



NLD RFU

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, LINCOLNSHIRE & DERBYSHIRE
RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

HONORARY PRESIDENT 2014 - 2015 : PHILIP CASS

Monday 19th January 2015

Dear Club Secretary

HELPING HAND GRANT – Available to clubs Levels 7-10.

As we approach the Rugby World Cup matches being held In England in 2015, The RFU have introduced an initiative 'RFU Lead up to Legacy project RWC 2015' in which the RFU are investigating methods to assist Clubs to improve their 'Social Spaces' ie. Clubhouse and Bar area ~ Kitchen Facilities ~ Ladies & Gents Toilets ~ Playing Surface Preparation & Maintenance ~ Floodlights or Posts, in fact, areas of Clubs which, by improvements in either their appearance or -Facilities would attract more Players /members to visit & join your Club.

As Rugby players – we have in the past - '*as long as a good pint is served*' - simply accepted the various facilities standards set by some Clubs, but, perhaps it's time to seriously consider 'What improvements to your existing facilities would attract more Players & Members to visit and join your Club'. In many Clubs, I am sure that member's wives would appreciate the Clubroom & Bar being upgraded with more comfortable furniture. Properly maintained Ladies Loo's that are of an acceptable standard for ladies, both in hygiene & furniture. It is time to understand & meet the expectations & requirements of the 21st Century.

As a part of this process NLD RFU through its newly formed Facilities group has made available a grant of £250 for clubs at level 7 -10. This grant must be matched by the club £ for £. I am pleased to include the application form and ask that it is returned to the NLDRFU Office – address below or emailed to nldrfu@therfu.com by the closing date of **Monday 23rd February 2015.**

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