



# Deeside RFC

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## Building sustainably with what we had ...

### Developing the plan.

*“We worked with a professional team on studies to develop an achievable and sustainable strategy to enhance and replace our current buildings”.*

1. A phased approach to development was preferred, prioritising the need for a clubroom over the redevelopment of existing portable/modular changing blocks.
2. We took our time and worked with the Local Authority, development professionals from the Banchory Estate, **sportscotland** and Scottish Rugby to develop a robust and achievable plan.

### The outcomes we sought to achieve.

*“We knew we wanted to build sustainably. This supported a phased approach to development using modular building techniques that were affordable, practically functional, and aesthetically pleasing”.*

1. Creating a hub for the community to drive participation in and enjoyment of sports and fitness activities for all ages, gender, and ability.
2. Developing a facility that enabled growth in participation in rugby in key target groups identified by the Club and Scottish Rugby.
3. Developing the site to continue to grow and enhance the experience for attendees at our annual Mini/Micro festival where we bring over 600 children to the site and 1,000 people in total to the town of Banchory.
4. An enabler to grow our Tartan Touch and alternate game format offerings, providing a space to socialise and engage further with the Club after events.
5. In keeping with our surroundings and position on the Banchory Estate, we aimed to be as environmentally friendly as we could be:
  - ✓ Our heating was designed to connect into and run off a district biomass boiler scheme.
  - ✓ The building was designed to capture natural light minimising the need for lights for large periods of time.
  - ✓ We harvest rainwater for pitch watering during the summer.

### A modular / phased approach to developing our site.

*“In July 2018 we received full planning permission for a phased development scheme”.*

1. Phase 1 enabled us to unlock the potential of our facilities for a wider community use with covered space to enhance and accessible toilets enhancing our site’s “fitness trail”. This included working with our neighbours, the Woodend Arts Society and The Barn Arts venue to create a cultural and sporting community hub.
2. Completion of Phase 2 will enhance the Club’s offering with the modular addition of expanded changing facilities aligned to a carefully considered Club Development plan and forecasted growth targets.

**Club webpage:** <https://www.pitchero.com/clubs/deesiderfc>