



# CURLEY PARK RANGERS FC

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## Calling All Parents, Your Club Needs You!

There have been so many questions regarding the fence at Connaught Park and our current restrictions in the use of the Connaught School fields we wanted to explain the situation and seek your help.

Curley Park has been based at Connaught Park for the last 30 years. We are a local club, the largest in the county, and we pride ourselves on offering football to the whole community. This has been recognised this last week as the Club has been awarded the prestigious status of "FA Charter Standard Community Club".

Regrettably over the last two years the relationship with Connaught School has become more difficult. This year the school have decided to push through a radical change of terms for use of the sports field. The ownership of the field has been split between the school and the local borough council. To achieve this, the school decided to put the metal fence between the two areas on the grounds stating that it was for reasons of the safety of the children at the school. Unfortunately for the club this fence goes across one of the 11-a-side pitches.. The club tried to negotiate a double gate to ensure we could assist in the maintenance of the grounds (as we have done for a number of years circa £5000 – £6000 per annum) and make the fence workable, however the school installed a single gate in the fence so even if the club do have usage everything will have to go through this narrow entrance which raises health and safety concerns for us such as access for Ambulances

The school has imposed a number of further restrictions that really have a negative impact on the club. These are a reduction in the number of pitches from four to two and allowing only use on Saturdays. However they have doubled the rent and want further money for maintenance of the field! Further restrictions on usage mean no football after 3pm. The standard kick off for North East Hants League is 2pm which means 11-a-side games finish after 3pm this gives yet another problem. Additionally the school have advised us that the club would no longer be able to use the Tennis Courts for parking on a weekend.

We are continuing to negotiate the best deal we can for the club but the school seems to beset in its position and as of 23<sup>rd</sup> of August there is no agreement with the School and it seems unlikely the School will be in a position to agree anything before the 5/6<sup>th</sup> September. To that end we have asked the League to ensure that Curley Park teams do not have any home games on the 5<sup>th</sup> September but clearly this is not a sustainable position.



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You can understand the club's frustration that a facility that has been used for 30 years without problems is now potentially unavailable to us. We are continuing negotiation with the School. However we are turning to our 500 parents to ask for your help so we can safeguard the future of the club and ensure the children can continue to play football.

We need to find alternative temporary/and or permanent venues for the Junior Club at 7-a-side and help to find alternate pitches for the Senior Club at 11-a-side. Can you help us?

1. Are there Companies nearby with Sports facilities we could approach?
2. Are there local schools (we've approached a couple already) we could use?

Please email Mark Kelly ([mark.kelly63@btinternet.com](mailto:mark.kelly63@btinternet.com)) or Paul Blair ([sec@cprfc.org.uk](mailto:sec@cprfc.org.uk)) if you have any questions or suggestions.

Our new website is also up and running – please be sure to visit regularly to get the latest news ([www.cprfc.org.uk](http://www.cprfc.org.uk))



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