

## Swinden Playing Fields, Nelson

In terms of grounds maintenance, it costs us **£23,707.69** to maintain the playing field on an annual basis.

Please note - the work schedule is fairly old and as such may not be wholly representative of the maintenance that goes on at the Playing Field at present.

In addition, we have the following R&M revenue budgets for Swinden (these are the base budgets for 2015/16):

Playing Fields - **£18,380** (includes Grounds and Buildings R&M/Vandalism, Gas, Water/Sewerage, Electricity & Business Rates)

Total cost (Grounds Maintenance + Revenue budgets) = **£42,087.69**

There are other implications/issues that Nelson Town Council will need to be aware of in terms of managing/maintaining the site if the land is transferred in to their ownership. These are:

- Steven Burke Sports Hub – The Cycle track is managed and maintained by the Council but is run in co-ordination with Cycle Development Pendle Partnership (CDPP) – a user agreement is in place as it was a stipulation from British Cycling (who provided funding towards the development). Bookings are taken via the CSP website and PBC Officers. Any expenditure relating to the track is taken from income generated from organised sessions/events. Any profit remaining at the end of the financial year is split 50/50 between PBC and CSP and re-invested back in to the development of the hub. We are looking at CDPP taking over ownership of the track in the long term.
- Cycle Sport Pendle - they have a short term lease agreement with the Council for use of approximately a third of the pavilion and for one storage container adjacent to the building. They pay an annual fee to the Council in addition to a contribution to utility costs for this privilege.
- Pendle Cycleway runs along the edge of the playing field from Bullhome towards the canal.
- There is a right of way from Reedyford Road via North Valley Forge to Swinden. We only ever use this access point if large contractor vehicles need to access site or for large scale events, e.g. Football Tournament.
- A small area (at the Colne end) of Swinden comes under British Waterways ownership – please see attached plan detailing the piece of land.
- Organisation of Sports pitches for weekly Football fixtures – marking, grass cutting, liaising with teams, invoicing, etc.
- Pitch allocations prior to the start of a new season – again liaising with clubs/leagues to see what pitches they want for the forthcoming season, e.g. for the 2015/16 season we have had 5-a-side, 7-a-side and 11-a-side pitches/matches at Bullholme.
- Organisation of Attendants to cover organised Football games including key distribution.
- Dealing with other organisations that want to use the Recreation Ground for one off events/activities, e.g. Barrowford Celtic Annual 2 day Football Tournament, Cricket Tournaments, etc.

- Dealing with general issues and complaints relating to the Recreation Ground, e.g. vandalism, organising contractors to do work, etc.
- Public Space Protection Order's (PSPO's) to uphold – ensuring the Recreation Ground is used appropriately and in line with the PSPO (which is scheduled to come in to operation by the end of March 2017 and will include most things previously in the Bye-Laws plus dog control, fouling, etc.)
- Utility issues such as meter readings, legionella checks and general health & safety checks of the building. This is done through a combination of Neighbourhood Services staff and Property Services.