

TOP TIPS TO IMPROVE YOUR PITCH

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**ENGLAND
FOOTBALL**



WE ASKED: WHAT ARE THE TOP TIPS YOU WOULD GIVE TO OTHERS LOOKING TO IMPROVE THEIR GRASS PITCH?



YOU SAID:

“DON’T DELAY, ENGAGE WITH YOUR COUNTY FA & GMA REGIONAL PITCH ADVISOR ASAP FOR SUPPORT.”

“TALK TO OTHER CLUBS THAT HAVE BEEN THROUGH THIS PROCESS BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH ANY WORK.”

“MAKE SURE YOU’RE FULLY ACROSS THE FUNDING OPTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO YOU.”

“ENGAGE WITH YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL & YOUR COUNCILLOR TO HELP IDENTIFY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SUCH AS SECTION 106 FUNDING.”

“SEEK GRANT FUNDING FOR PITCH MAINTENANCE AND ALSO FOR PROPER EQUIPMENT/STORAGE.”

“SEEK FUNDING AND FOLLOW THE GUIDANCE PROVIDED.”

“USE THE PITCHPOWER AND FOOTBALL FOUNDATION ROUTE TO GRANTS. GAIN SUPPORT FROM YOUR COUNTY FA TO HELP WITH THE GRANT APPLICATIONS. ENGAGE WITH A SPORTS TURF COMPANY TO HELP WITH PLANNING AND PRICING THE WORK REQUIRED.”

“GET SOME SPECIFIC DETAILED ADVICE FOR YOUR PITCHES FROM THE GMA’S REGIONAL PITCH ADVISOR. THIS WILL HELP YOU QUESTION/CHALLENGE AND ADD VALUE TO THE ANNUAL PLANS YOU MAKE WITH YOUR EXTERNAL CONTRACTORS. ALSO GET GMA ADVICE ON PURCHASING EQUIPMENT AND SOME LONGER-TERM PLANNING THAT WILL SUPPORT YOUR PITCH IMPROVEMENTS.”

“DECIDE ON A CLUB PLAN. GET VOLUNTEERS INVOLVED. DON’T PLAY ON PITCHES THAT ARE IN ANY DOUBT. TAKE PRIDE IN HAVING A GOOD PITCHES, LESS GAMES CANCELLED AND GETTING GOOD FEEDBACK FROM VISITING TEAMS.”

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(Data taken from those who completed West Riding FA Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund survey, March 2025)