

APPENDIX 11



BISHOPS STORTFORD



JUDOKWAI

Local Infrastructure Needs for Judo

Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire



Background

Bishops Stortford Judokwai outgrew our current provision at Birchwood High School over two years ago. With limited facilities within Bishops Stortford and the requirement of needing a sprung floor we started to consult with the local authority in structured meetings around developing a sports strategy for Bishops Stortford and East Herts.

The origins on the club started in Water Lane Church Hall, in 2012 the club had completely out grown this space and was lucky to find a new home at Birchwood High School. The school was the only option for the club, due to all size and storage required. However we had to compromise enormously on the floor, which is concrete and not suitable for high volume practices or older participants.

In 2014 the club's lead coaches, Joe and Nicole Nunn, were winners of the UK Children's Coach of the Year Award at the Sports Coach UK Coaching Awards. In 2015 Bishops Stortford Judokwai was the winner of the Club of the Year Award at the East Herts Council Community Sports Awards.

The club is thriving, with over 100 members, the coaching team and volunteer workforce has grown to support the club.

Most of the club compete at regional level with around 20% of the membership competing at a national level, with five players in the England U15 Squad, five in the U18 England Squad, one in both the England and the GB U21 GB Squad and two veteran players in the GB Masters Squad.

The club has open communication with British Judo (NGB) Active East Herts and Herts CSP, all of which support our quest to find a permanent facility.

East Hertfordshire Open Spaces and Sports Facilities Assessment

Bishops Stortford Judokwai has been referenced in the East Hertfordshire Open Spaces and Sports Facilities Assessment Technical Study – Part 2, Build Facilities Assessment, December 2016.

“The Hertfordshire and Essex High School in Bishop’s Stortford has secured £2.4 million from the Department for Education and £600,000 from Hertfordshire County Council, to provide a new sports hall at its playing fields on Beldam’s Lane. It is possible that redevelopment of its main campus will result in the closure of the existing swimming pool. The school is currently being approached by both judo and netball national governing bodies to explore the options of providing specialist facilities on site.”

“The Hertfordshire and Essex High School is already in detailed discussion with netball and judo about the design and use of the proposed hall. The outcome of these discussions will need to be taken into account before the design of the two planned sports halls on school sites at Bishop’s Stortford North and South are confirmed. However, in principle, it can be assumed that the Herts and Essex High School will operate their facility on a club booking basis, and therefore the need of the housing growth cannot be met solely by this facility. At least one of the new secondary schools should therefore have a sports hall and ancillary facilities designed for community use and appropriately located on the school site to facilitate community access.”

“This club has about 115 members, about 40 of which are minis, 40 are juniors and the 35 seniors and veterans. The minis travel up to about 20 minutes to the club but all of the other age groups travel for up to 30 minutes. About 90% of the members come from Bishop’s Stortford and its surrounding villages, and most of the remainder come from elsewhere in the district. The club has grown in the last 5 years and expects to grow further in the next 5. The club has a short waiting list for each age group which for the minis and juniors is 5-10 people, but with less than 5 on the waiting list for seniors and veterans. The club has a development plan which includes the development of a permanent dojo as the lack of access to facilities means that the club is operating at full capacity.”

“The club uses Birchwood High School’s old gym as their home site year round and 3-6 times a week, weekdays evenings and weekend daytimes. The hall is described as being in poor condition with the floor requiring repair. The floor is concrete (not sprung) so this makes it unsuitable for the sport. The club uses mats and there is storage on site for these as part of the hire agreement. The changing facilities are poor (showers are available but in a separate building) and the other ancillary facilities on site are of average condition. Car parking is an issue at peak time.”

