

## WHO/WHAT IS PHOENIX?

### Phoenix belongs to all of us

Phoenix is the multi-sport, umbrella club for all sports at Oakwood Farm. Phoenix looks after the grounds, bar, clubhouse and changing rooms – so each sport can concentrate just on its own sport. Phoenix is funded by bar profits, an annual fee paid by each sport, occasional rental of clubhouse/grounds and grants from Wilmslow Running Festival. Phoenix is managed by a committee made up of representatives from all the sports.

## PHOENIX NEWS

### A challenging year but now thriving

Phoenix has had a challenging year with various changes of personnel and a financial loss. But, with the help of the Chairs of each sport, Phoenix Council is now in good shape again and has some exciting opportunities for the future.

### Welcome to Wilmslow Sports: WS

have joined Phoenix with over 400 junior football players. WS brings some welcome new income as well as the potential for funding of new facilities.



**Car park extension complete:** the extension to the club car park is complete and now in use. The car park extension is the first step towards the potential future construction of a second astroturf pitch at the club.



**Grass drainage work complete:** the first phase of long awaited, essential drainage work has been completed, funded by Astro company & Phoenix. We hope this will prevent recurrence of flooding of lacrosse/ football pitches in wet weather.



**New signage:** news signs are on their way for the entrance, replacing the rather tired signs and including all the sports at Phoenix.



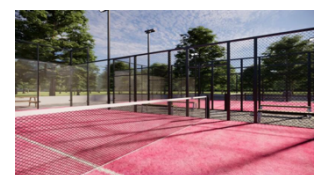
**VAT registered:** Phoenix is now VAT registered. All income and costs are now managed in Xero accounting software giving full traceability and timely reporting.



**Music Festival:** Phoenix hosted the recent music festival (House and Vocal Disco Fest), generating vital income from the bar and renting the grounds. Thanks to Rachel for her hard work.



**Padel at Phoenix?** We have exciting plans to partner with a Padel provider to build Padel courts at Phoenix, bringing in new income and opportunities for our club. Find out more at the AGM.



## PLEASE JOIN THE AGM IN SEPTEMBER

Phoenix is your club - we want members to be involved in its future. Please come along to the AGM to support your hard-working volunteers. All sports members are welcome to attend and adult members of hockey and lacrosse are eligible to vote on important resolutions, such as:

**Padel:** partnering with a Padel provider to build Padel courts at Oakwood Farm!

**Election of officers:** appointing the club committee

Look out for the AGM notice over the next couple of weeks.

## EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FUTURE

**Grant applications:** WS are seeking FA grants for drainage/grounds, equipment, changing rooms – for use Phoenix-wide.

**3G pitch application:** WS is applying to the FA for grants for a new 3G pitch (incl. lacrosse markings) at Oakwood Farm.

**Running track application:** SRC are applying for grants for a running track around the site perimeter.

**Incorporation:** Phoenix intends to become incorporated as a Company and/or Charity to limit liability for members, trustees and officials – and aid grant funding.

**Wilmslow Albion:** WS and Wilmslow Albion Football Club, our neighbour, are investigating a potential tie-up to create a strong junior to senior football club.

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## Phoenix needs your support

Phoenix has a strong, collaborative team in place but we need more help.

**Could you help – either by filling one of the positions or offering to support one of the team in other ways, however small?** The positions are team lead roles rather than requiring that person to do everything themselves! Join in with your friends!

Stuart Chapman has recently stepped down as Chair for health reasons: we wish him well and thank him for his outstanding contribution to Phoenix over many years.

## Council Members: August 2025

**Chair - *Vacant***

**Vice Chair** – Chris Hunter

**Treasurer** – David Clark

**Secretary** – Jim Garside

**Bar Secretary** – Rachel Chapman

**Grounds Secretary - *Vacant***

**House Secretary - *Vacant***

**Development** – Alan Murdoch

**Chairs:** Becca Healey, Scott Hannah, Dave Kendrick, Ian Morton, Frazer Hunter

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