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Club Information Sheet

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Clubs with specific queries relating to any topic included in the information sheet should contact the WRU Helpdesk [clubdevelopment@wru.wales](mailto:clubdevelopment@wru.wales) for further guidance.

**Pitch Preparation – Lee Evans Q & A**

In response to the survey sent out last week, Lee Evans (Head Groundsman – Principality Stadium) joined us to answer some of your questions on the challenges that clubs might be facing regarding pitch maintenance and management in preparation for club sanctioned training to return in small groups. The video is available to view in link below.

[Pitch Maintenance Q & A](#)

**Additional Resources**

There are now also increased responsibilities on rugby clubs to maintain their own facilities as a result of Local Authorities transferring pitch ownership under the Community Asset Transfer Scheme.

In response to this, it's important that the appropriate level of support is provided to our clubs and volunteers to ensure that grassed pitches are maintained correctly and to the highest possible standard.

New resources are available on the Game Locker including a suite of on-line information and tools providing guidance for clubs to maintain pitches.

**Sport Wales - Be Active Wales Fund**

The new Be Active Wales Fund recently launched by Sport Wales has two strands, namely Protect and Prepare. Protect is aimed at helping those sports currently unable to return to play to cover any essential fixed costs. Prepare is targeted at those sports that have either returned to play or will do so imminently.

Information was provided last week outlining how the WRU CV19 Emergency Fund will be able to support clubs prepare to return to rugby by providing an initial payment of £500 to each club for training purposes. This payment will be followed by a criteria based allocation once Government guidance enables us to return to competitive matches.

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We appreciate that a significant proportion of a club's income is generated from matchdays and this will not be possible in the immediate future. Also, our current advice to Club Operation Managers via the recent Return to Rugby webinars is to 'get in, get done and get out' with facilities remaining closed for rugby purposes.

Consequently, the main focus of the Be Active Wales Fund for rugby is the Protect element, to ensure sustainability for those clubs in the most financial need. We would encourage any clubs to contact the Club Development Team in the first instance before submitting an application to Sport Wales.

Please direct any queries to [clubdevelopment@wru.wales](mailto:clubdevelopment@wru.wales)

