

Pontesbury Sports Association – Chairperson Report – March 2025

Firstly, I would like to thank my Executive Committee of Sharon, David and Wayne for their hard work and support during the last 12-months. 2024 had been a busy year both on and off the sports field.

On-field

On the field both the Worthen men's and women's teams continue to go from strength to strength. Bowls continued on the PSA bowling green and it was great to see juniors taking part too. We had five rounders teams playing either on the PSA field or on Mary Webb. Despite the wet weather in the Spring and delayed start the cricket club had an extremely busy schedule of training and fixtures from AllStars, Dynamos, U11 & U13, through to Women & Girls hardball and soft ball, Shrewsbury Evening League and finally Shropshire County Cricket League.

During Summer evenings it was fantastic to see multiple sports being played across the field and over on Mary Webb.

At this point I would like to thank Mary Webb school for their cooperation with the use of the school field which was invaluable when we needed additional parking during busy sessions.

Off-field

Off the field we have continued to upgrade the facilities in the pavilion, following on from the work funded by the cricket club ECB County Grant. During 2024 to comply with regulations we have also.

- Installed fire alarms and extinguishers.
- Upgraded the alarm system.
- Upgraded the CCTV
- Upgraded the electrical system, including LED lighting throughout the building and installing emergency exit signs.
- We have also had the building surveyed for asbestos and for legionella (this has highlighted some additional work that it required to comply with legislation).
- The flooring was replaced throughout the building.
- The kitchen was refitted.
- We have repaired the carpark with sixty tonnes of stone.
- The field was verti-drained
- The PSA also funded a replacement mower for the cricket outfield & football pitch.
- We have also had the brook on the boundary with Mary Webb dug out alongside the football pitch as far as the Shropshire Council officers would allow. Thanks to Trevor Evans for his work on this.
- Additional drainage was installed across the carpark to help take away water gathering in front of the pavilion. Thanks to Matthew Dorricott for his help with this.

Flooding continues to be an issue on the field, with the problem area being across the cricket outfield towards the pavilion and when the brook overtops the culvert during periods of heavy rainfall. We have on-going discussions with the Parish Council and County Council to try and find a resolution to this. Until we can resolve this flooding other projects in front of the pavilion will have to be delayed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parish Council for their continued support in helping us upgrade the facilities. Upgrading the pavilion, ensuring that we comply with current legislation has come at a cost giving us a challenge for 2025 and in the future to ensure that we have sufficient income to maintain a quality and compliant facility.