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## **5-a-side football kicks off activities at the Walks multi-use games area**

Five football teams will be kicking off activities at the new multi-use games area (MUGA) in the Walks with a 5-a-side tournament on Saturday 11th April at 1pm. Teams aged 13-18 from Fairstead, North Lynn, Gaywood and South Lynn will be competing for the Walks Easter Cup in the launch of the fourth games area in the town.

Football training sessions for those aged 13-18 have taken place leading up to the event as part of the Improving Neighbourhoods Easter holidays activities programme. These training sessions will continue after the launch and will be held from 5.30pm - 7pm on -

14th at the Gaywood MUGA

15th at Whitefrairs CE VA Primary School

16th at the Fairstead MUGA

17th at the North Lynn MUGA

Adam Garford, Urban Sports Motivator, explained: "We've already had three really successful launches of these exciting areas. The Walks Easter Cup is a way of bringing teams from all of our neighbourhoods together in one place to compete against each other and have fun! The MUGAs are already being used really well by the community and hopefully if this tournament is a success we can make it an annual event."

Carl Suckling, Deputy Neighbourhood Manager, added: "The football tournament is a great initiative bringing young people together from across the town. We hope that the teams will stay together after the launch and participate in the Midnight Football League which is based at the North Lynn Discovery Centre".

There is also an Easter camp on offer for residents aged 8-13. The camps will include sports such as street basketball, Kwik cricket, Uni-hoc, table tennis and street football. Activities run from 1pm - 4.30pm -

14th at the Gaywood MUGA

15th at the South Lynn Scout Hut

16th at the Fairstead MUGA

17th at North Lynn MUGA

The Walks MUGA is the fourth area that has recently been developed; additional sites are on William Booth Road in Fairstead, Kingsway in North Lynn and Parkway in Gaywood Park. The MUGAs are state of the art, and are designed for sporting activities such as football, basketball, netball and tennis.

Sites for each area were identified by local communities and the Improving Neighbourhoods Board. This project has been funded by Improving Neighbourhoods and National Lottery funding administered by Sport England.

Ends

Photo Opportunity -

Saturday 11th April, at the Walks multi-use games are, at 1pm.

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Notes to the Editor

The Improving Neighbourhoods Board is made up of residents and representatives from key service providers. It is tasked with making the decisions to allocate the £3.6m made available to the area through Safer Stronger Communities Fund.

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