Needs & Objectives

- To continue to progress players through the NGB pathway the club needs a permanent facility with a sprung floor, this will allow us to increase the session durations and the volume of throwing, which is essential for our performance athletes.
- The permanent mat (which should include 2 contest areas) will support a much needed local competition infrastructure within Bishops Stortford and Hertfordshire.
- To be able offer additional sessions, junior beginner, adult beginner, self-defence, inclusive delivery, judo fitness sessions. We are currently at capacity and have not advertised for over 2 years.
- To explore the school club links and increase delivery provision to primary and secondary school children.
- To be able to offer coaching for curriculum activity, lunch time, after school clubs.
- Link with British Judo to deliver regional performance sessions to support the England Programme.

Performance

Currently, there are a number of judo clubs in and around London and the Northern Home Counties who run Regional Randori sessions. These sessions are hosted by large judo clubs with good facilities for those judoka who want to improve and develop their judo own performance standards and are often run by high level performance coaches and are designed for competitive Judoka who are currently on, or aspire to be involved on The British Judo Performance Pathway.

As these sessions are held on a regional level, they often bring together a number of players and coaches from different clubs. They represent an opportunity for players from smaller clubs to engage with different training partners whilst encouraging the sharing of coaching practices and ideas.

As it stands, Bishops Stortford Judokwai have 11 players on the England Squad and our Lead Coaches, Joe and Nicole Nunn, are England Squad Support Coaches. We have the player base and the coaching quality required to host Regional Randori sessions but we do not have required standard of facilities. However; if the club was to relocate to a purpose built facility, we feel that we (geographically and performance speaking) excellently placed to host these vitally important performance sessions. This would allow our players to develop their performance level and our support coaches to develop their technical knowledge.

Disability / Inclusion

If the club was to be successful in relocating to the proposed new permanent facility, it would enable us to deliver specific standing alone Disability / VI (Visually Impaired) Inclusion sessions. In our current temporary facility we are unable to accommodate any additional participants with SEN (Special Educational Needs) or physical disabilities. Based upon discussions with our National Governing Body (BJA), we believe there is a high latent demand within the local disability for specific sessions in addition to the mainstream provision.

In order for the club to attract additional participants with physical disabilities, there is a requirement for improved facility access. In addition to this the improvement to the standard of natural and artificial lighting, will make the club even more attractive to those with visual impairments.

This Girl Can

Bishops Stortford Judokwai have proven to be very successful in recruiting, retaining and developing female participants at every level of participation. We have two players in the England U15 Girls Squad, five players in the England U18 Girls Squad and one player in both the England and GB U21 Womens Squad.

Nicole Nunn is a very experienced and successful Judo coach and player in her own right. The club has aspirations to provide 'This Girl Can' sessions, these will create a female only environment for currently inactive females from the local community to engage in physical activity. This will have a focus on engaging those who are 'Thoughtful Improvers' & 'Cautious Introvert', (Sport England – Youth Personalities Research 2016).

Bishops Stortford Judokwai also hope to reach out to the local ethnic communities and those from cultural backgrounds that will not allow females to participate unless it is within a female only environment.

British Judo Supporting Statement

Nick Shepherd, Regional Development Officer, British Judo

We are in complete support of Bishop Stortford Judokwai's relocation to the Hertfordshire & Essex High School & Science College.

Bishop Stortford Judokwai are one of the most successful Judo clubs in the United Kingdom. The club offer a complete pathway from grassroots through to national and international representation, achieving successful results at all levels.

Our insight work on Judo clubs in Temporary vs Permanent facility suggests the participation levels increase dramatically, as do levels of retention, when clubs are operating out of a purpose-built facility. The club have reached what we believe to be the ceiling on participation figures for a club in a temporary environment. It will not be possible to grow the club further and offer additional opportunity without relocating to a permanent purpose built facility.

We're able to evidence a lack of permanent dojo provision in the South East on England, as a result, we struggle for suitable coach education venues, the proposed new facility would go some way to addressing this issue and provide additional income to the school for external usage / hire.

Our development focus for the club long term, is to offer a community outreach programme, this isn't currently possible, as we don't have capacity to signpost participants into the club.

