

The Wellow Sports Pavilion is Officially Open!

Many thanks to everyone who came along to the opening on Saturday and helped to make the event a great success.

The name says it all – it's a Pavilion for all users of the Sports Field: football, cricket, boules, fitness and tennis in fact for everyone who comes to use the field, the tennis courts and the children's play park.

The intention is for the Pavilion to be open as much as possible, so when the designated key holders (sports leaders) have opened it up, everyone is welcome to come on in. We'll be saying goodbye to the Portaloo which has performed a sterling service over the past year. The brand new loo will be accessible to many and will soon be fitted with a key pad entry system.

THE HUB!

The service area of the pavilion has now been officially named '**The Hub**' and will be open on Saturdays and Sundays **from 10.30 until 3pm**. Come along and sample some very good coffee, tea, soft drinks, cakes and snacks. The aim is to have a cashless pavilion so just bring along your card, spend over a £1 and all should be well! The Hub may also open at various times during the week and the team will be sure to let you know!

The Wellow Sports Pavilion has been funded and built on behalf of Wellow Parish Council by a dedicated project team who have worked tirelessly to create this wonderful new asset to our village. Andy Smith, Chris Wordsworth, Debbie & Mike Clarkson, Beth Jackson, Sheilagh Humphreys and Peter Downey are just some of those who have given their time and professional expertise to the project. Robin Campbell, clerk to Wellow Parish Council also deserves a very special mention having given so much of his time to this project.

Thanks also go to all those individuals and families who made generous donations to help fund the project, together with the organizations who gave

grants including the LTA, the Medlock Trust, Bath & North East Somerset Council and the National Lottery. We thank David Phillips for his kind cooperation with the disposal of the excess earth at preferential rates and also the Village Hall committee and Magic Box who have put up with all of the upheaval. Thanks also to Lyn Doman who as a Trustee of Wellow Recreation and the Village Hall worked hard to ensure good communication and coordination.

The ongoing management and maintenance of the Sports Pavilion is a shared responsibility by Wellow Recreation and Wellow Valley Tennis. A small committee called the Pavilion Team has been set up comprising of members of the 2 organisations. The Pavilion accounts will be managed by Wellow Recreation.

The Sports Pavilion will be available for hire for sport related events and hopefully Wimbledon and the World Cup finals will be screened! Small groups can also hire the building but it's important to bear in mind this is a small cosy space not suited to large gatherings. There is no intention to take business away from the Village Hall as it is a very different building with different aims.

If you'd like more information about the Pavilion please contact Debbie Clarkson debclarkson@gmail.com.