

CPA PITCHPOWER



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Making sport possible

Multi-Sport PitchPower

Initially launched to football in 2020, the multi-sport version was launched in August 2022 for Rugby League and Rugby Union.

Free to use, PitchPower will see every community club and organisation across cricket, rugby league, rugby union and football, given the ability to carry out a sport specific grass pitch inspections.



A screenshot of the PitchPower web application interface. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with items: Dashboard, Profile, My Pitch, Join Organisation, My Organisations, Training, Organisation Inspections, Submitted Inspections, and Notifications. The main content area displays an inspection report for 'THE BOURNE, DOLE FIELD' at 'ALBURY SGT 2HZ'. The report includes details such as Sport (Cricket - Pro), Ground ID (21671), RAG Rating (4), Inspection started on (26 January 2023), and Details submitted on (22 February 2023). It also lists the inspector as Phil Jeggo, his role (RPA), contact information, and the inspection status (Submitted). A 'PREVIEW REPORT' button is visible. Below the report, there are tabs for Overview, Equipment, Maintenance, Ground, Pitches, Recommendations, and Training. The Overview tab is active, showing ground information and a small map of the field.

PitchPower (Cricket)

Phase one – PitchPower Pro (CPAs)

- Introduction to PitchPower (cricket)
- How PitchPower Works
- Carrying out assessments
- Generating a report
- Testing the app during the winter months
- Ongoing support
- Workshop (CPA Seminar, Feb 2024)
- Roll out – Start of season 2024

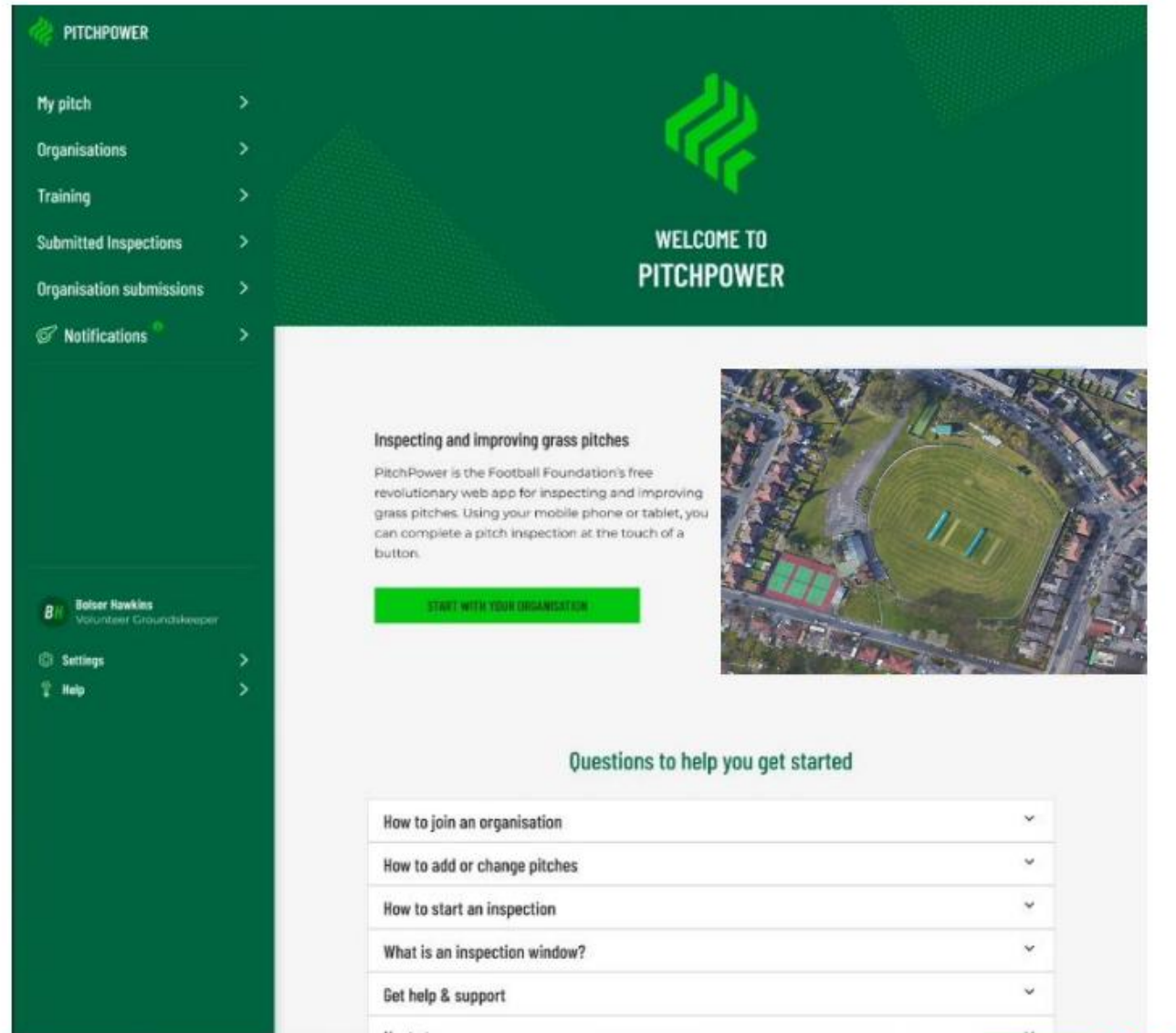
Phase Two – PitchPower (User/Club Version)

