## **Bedfont Sports Club**

Bedfont Sports Club was founded in 2002, when with considerable help from the local Council a lease was taken out on the near derelict Hatton Road Recreation Ground.

The only building on the site was refurbished to allow use as a bar and clubhouse on the ground floor and changing rooms on the upper one. Most of this work was carried out or supervised by the Chairman Dave Reader. Much work was also done to the playing area to provide playable pitches for Bedfont Sports on Saturdays and Bedfont Sunday, one of the oldest Sunday teams in Middlesex, on Sundays. To give the Club a junior section Bedfont Eagles, formed in 1978, joined the two adult Clubs a short time later.

Bedfont Sports started in the Hounslow and District League for two seasons and then joined the Middlesex County Football League, this being a feeder League to Step 5. More work was needed to enable the team to play in the Premier Division of the MCFL to which they gained promotion in 2004/05. After many ups and downs promotion was finally achieved to the Combined Counties in season 2008/09.

In the Combined Counties League Bedfont gained promotion to the Premier Division in season 2011/12 and have spent the past few seasons consolidating that position.

During this time the club worked hard to raise funds to upgrade our facility to one of the best in Middlesex. In 2010 we started work on Flood Lights and a new dressing room block was built together with a 3G five a side pitch and an 11v11 3G pitch along with over 750 seats in 4 stands on all 4 sides of the ground, which now complete gives us one of the best facilities not only in Middlesex but in the south of England.

Bedfont Sports is a true Community Club catering for 25 Junior Teams. a girls section, 2 Bedfont Sunday teams and our  $1^{\rm st}$  Team who last season were promoted to the Bostik League and step 4 football

The Youth Section is particularly vibrant playing in the Bostik Youth League (currently Top of the Division) and having won the Middlesex County Senior Cup back in 2015 and lost in last years final.

We are very proud that our Youth teams have been homegrown from Bedfont Eagles and with some real talent coming through this will continue for years to come.

A Club such as Bedfont Sports could not exist without sponsors so a big thank you to them and to the volunteers who give their time on match days and to the marking and upkeep of the ground and facilities.

In November 2020 we lost our leader, David Reader who passed away. He left a massive hole in the club and our community which we are still recovering from now. David was a true grass roots hero, building the club from nothing to make sure children in the community not only had somewhere to play, but also have the very best facilities.

His legacy will live on through every Bedfont Eagle that wears the shirt and im sure he is with us at every game, kicking every ball and as he always said, trying to suck it in at the other end!!