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## Friends Of Amphill Rugby

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The 2008/9 season has been one of unprecedented achievement and progress due entirely to the efforts of the many club member volunteers, coaches, parents and players of all ages.

On the playing side the senior, youth and mini squads have brought more silverware to Dillingham Park than ever before. Across the club player development has reached a new zenith with more players pulling on representative shirts while more and more products of our youth system are receiving CB, RFU elite player and GP academy recognition.

The on the field success has been matched by improvements to the clubhouse, the award of RFU 'Seal Of Approval' and the confirmation by East Midlands and the RFU of Amphill's preferred status for financial support for infrastructure development.

Off the field we have negotiated an agreement with local land owner David Olney, whose sons have been through our mini & youth system, to acquire the field immediately adjacent to Dillingham Park and are currently preparing a Whole Club Development Plan in conjunction with the RFU which is the last hurdle before funding commitments from Sport England, the Rugby Football Foundation and other partners can be confirmed for the project to transform the new land into pitches and training areas.

The Friends Of Amphill Rugby is a new fund raising concept from the committee whose proceeds will be held in a separate, ring fenced, bank account to be used for the acquisition and development of the infrastructure and facilities at Dillingham Park. We are asking the membership and supporters to commit to a regular monthly payment of at least £10 for a period of three years (£120/yr, £360 in total, you may of course make a single payment) and hope that we will find at least 100 parties prepared to commit who will raise a total of £36,000 between them by the end of the third year. We are confident that, should we be able to raise this amount, it will seed up to £300,000 further funding from external partners enabling us to transform our facilities.

In return every individual or company who becomes a FOAR will have their name recorded on a plaque in the clubhouse and a monolith to be located in the new field after development.

Some of you may be aware that the Football Association has designated Amphill as it's preferred location for a new Football Centre Of Excellence for Bedfordshire located on a green field site near Redbourne School together with a new, third generation full size playing quality (for football and rugby) artificial pitch located at the school. Should this happen the consequences should be obvious for our club and should explain why we have launched this fund raising campaign.

Please help us build a future for the club that perhaps would have been beyond our wildest dreams a few years ago.

**Colin Burke**, Chairman of and on behalf of the Management Committee