- Self-assessment App
- Used by Ground Staff at clubs
- Fully Automated advice given
- Option for CPA visit
- Development to start when pro version is rolled out
- Launch TBC



Feedback - Changes

- New Front landing page
- 60 changes of language (Pitch being removed)
- New Square section
- New Outfield Section
- Upgraded Maintenance/Equipment sections
- Training to be applied to organisation/Club
- Better overall flow to each section
- Live site to be available early March 2024
- [Log in | Pitchpower](#)



WHAT DO WE MEASURE IN PITCHPOWER?

Square

Grass height

Total Ground Cover

Total (desirable) grass cover

Annual meadow grass content

Weed content

Worm casts

Other pests and diseases)

Thatch depth

Rootzone profile (depth* / breaks*)

Clay content*

Organic matter*

Surface evenness

Appearance and presentation

Post match repairs

Pitch markings

Outfield

Grass height

Total Ground Cover

Total (desirable) grass cover

Annual meadow grass content

Weed content

Pests and diseases

Thatch depth

Root depth

Drainage performance

Surface evenness

Appearance and presentation

Surface debris

Boundary markings

Grounds Management Framework and Cricket

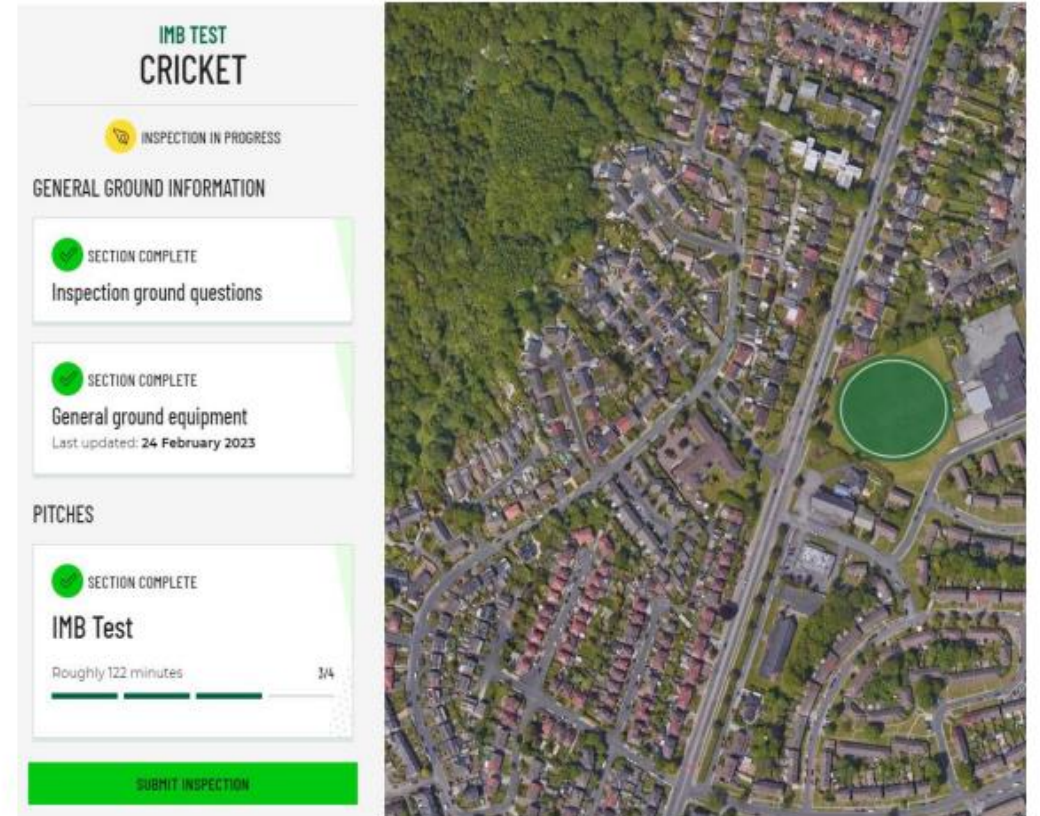
The Grounds Management Framework (GMF) is a national framework for natural turf sport surfaces.

The Grounds Management Framework (GMF) PQS is used within PitchPower and provides a set of standards to benchmark the quality of each surface, across all levels of sports from community to professional sport.



Summary

- PitchPower Pro, training/support throughout the winter months
- PitchPower, User/club version, will be developed following the pro version roll out
- Testing by CPAs to be carried out during the winter months
- Rollout for the start of the 2024 cricket season
- PitchPower in an ongoing process and will continue to evolve and develop



#GroundsWeek 2024



The Grounds Management Association (GMA) has announced that its annual awareness campaign, #GroundsWeek, is returning from 18 – 24 March 2024.

