

ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT SPORTS ASSOCIATION

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Update to Area Board 21/09/2016

The first summer operation of the new sports facilities at Gerard Buxton Sports Ground on the Brinkworth Road in RWB, has proven exciting and busy. In addition to the normal RWB Cricket, Tennis, Football, and Running club activities, other community clubs and individuals have made considerable use of the cricket, tennis, and artificial grass football pitch. Highlights have been:

- High incidence of tennis pay and play use by the public.
- Swindon Town FC training on site.
- Following Team GB's terrific win in the tennis world team championship in 2015, the Davis Cup was on display in August.
- The August bank holiday Monday saw an interclub sports/social tournament was held to commemorate the anniversary of the site opening 1 year ago.

It was an extremely challenging first year of operation, impacted particularly by late completion of the development works and the main contractor ceasing trading, but on site works are now all but complete. Following the main contractor ceasing trading, the highways works are being managed by Wiltshire Council, funded from the bond placed by the original contractor. These works are now well underway, and it is hoped the remaining crossing, lighting and surfacing works will be completed through September, this is though dependent on some utilities actions

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