

# Oulton With Woodlesford Sports & Social Club

## Background Information

Formed in 1879 as a Cricket club. Sport has been played on this site for over 140 years. During that time there have been tennis courts, a bowling green and since the 1950s Football. In 1962 Rugby League took root, more recently Rothwell Sub Aqua have used the premises as its base along with Rothwell Harriers running club.

### Cricket:

A very successful All Stars mixed group bringing children in at about 5 years old. This has led to us running 2 junior teams to build for the future and support our 2 open age Senior teams

### Football:

We currently have 2 Junior teams and 2 Senior teams

### Rugby League:

We introduce children from about 4 years old to our Rocky's Giants with competitive games being organised from 6 years of age. We have 15 teams at all age groups from Under 7 to Under 18, 4 of which are girls teams.

Girls Rugby is a growth area at the moment which we are fully committed to supporting.

In total we have around 400 juniors aged 4 to 18 playing sport on the site and around 140 adults actively involved in playing both mens and womens open age rugby.

This requires an army of volunteers to ensure a safe and enjoyable environment for the children in particular and we have over 100 people giving their time to make this a successful club.

## Finance

Our philosophy is to make sport available to all. To achieve this we keep our subscription fees to a minimum helping hard pressed families to take advantage of what we have to offer.

However an operation of this size takes time, effort and money to be a success.

### Major costs are:

Rent to LCC	£11900 pa
Fuel (gas & electricity)	£14000 pa
Grounds maintenance	£16000 pa
Insurance	£ 4000 pa
Match/training equipment	£ 5000 pa
Waste/hygiene	£ 5000 pa
Upkeep	£ 5000 pa
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	£60900 per year (about £1200 per week)

To meet these running costs, we raise about 20% in direct fees from our members/families which leaves a massive 80% dependent on other revenue streams.

This is where income from our Licensed bar has come in to cover much of the shortfall, along with our annual free 3 day 'OultonFest' community event. Without this income, we would sadly see a huge increase in membership fees to maintain our current standards or a major contraction in the range of activities we are able to provide. Both of these options are likely to have a devastating effect on the young people of Rothwell, Oulton, Woodlesford and the surrounding area and their chances play sport in safe environment.

On behalf of the Committee  
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