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Notts Sport Multisport Facility opened by Leicester City Legend

A small Midlands community is benefiting from a new Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) after enlisting leading synthetic surfacing specialist Notts Sport to design and project-manage the facility.

Former Leicester City captain, Steve Walsh cut the ribbon to open the made-to-measure pitch in Fleckney, Leicestershire, at an event attended by hundreds of people from the local community and by representatives from Fleckney Parish Council, which commissioned and co-funded the project.

Steve, who went on to enjoy a kick-about with local players, said: "In my day we never had such good facilities as this, but it is great to see smaller communities clubbing together to make sure more local people have the chance to play sports.



Steve Walsh tests out the new sports facility with some of the Fleckney Athletic under 18's team in Fleckney, Leicestershire.

"This kind of facility helps to promote a healthier lifestyle and to keep kids off the street – as well as helping us to find and coach the sporting stars of the future."

The high quality, synthetic grass-surfaced MUGA enables a range of sports to be played in one space, and by opening the facility to clubs and community users from the surrounding areas, it will bring in revenue for the Parish Council, which co-funded the facility with Fleckney Athletic AFC, Sport England, the Football Foundation, Harborough District Council and through local fundraising.

Alan Birch, Chairman of Fleckney Parish Council, says: "We have a strong local football club, but they often had to travel to other facilities for training. Now they have a local facility and other sports can be developed and enjoyed throughout the year too, including netball, tennis and hockey."

Adds John Flower, Clerk to the Parish Council: "We chose Notts Sport because they could advise on and project-manage the creation of the facility – without this it wouldn't have happened."

Notts Sport worked with Fleckney Parish Council for around two years, advising on grants and funding for the facility, and designing a MUGA suited to its budget, the site and the needs of the community.



The MUGA was installed by Leicester-based Dura Sport, one of Notts Sport's officially appointed installers for its top-of-the-range facilities.

The Multi Sport VHAF NottsSward synthetic turf surface was laid onto a specialist base layer to provide a pitch offering consistent playing performance for a range of sports, with the facility fenced and floodlit for use in winter.

Simon Clare, from Notts Sport, comments: "It's very rewarding to see this MUGA in use, and to know that the high-quality, durable materials we use will ensure it provides community sports for many years to come."

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Notts Sport is the leading specialist in designing, advising upon and supplying artificial surfacing systems for sport, play and leisure.

The company has over 25 years' experience in providing non-turf technology for cricket, tennis, hockey and football as well as children's play and multi-use games areas.

Committed to providing effective and innovative design solutions, Notts Sport has built up an impressive client portfolio, working with local authorities, schools, clubs and national and regional sports bodies.

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