

MARSDEN HITS CASH JACKPOT

SPORTS CLUBS in Marsden are shaping up for the future — with the help of a £87,500 grant from the National Lottery.

A massive £137,000 project to convert pitches at Marsden Cricket Club into a modern leisure complex has been organised by local clubs and Marsden Enhancement and Residents' Association over the past 18 months.

Officials from the Sports Council

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visited the site for a celebration day at the cricket ground on Sunday to find out about more about the work.

Cricket, tennis, bowling and golf clubs have already benefitted from the fund in phase one of the project.

Now the group is planning more improvements for stage two and is

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two and is hoping the football club will join in with them.

Enhancement committee chairman Dorothy Lindley said: "Everyone has worked very hard preparing the project and we would like to thank them all. It is turning into a great little complex up there — but there are plenty more improvements to be done."

THE Marsden Enhancement Committee has already tackled some of the work on the sporting complex site.

This includes:

- Alterations to the golf course.
- Improved facilities at the cricket club.
- An extension on the bowling club.
- Tree-planting around the edges of the complex.
- New cricket and bowling teams.

Ideas for the next phase involve:

- Turning the tennis courts into a multi-purpose area for netball, basketball and other sports.
- Improving the cricket field.
- New changing rooms.
- Resurfacing the track around the ground.

Said Mrs Lindley: "The most important aim is to encourage more young people to take part in sport, whether by starting new teams or recognising young talent in existing ones."

Events at the celebration day included a bowling competition for about 70 players.

Marsden Enhancement Committee chairman Dorothy Lindley with Des Hooley (left) receiving the cheque from Jim Briden of the Sports Council.

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MARSDEN'S Juniors are the latest Drakes Huddersfield League Cricket Club to benefit from equipment supplied by the Lord's Taverners. The Hemplow club's Under 13s took delivery of a kit bag containing new bats, pads and gloves in readiness for next season. Team members (from left) Stevie Butters, Scott Naylor and Alistair Roylance are pictured proudly showing off their new bats in the clubhouse