshire Council, Meole Brace School and Shrewsbury Hockey Club on the specification and procurement of the ATP Refurbishment Project. The Club will want the new ATP to be line marked appropriately for junior and senior hockey and recognises that the pitch will also need to be suitable for use by the School and wider community for other sports. Over the next weeks and months, the Club will continue to work closely with England Hockey and Shropshire Hockey Association on the technical specification/aspects of the facility.
- 9** ***What is the total cost of the ATP Refurbishment Project?***
The estimated total cost of the project is £280,000.
- 10** ***How can I contribute to the Club's fund raising programme?***
You will be able to contribute in a number of ways. Look out for the Club communications about the details of the various initiatives you can participate in. Also if you have any experience, expertise, knowledge or skills that you are able to offer in support of the Club's Fund Raising Programme please contact Andy Howitt by email: shrewshockeyclub@gmail.com or by phone/text: 07879406433. Please try to participate in any way you can.
- 11** ***Will there be a dedicated Club Bank Account for the Club Fund Raising Programme?***
Yes there will be a dedicated bank account and the details of this will be posted in the Members Section of the Club Website.
- 12** ***Where can I find further information about the Club's Fund Raising Programme?***
We intend to have a dedicated "Artificial Turf Pitch Refurbishment Project and Club Fund Raising Programme" page on the Club's Website. We will also keep this FAQ's document updated. Club Committee Members should also be able to help or signpost you to someone/others who can. You can also contact Andy Howitt (Club Chair) by email shrewshockeyclub@gmail.com or text/phone 07879406433 who will also try to help or signpost you to someone else who might.