



Aston Rowant Cricket Club

Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) has allowed Aston Rowant to modernise their facilities to be more sustainable.

Aston Rowant Cricket Club, founded in 1881, is a volunteer led cricket club serving the local area. They provide facilities for people of all ages to get involved in sport, as well as providing a social hub for the local community to meet.



The Project

REPF funding was used to build a pavilion, keeping with local rural environment, that has the internal facilities necessary for a modern sports pavilion.

Facilities

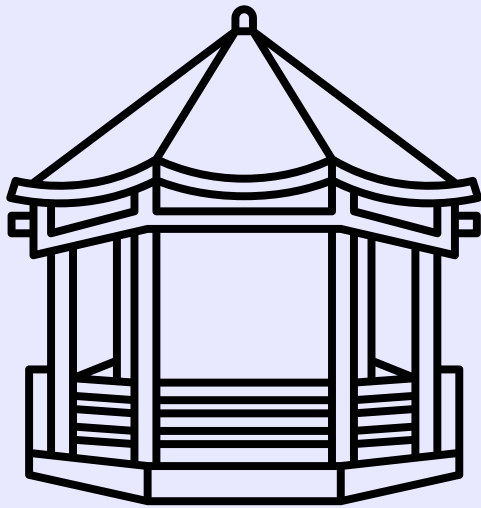
- Two team changing rooms
- Showers and toilets
- An accessible toilet
- Gender-neutral changing room
- Club room with facilities for drink-making and first aid
- Accessible veranda with picnic tables

Why was the upgrade necessary?

There were previously no changing, shower, or shelter facilities at the second pitch.

The club had to cap membership due to lack of facilities, also restricting the ability to run junior teams.

Reduced number of viable partnerships, including with local forest schools, because of insufficient capacity.



The benefits of a new pavilion

The Environment

The new building is net zero and all energy needs are met by the solar panels installed on the roof.

Solar panels will produce 4.65kWh for at least 4 hours of the day to heat water for the showers and the tea urn and pump for the rainwater harvesting system.

Rainwater harvesting system will be used for toilet flushing. Low energy LED lighting without any external lights. No nearby parking to encourage walking from the main site.

Community and Inclusivity

Some members join for social rather than sporting purposes - especially since there are currently no walkable pubs or restaurants in the local area.

Making sure to involve and collaborate with the community to encourage social cohesion and reduce rural isolation.



Successes!



Despite adverse weather conditions and increasing costs, the work of Aston Rowant volunteers and the addition of REPF funding has made the net zero pavilion possible. Matches began at the new pavilion from June 2024.

Aston Rowant Cricket Club is launching a women's team, aided by the increase in changing facilities.



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