

*Stroud Playing Pitch Strategy - Site Overviews*

SDST.43	GL10 2HA	Stonehouse Stonehouse	MAIDENHILL SCHOOL	Education
				
				
<b>Owner/Manager</b>	School; indoor facilities now managed by Stonehouse Sport. Grass pitches managed by the school			
<b>Pitch sports played on this site</b>	Football, rugby, tennis			
<b>Pitches on this site – quality</b>	2 adult football rated as standard. Currently no recorded community use so not included for capacity. 1 rugby pitch? Good grass			
<b>Other sports facilities</b>	3 netball/ tennis courts and MUGA.			
<b>Changing &amp; ancillary facilities</b>	In sports centre.			
<b>Clubs/teams on this site</b>	No recorded community use of pitches. But 5v5 football is played indoors in sports hall and occasionally on MUGA.			

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	Rugby pitch has been used by Stroud Junior RFC in past but not this season – all junior and mini teams playing at Archway school.
<b>Comments on capacity</b>	There is spare capacity at this school for rugby and football and not clear why this is not happening this year
<b>Key Findings and Issues</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Site was managed by Stroud DC but now managed by school who have subcontracted management of Indoor facilities and outdoor courts to Stonehouse Sport. However, SS have not taken on the pitches.</li> <li>2. Spoke to manager of Stonehouse Sport who said there has been no demand expressed to date for use of pitches (in any event). <a href="https://www.stonehousesport.com">https://www.stonehousesport.com</a></li> <li>3. When site was managed by the District Council, Stroud RFC used the pitches for junior rugby but did not have access to toilet/changing facilities. Therefore could be used for training but not for matches.</li> <li>4. Need to establish potential and willingness for school to develop/continue community use of football and rugby pitches in the future</li> <li>5. Also identified as possible SHW hub site.</li> <li>6. Possible potential for 3G FTP (sites limited in Stonehouse)</li> </ol>
<b>Stonehouse Sport</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stonehouse Sport (limited company); leasing the facility. Paid staff manage out of school hours</li> <li>• They do not manage the pitches. But in any event they have not had anyone enquiring about the pitches (it may be they enquire within the school).</li> <li>• Outdoor courts not booked out as much as could be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Thursday night netball, but the majority of netball is indoors.</li> <li>○ Small group use for 5v5</li> <li>○ u11s – Tuesday night training</li> </ul> </li> <li>• SS are trying to encourage weekend use of outdoor courts but no takers at the moment.</li> <li>• In general uptake for new facilities has been disappointing despite best efforts of SS in doing leaflet drops, posters etc. There was a good start initially but now use has flatlined. Friday and Saturdays – little interest but Monday – Thursday night quite good attendance in sports hall (archery, football, netball). But everyone wants the same slots – Wednesday nights, 6-8pm!!</li> <li>• Trying various activities in the sports hall – 5v5, walking football, hockey and netball. Hoping use will pick up as Spring approaches.</li> </ul>