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# Massive cash boost for Badger Hill club

BADGER Hill CC are celebrating receiving a grant from the Foundation for Sports and Arts for £29,445.

Ian Thornley, secretary at the Rastrick club, said he was "delighted" for all the members of the club who had worked so hard to obtain this grant for a long overdue pavilion at the New Road ground.

Planning permission for the new stone, brick and breeze-block building to replace the old wooden hut was granted three weeks ago. The Foundation's consultancy architects had studied the plans and made an on-site visit to give their Liverpool-based overlords the green light.

"We had estimates for the work to be carried out but we are busy updating these now before we give the go-ahead to a building company," said Mr Thornley.

"It could be at least four weeks

before we are ready to lay the foundations and make a start, but given the weather we hope that by mid-season it will all be finished. We are also having water, electricity and gas laid on for the first time."

The new season will also see Badger Hill in a new and much stronger league, the Yorkshire Electricity Central League, following the demise of the Huddersfield Amateur Association.

"We will be running two sides, and although we are not winter netting, we will — as soon as the light nights arrive — be having nets at New Road," Mr Thornley added.

New players, irrespective of experience, are welcome at Badger Hill and should ring Mr Thornley on (01484) 718176. Alternatively they can turn up at the club's annual meeting at New Road Sunday School on March 4, starting at 8pm.