



CASE STUDY

THOMAS HARDYE LEISURE CENTRE

Project: Artificial pitch Renovation at Thomas Hardy Leisure Centre

Client: West Dorset District Council

Contract Supervisors: White Horse Contractors Limited

Design: White Horse Contractors Limited

Duration: 6 weeks

Value: £216,000

White Horse Contractors (WHC) were appointed as the main contractor to renovate an 18 year old (sand filled) artificial turf pitch at Thomas Hardy Leisure Centre. WHC were appointed for this job because of their outstanding experience in all aspects of resurfacing and landscaping. Responding to the brief WHC provided the second lowest price but drawing on experience of past projects we were the only tenderer to submit alternative details that offered a better solution including replacing the edges. Our tender provided a more permanent solution and was considered to be good value for money.



Before



After

WHC were responsible for:

- Lifting and removing existing sand dressed carpet – replacing with a Tiger Turf Soccer Real 50 third generation surface which is part filled with sand and rubber. A product that offers an 8 year manufacture's warranty and is also tested to FIFA 2 star standard
- Carrying out extensive repairs to the existing rubber shock pad and engineering the base
- Resurfacing the foot path surrounding the pitch – this was a complete upgrade and resulted in an impressive finish and a much harder wearing product
- Carrying out pitch drainage repairs and renovation
- Landscaping including:
 - upgrading the existing fence – creating a safe environment for competitive recreation sport
 - installing pitch dividers (netting system) that could be used to split the main pitch into smaller areas aimed at 5-a-side and 7-a-side sport.
 - supply and installation of new timber kick boards

I had nothing but co-operation from the White Horse team. The liaison with the contractor was excellent, they contacted me whenever it was required and discussions about works and conditions of completion were always mature and fair. The comments that came from White Horse always seemed reasonable to me.

I am aware that they have built another local pitch at Strode College, Street, a project that we had some peripheral involvement in. I know the architect was happy with White Horse Contractor's work and their practical input. It is regarded as an excellent pitch.

I should therefore have no hesitation in recommending White Horse Contractors as a contractor for your refurbishment

Andrew Paul 9 June 2010

