

# **DRUFC Clubhouse & Playing**

## **Facilities Improvement Programme 2010 – 2011**

The RFU is willing to invest £50,000 to £60,000 in Dunstablians but we have to match their investment with our own fund raising, other grants and sponsorship. The money will pay for our Capital Facilities Improvement Programme, which includes a whole package of improvements to our playing and clubhouse facilities. To benefit from this tremendous opportunity:

**we need to raise at least £25,000 by the end of the summer 2010.**

If the majority of members take part in the **DRUFC CHALLENGE 2010** fund raising scheme (see separate DRUFC Challenge 2010 Choices Form), we can achieve this target easily.

**The maths are: 250 members, each raising £100 = £25,000.**

The planned improvements are in line with the club's 3 Year Development Plan and have been designed specifically to be eligible for RFU funding and also to comply with the high standards set by the RFU for clubhouse, changing room and floodlighting facilities.

A brief summary of improvements planned for Dunstablians is as follows:

**Floodlights** - 1<sup>st</sup> XV pitch to be brought up to RFU standards required for floodlit rugby matches. Training pitch to be fully floodlit and additional training areas beyond the brook to be floodlit also, allowing a greater number of people to train and play matches.

**New hot water cylinder** – Existing Referees' room to become the 'Plant Room' and the worn-out, leaking hot water cylinder to be replaced with a modern, energy efficient unit, which will provide much better, more powerful shower facilities.

**Officials Changing Room** – Male and female en-suite changing facility to be installed in the existing Physio's Room, thereby accommodating male and female match officials and meeting RFU requirements.

**Disabled Persons' WC and Lockable Cupboard for Cleaning materials** – To comply with disabled persons' legislation and RFU Health & Safety regulations, existing kitchen to be converted into disabled toilet and lockable cleaning materials cupboard.

**New Kitchen** – Existing shop to be converted into a new, bigger kitchen allowing catering facilities for a larger number of people with a serving hatch to outside as well as inside.

**New Extension to provide Physio/First Aid Room, Shop and Porch** – The new porch facility is designed to house the new Physio/First Aid Room and Shop. Currently, we spend nearly £12,000 per annum on heating and lighting. With better insulation provided by the porch and other measures we intend to cut costs by at least 50%.

**New Utility Room** – Better location for washing machine, dryer, freezers and provision of additional work surfaces for cold food preparation.

**Existing Store** – will become an additional changing room.

**New 'Draught' Lobby** – Additional set of double doors at the main entrance will form a 'draught' lobby to improve heat retention in the building and reduce heating costs.

Although not eligible under the RFU Capital Facilities Improvement scheme, it is intended also to refurbish the Ladies and Gents Toilets and to provide a 'Smokers' shelter away from the main clubhouse entrance, which will become a strictly 'No Smoking' area.

**It is therefore essential that everyone participates in this great opportunity for OUR CLUB.**

**Please complete the DRUFC Challenge 2010 Choices Form NOW and send to [challenge@drufc.com](mailto:challenge@drufc.com)**