



**Community
Business**



Chapel Gate update

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

It has been brilliant to have sport return to Chapel Gate and see so many teams back on site.

We recently celebrated two years of ownership and it is amazing to think back on what we have achieved across that time and reflect on our ambitions for the future, including our

commitment to sustainability and the ongoing investment at Chapel Gate.

Our team have worked hard throughout the pandemic on a number of enhancements to the site – we hope you are enjoying the new and improved facilities.

Jim Andrews
Director and Chair of BU Community Business

Major upgrades completed

We are delighted to have completed our latest improvement works at Chapel Gate, representing over £1million of investment.

This has included the creation of a new hockey warm up area and the replacement of one of the astroturf hockey pitches.

We have added new dugouts where teams and coaches can watch matches, and replaced the floodlights for both pitches, as well as the floodlights on the main rugby pitch

We have also resurfaced the car park and entrance road, and added a new bike shed, with secure bike parking.

Thank you for your patience and understanding while we undertook this work - we hope you are enjoying the new facilities.



Welcome Kingsgate Kitchen

We're pleased to welcome Ricky King of Kingsgate Kitchen to Chapel Gate as our new catering provider. Ricky comes with a wealth of experience in catering and events, previously working for over 20 years with Chartwells. The bar is now open and has benefitted from a refurbishment behind the scenes, including a new bar and worktop, lighting, and upgrades in the kitchen.

Ricky is now taking bookings for catered events at Chapel Gate. You can email him via ricky@kingsgatekitchen.co.uk or message him through Facebook at Kingsgate Kitchen.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Mick from Premier Bar and Catering for all his hard work at Chapel Gate over the last few years.

Sustainability

Sustainability is at the heart of BU's values and we're working on several projects at Chapel Gate to improve our carbon management.

This includes improved metering and upgrading to LED lighting throughout the site. You can find out more about the commitment to sustainability on the website: <http://chapel-gate.co.uk/about-us/sustainability>

Volunteer policy

Volunteers are the lifeblood of community sport and we know how important they are to the running of your clubs and sections.

We have been working on a new volunteer policy, which outlines what

you can expect from us and the scope of activities that can be carried out by volunteers.

We'll be sharing the details shortly with sections, but if you have any questions or would like to see the policy, please contact Emma Bennett on: ebennett1@bournemouth.ac.uk



News from around Chapel Gate

- We have made some new appointments to our grounds team. Alex McCombie will be joining us as Head of Grounds with over 30 years' experience in the turf industry including roles at Parkstone Golf Club and AFC Bournemouth's academy. Rory Harrington, our new Deputy Head of Grounds, has over 20 years' experience in grounds care – previously working as Deputy Head of Grounds at Canford School. We hope you'll join us in giving Alex and Rory a warm welcome to Chapel Gate.
- We welcomed thousands of visitors to Chapel Gate this summer to enjoy sport and live music as part of the Bournemouth 7s Festival. Thanks, as ever, to our sections for your support during the Bournemouth 7s period.
- We played host to BU's Colour Run, with students getting doused in coloured powder while running or walking around the site.
- We offered BU students brand new courses in archery and air rifle shooting at Chapel Gate, as part of our campus sports programme. The courses give students the opportunity to learn the basics and find out more about joining the clubs based at Chapel Gate to further develop their skills.
- Congratulations to **Mighty Oaks Day Nursery and Pre-School** who have received a 'Good' Ofsted rating for the first time, following an inspection in August 2021. Co-owner Greg Wolff described the result as "a testament to the hard work and dedication of every member of the Mighty Oaks team."



We meet... Catherine Rough, Finance Officer

"I have worked at Chapel Gate as Finance Officer since May 2013 (if my memory serves me right). I love the balance of working from the office/home and the flexible hours that this role has given me, which can be difficult with young children, but has meant I have not missed out on important moments for my kids that I might have done before.

One of my favourite things is the work environment. It starts from the drive into the clubhouse – seeing the airport, then the drive past the horses and a busy vibrant day of teams playing sports. It is just great to be a part of it all.

I'm also proud to be part of the team I work with, from the original Chapel Gate staff to now the larger BU team."




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