The campaign, now in its fourth year, recognises the work of turf care volunteers and professionals in the UK, with a focus on inspiring new recruits to consider a career in the industry.

#GroundsWeek 2024

- Research carried out by the GMA over recent years has highlighted a potential employment crisis, with a lack of new recruits entering the industry and a significant number of existing workers leaving. It's not all doom and gloom, however, as research carried out in 2023 revealed that more young people are working in the grounds management sector than in previous years.
- Grounds staff under the age of 35 now make up 27% of the workforce compared to 19% in 2022. There has also been an increase from 3% to 5% in the number of grounds managers aged 24 and under, and an increase in the percentage of grounds managers stating that they became involved in grounds management due to apprenticeships from 13% to 16%.
- The grounds care sector is becoming increasingly recognised as a viable career route which other GMA initiatives, like the Grounds Management Framework, support by providing a key path of development for those looking to progress in the sector.





THE ESSENTIAL GUIDE TO CRICKET GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Resources developed in partnership with the ECB



Maintaining Your Cricket Ground



Materials



Cricket Health and Safety



Hybrid Cricket Pitches



Watering and Drought Management

There are 6 searchable sections within the Cricket Pages.

Please click on the relevant tile to search and explore the site.

<https://resources.thegma.org.uk/>

CRICKET PRE-SEASON

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Squares



Outfields



Non-Turf and Practice Nets



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CRICKET PRE-SEASON

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Pre-Season Mowing the Square



Pre-Season Rolling



Squaring the Square and Marking Pitches



Creating a Pitch Plan



Fertiliser and Pest Control



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