

FIVES IN DERBY

The Derby Mercia Rugby Fives Club, whose members have played for many years on the courts (recently closed) at Denstone College, has launched a project to restore the two courts at Derby Moor Community School in Littleover, on the Western outskirts of Derby. These courts need re-roofing, enclosing and modernising, and the intention is to apply for Lottery funding in order to provide a new sport for the school-children and the local community, and to create a Midlands centre for Rugby Fives.

Derby Moor Community School is state-run and has 1350 pupils between 11 and 18. A recent Ofsted inspection found the school to be performing extremely well, and there is a very active Parents, Staff and Friends Association. The school has a strong sporting culture and has achieved a national Sportsmark award for the quality of its PE and sports activities.

In order to attract Lottery support, Derby Mercia Club has to raise at least 20% of the estimated £60,000 needed for the project. They are already well on the way towards their target and would like to thank RFA members for their generosity in response to their initial appeal. If you have not been approached yet, please do not wait: simply send a cheque for any amount you can afford to Brian Kirk, 10, Harcourt Place, Castle Donington, Derby DE74 2XJ, making it payable to "Derby Mercia Rugby Fives Club".

The RFA Committee has decided to back this project by making a substantial grant towards it from RFA reserves, but the support of individual fives players is also vital in order to reinforce the Lottery application, which will be made under the SCS (School/Community Sports Initiative).

The progress of this scheme will be reported on in the mid-season newsletter and in future editions of the RFA Handbook, but if you would like to know more about it immediately, please contact Brian Kirk at the above address.



The Derby Moor courts