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Sale Sports Club Celebrate New Sporting Facilities

Sale Sports Club celebrated the official opening of its new sporting facilities on Sunday 12th July 2009.

In recent years the club has installed a 4-bay synthetic cricket net system, relayed the cricket square and completely refurbished six tennis courts. These new facilities were made possible through grant funding totalling £153,451.

Guests included Paul Goggins MP, Councillor Roland Griffin, Karen Keohane (Sport England) and David Humpage (Cheshire County Cricket League), who were joined by the Friends of Sale Tennis Club and former cricketers who made valuable donations towards these projects.

The guests enjoyed a reception held at the club, followed by an opening address from Chairman Rob Moore and a tour of the new facilities.

Moore said, "We are an entirely volunteer lead community amateur sports club; our success in obtaining these grants is down to the efforts of some very dedicated and committed volunteers."

He went on to say, "It was our commitment to being an open club that provides a service to the local community that was crucial."



Picture Inset (Left to right): Club Chairman Rob Moore, Paul Goggins MP, Councillor Roland Griffin, Tennis Chairman Joe Holt.

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

- Sale Sports Club was founded in 1854 and is located on Clarendon Crescent in Sale.
- The club is a large multi-sport club that also offers cricket, hockey, rugby, tennis and soccer playing opportunities at both senior and junior level.
- The club had a new 4-lane synthetic cricket practice facility installed in 2006 thanks to a £56,153 grant from the Government's Community Club Development Programme, the first club in Trafford to have benefited from this scheme.
- The club followed this up by relaying the cricket square in two phases thanks to a second grant of £38,912 grant from the Government's Community Club Development Programme.
- In 2008 the club refurbished six tennis courts thanks largely to a grant of £43,386 from Biffaward, who invests in environmental projects from Landfill tax receipts and the Foundation for Sports and the Arts who provided £15,000.
- The balance of the cost of these projects was funded by contributions from Sport Trafford, the Friends of Sale Tennis Club and former cricketers.