



## **Borden Sports Association**



### **Annual Report - May 2025**

Borden Sports Association is the home to both village football and cricket teams whom play at the Playstool sports field through their respective seasons.

It is imperative within this report that mention is made of the small group of volunteers that work tirelessly to ensure that the pavilion and sports field are maintained to the high standard displayed today. Roger Pudner, Kevin Smith, David Roche and Knocker Williams devote their free time to the running of this excellent facility for the enjoyment of all.

Kevin Smith deserves a special mention for his continued dedication in maintaining the sports field to the high standard expected for both football and cricket matches.

The sports programme offered today would not be available without the sterling efforts of this small hard working band.

The men's football team having played some thrilling games completed their season in the lower section of the league. Spectators were entertained with some excellent football from the players who were managed by Conner Twomey and Matt Rowe. As the bottom four teams are relegated, next season will see the team playing in Division 1 of the Kent County League.

Full details of the coming season matches, once scheduled will be found on the website: - <https://www.bordenvillagefc.co.uk/>

The Sunday league cricket side had an excellent hard fought season witnessing them ending 10<sup>th</sup> in the Kent Village Division 2 table. This league is a challenging competition and Borden continues to strive in this more demanding arena. Kevin Smith's stalwart work in promoting and facilitating this sport is to be acknowledged.

The Saturday side continued with friendly matches and it is hoped that enough players will come forward to form a more competitive regular team able to compete in a cricket league this coming season.

The cricket statistics & club information particularly for new interested players can be viewed at [www.borden.play-cricket.com](http://www.borden.play-cricket.com)

The 'Knit and Natter' group continue to enjoy the use of the pavilion facilities for their regular gatherings soaking up the countryside view during their Friday meets.

Other regular users of the pavilion and grounds include the ladies football team training during the week and playing the occasional match, the Wises Lane Liaison Group, the VE-Day celebration committee, the Highways Group, the Finance Committee and a local charities group.

Regular Fete Committee meetings are also held at the pavilion with the sports field used for the annual summer fete, Easter celebration and Christmas tree switch on festival. All of these are led by Beverly Ward and her committee providing a fantastic boost to local morale.

This year will also see Borden Junior School hosting their sports day utilising the pavilion and sports facilities for their annual event.

On a regular basis both the football and cricket sport committees receive comments on the high standard of the pavilion and sports-field facility that Borden is proud to offer. This excellent amenity is part reason for our sports prowess where players feel privileged to be associated with such a recognised high standard pavilion and sports ground.

The Parish Council Chair and all council members are to be thanked for their continued support in maintaining these facilities throughout the year which is much appreciated.

Finally, the committee continue to be fully committed to maintaining this excellent parish sports facility and with the continued grateful assistance of the Parish Council the future appears extremely positive.

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Chairman  
Borden Sports Association