



**Community
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Chapel Gate update

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Welcome to your round-up of news and information from across Chapel Gate.

The last year has not been quite what anyone envisaged, but our team has worked incredibly hard to support community and university sports at Chapel Gate while following the latest guidance from government and national sporting bodies.

Covid-19 has provided everyone with many challenges over the last year but we have continued to make improvements to the site and we are looking forward to seeing sport return.

In the meantime, the Chapel Gate team and I hope that you are all safe and well.

Jim Andrews
Director and Chair of BU Community Business

New duty managers

We've taken on two new duty managers – Emma Bennett and Neil Bibby.

They both have a wealth of experience in professional and community sport and will be assisting the Chapel Gate team in the everyday running of the site, as well as supporting SportBU.

Since joining us at Chapel Gate, Emma and Neil have been working hard on projects including the volunteering and no smoking policies, corporate sports leagues, and supporting the capital spend projects. Both are excited to be part of the Chapel Gate team and are looking forward to sport resuming on site.



Improvements to the site

We've made a number of improvements to the grounds and buildings across the Chapel Gate site, with further work planned over the next few months.

We're delighted to have received planning permission to replace one of the astroturf hockey pitches and floodlights for both pitches, as well as the creation of a new hockey warm up area and pedestrian circulation areas. We will also replace the floodlights on the main rugby pitch and resurface areas of the car park and entrance road.

This work is planned for the summer and we'll continue to provide updates on the **Chapel Gate website**.

New automatic doors have been fitted to the club house, along with a new accessibility ramp leading up to reception.

We're committed to sustainability and will be placing new general waste and recycling bins across the site in the coming weeks, which will help us to better segregate and recycle waste.

Chapel Gate smoking policy

As part of our commitment to health and wellbeing, our aspiration is to make Chapel Gate a no-smoking site.

Our current policy does not permit smoking within 5m of buildings or structures (including artificial pitches, dug outs and other sporting areas). Thank you for taking this into account. We continue to monitor the situation and will update you with any changes. Find out more about the policy on the Health and Safety pages of the **website**.

Covid-19 updates

We continue to follow government guidance and advice from national sporting bodies and have put measures in place across Chapel Gate to minimise the risks of Covid-19.

We ask that all visitors follow these measures for their own safety, and the safety of those around them.

Full details and our latest Covid-19 updates can be found on the [Chapel Gate website](#).



Club News

Cricket

The 2020 season was very successful for Bournemouth Cricket Club both on and off the pitch.

Our First Team had a great year, finishing top of the West Region and then narrowly losing out in the Grand Final. The Seconds chose to play in Dorset for the season and finished joint top of their group in the Dorset Premier League. The Thirds reached their final whilst a very young Fifts were competitive throughout, with many promising young cricketers getting their first taste of the adult game.

Our Ladies softball team also had a fantastic year, comprehensively winning

their competition - a reflection of all the effort they put in to training, and the enjoyment they show in playing. The Youth teams played numerous friendlies and, thanks to our dedicated coaching team, the standard of training and practice had never been higher.

A very substantial grant from the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) has hopefully allowed the cricket outfield issues to be sorted and expectations are of a much-improved playing surface.

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www.bournemouthcc.co.uk

Bournemouth Sports Table Tennis Club

Over the last two seasons, 12-year-old Sophie Barcsai has represented Dorset County in Cadets (under 14s) and Juniors (under 18s), and has beaten women ranked in the Top 30 in England in the Seniors. She is an English National Schools champion and has represented England in international schools events, winning gold and other medals in these tournaments.

Sophie also plays internationally for Hungary and is ranked No 1 in her age groups. At the last Euro Minis, which is for the best young girls from the whole of Europe, she finished in 10th place

and was invited to play in the Stiga Masters, an event for the top elite U13 girls. Sophie finished 5th, despite being two years younger than most other competitors.



If you'd like to share your section or club news in the next newsletter, please contact us at: chapelgate@bournemouth.ac.uk

We meet...

Greg and Lisa Wolff

Co-Directors at Mighty Oaks Day Nursery and Preschool

Husband and wife Greg and Lisa have recently taken over **Mighty Oaks**, revamping the nursery with new natural resources throughout. A new manager and qualified staff are also in place.

Greg has an Honours degree in education and has worked in early years for over 25 years, as well as owning a successful early years consultancy. In his spare time, he enjoys following Liverpool FC, Formula 1 and cooking.

Lisa has always worked in the education, health and social care sectors and brings a passion for helping those with special educational needs, brought about through personal family experience, to the nursery.

They said: "We are looking forward to fostering new and positive working relationships with our new wider work family at Chapel Gate, who have made us feel very welcome."



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