



# Old Bordenian Hockey Club

*Affiliated to Kent County Hockey Association*

*Grounds:* Borden Grammar School, Avenue of Remembrance, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 4DB

[www.oldbordenianhc.co.uk](http://www.oldbordenianhc.co.uk)

*Colours:* Maroon and Gold

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Dear Club Member

I am writing to club members in order to bring to your attention, and to emphasise, the need to resurface the pitch and upgrade it from sand-based to sand-dressed. The pitch is 13 years old and artificial grass pitch surfaces normally have a life of about 12 years. We are fortunate that our pitch is in a reasonable condition, but we must be aware that the club will have to make a significant contribution to the cost of replacement of the pitch surface very soon.

We have always managed our funds very carefully and, as a result, we have built up a reasonable Development Reserve but we shall need substantially more.

The cost of the replacement and upgrade of the pitch carpet to a sand-dressed surface will be around £200,000+VAT. We hope to be able to raise some of this by way of grants, but there is intense competition for grants these days and there is no guarantee of success.

When we raised the funding to build the pitch, we launched an appeal to club members for donations and, with one-off donations and standing order donations over several years, we raised around £100,000. We are now making a similar appeal to club members.

**So, if you can donate, either with a one-off amount or with a regular standing order, or both, please reply to me telling me what you can do. I will let you know how to do it.**

Several club members have already come forward to offer donations, either as one-off amounts or as monthly donations by standing order or, in some cases, both. There have been some very generous donations of £1,000. However, any amount which you may be able to donate would be a great help.

This is a members' club and everyone needs to do their bit to make it the great club that it is. Please don't assume that you can leave the responsibility for this to others.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Chairman

PS: If you want to donate by cheque, please post c/o me to: The Walnuts, London Road, Lynsted, Kent ME9 9QS

PPS: If you know of another potential benefactor, or of a source of funding which we may not have explored, please let me know