I would be pleased to offer additional insight, information in support of this proposed development.

Partnerships

- National Governing Bodies
 - Sport England
 - British Judo Association
 - Northern Home Counties (NHC) Area Committee
 - British Judo Trust
 - England Judo Programme
 - Sports Aid

- Local Authorities
 - Hertfordshire Sports Partnership (CSP)
 - East Herts Local Authority
 - East Herts Active

- School Club Links
 - Hertfordshire & Essex High School & Science College
 - Birchwood High School – Sports Partnership
 - Manor Fields Primary School, Birchwood High School
 - University of Hertfordshire – TASS Funding

- Private Sponsorship / Support
 - Estbury Basements Ltd
 - Aquatec Ltd - Plumbing
 - Dantech Ltd – Electrical
 - Jon Tancock – Carpentry

Demographics

- Population projections by local authority area (2012-2018) (000s) suggests that;
 - Due to expansion of Bishops Stortford North development, the population is expected to increase in the by approx. 20% in our target market of Under 14 years of age.
 - East Hertfordshire is projected to have a 6% population increase.

Local Sport Profile: East Hertfordshire

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Demographics

Demographics (000s)

Indicator	East Hertfordshire			East of England			England		
	2008	2011	2014	2008	2011	2014	2008	2011	2014
Male	52.6	54.8	58.6	2,229.3	2,272.3	2,380.8	20,056.9	20,468.3	21,115.1
Female	56.8	57.2	57.9	2,336.4	2,369.5	2,455.0	21,028.4	21,365.1	21,874.9
0-13	23.6	23.8	24.4	944.1	965.0	1,004.6	8,405.2	8,743.5	9,068.1
14-15	3.9	3.7	3.8	141.3	144.5	138.5	1,261.1	1,286.6	1,235.4
16 to 19	5.2	6.9	4.4	284.8	277.3	266.9	2,647.5	2,581.5	2,452.2
20 to 24	5.8	5.8	5.9	340.7	335.3	352.7	3,449.5	3,554.3	3,567.0
25 to 34	21.9	20.7	21.6	689.8	712.9	784.5	6,630.4	6,912.2	7,466.3
35 to 49	31.2	29.9	33.9	1,259.5	1,254.3	1,226.2	11,283.4	11,195.4	10,818.7
50 to 64	24.6	26.3	25.6	1,059.4	1,080.8	1,117.1	9,166.7	9,356.8	9,614.3
65+	20.7	22.4	25.2	930.9	981.1	1,088.5	7,904.1	8,233.4	9,071.5
White or White British- 16+	105.8	109.3	111.6	4,259.6	4,334.2	4,482.3	36,599.9	37,052.0	37,617.8
BME - 16+	3.6	2.7	4.7	302.3	307.6	318.0	4,457.6	4,781.5	4,767.9
Both DDA & work-limiting	5.2	5.6	8.7	349.3	389.8	463.1	3,460.7	3,955.1	4,474.4
DDA only disabled	4.4	3.5	13.3	188.3	216.4	590.0	1,649.4	1,779.6	4,407.3
Work-limiting only disabled	2.8	3.8	1.1	117.2	133.2	75.5	1,014.2	1,133.9	636.3
Not disabled	76.2	76.7	92.8	2,978.0	2,921.2	3,590.1	27,043.9	26,731.5	30,996.4
Total (16+)	109.4	112.0	116.6	4,565.3	4,641.8	4,835.8	41,083.8	41,833.5	42,990.0

Source: Annual Population Survey. Measure: Total adult population (16+) by gender, age band, ethnicity, and disability (000s). Source: Mid-Year Population Estimates. Measure: Child population (000s) by age band (0-13, 14-15). Time Period(s): 2008, 2011, 2014. For more information [click here](#)

Current Membership location in relation to new facility

This confirms that the proposed new facility is well placed for our current members and proves that we are servicing the local community and surrounding areas.

