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ENVIRONMENT

We continue to actively explore the possibility of grants to facilitate the introduction of PV panels onto the roof of the Collingwood Road end stand and are currently exploring possible usage needs and supply capacities. It has been a slow process but we still have our fingers crossed, although the latest feedback suggests our site has too a demand.

Our CSR Report covering 2023/4 and 2024/5 has been published.

Energy
We monitor our energy usage with monthly reporting and have notice an unusually high level of gas usage in July and August, two of the hottest months on record, and investigations are taking place to understand what has caused this.

Waste
Can we remind everyone to dispose of waste correctly in the appropriate bins. Segregation at this stage facilitates better recycling and keeps our bills down.

Our Academy had seven sets of old kit that it was no longer able to make use of but, instead of simply throwing them away, the kit will find a new home in Gambia including with our friends at SUFC Gambia.

Pavilion
After many years of false hope, we are finally in a position to forge ahead and use the grant we were awarded by the Football Foundation to help complete our long awaited Community Pavilion.

Work has already started, with the demolition of the toilets in the north east corner of the stadium, and the foundations being laid and utilities connections in hand. The metal frame for the pavilion has already been put together and has been sitting in our car-park for several months and it is hoped to have it in place in the coming weeks and open for use by the end of the year..

We hope that once the pavilion has been opened it will prove to a valuable local asset, and we have already received a number of expressions of interest.

We continue to circulate posters by email as part of our Energy Efficiency campaign. One hard copy of the most recent poster is displayed on the club noticeboard.

Brandon Sew has joined Liam and Dave in our sustainability team and we look forward to seeing what he can bring to the club

SOCIAL VALUE
We are delighted to have a secured an agreement for use of the David Weir Centre for our women's First and *Under-23 teams for all of the 26/27 season. (Under 23s is the new name for our reserve/development team)

Our new Cerebral Palsy team picked up their first piece of silverware in their inaugural season, winning the National CP Shield after picking up wins over Brighton & Hove Albion and Chelsea. An amazing performance for such a new team.

Three members of our women's team have been selected for the England Women's Parkinson's squad to take part in a tournament.

We recently invited ACCESS Sutton down to review our stadium on a match day from the perspective of spectators who have a visual impairment. We actually got a lot of positive feedback, pleasingly we are doing better than we had thought, and only a few items were suggested for attention and we believe they should be relatively easy to implement.

Some recent highlights

April -	Our team took part in a Parkinson's football tournament at the FA national centre at St George's Park
April -	Quiz night held in support of the England Parkinson's football team
April -.	The Foundation has joined Charities Trust, an established not-for-profit that helps connect charities with potential donors
April -	The Foundation has submitted all of its evidence to the NL portal for continued recognition in terms of its policies and procedures
May -	The Foundation represented the Club at the Cheam Charter Fair, promoting many of their community activities including walking football and Parkinson's boxing
July -	Summer football camps for girls and boys aged 4-11
August -	The Star in Wallington announced as a Platinum Friend of the Foundation

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