

**Great Waltham Parish Council**  
**Briefing Note for Recreation Committee Meeting August 8<sup>th</sup> 2022**  
**Replacement Junior Goal Posts at Great Waltham Recreation Ground**

At the monthly Parish Council meeting held on June 13<sup>th</sup> 2022 it was proposed that the single junior goal at Great Waltham (GW) should be replaced with a new portable goal. There is currently one pair of full sized goals situated on the football pitch and a single junior sized goal located at the far corner of the ground. All goal areas are regularly used and occasionally the posts have to be relocated and soil and grass seed purchased to build up the worn areas in front of the goals. Additionally all goals are showing signs of age and rust is present in all posts and the goal net elbows on the junior goal are missing.



Although the replacement had not been planned in this financial year an opportunity has arisen following the decision to defer the purchase of the bench at Howe Street Recreation Ground at an estimated cost of £756.00

The advantage of a portable goal is that it can more easily be moved to where it is needed and the problem of worn grass areas would no longer exist. Additionally, there have been two recent requests from residents to provide this facility for junior football training. This currently takes place on an area of the field near the pavilion which is far better suited for training than the far corner of the field.

However, there are other considerations before a decision is made.

**Security:** As the goals are designed to be freestanding there could be a temptation for the goal to be moved away from where it is needed and it may be necessary to secure it when not in use, potentially to a ground screw, fence or to one of the fixed goals.

**Accessibility:** While securing the goal could prevent one problem it then raises the issue of the football training organisers being able to move the goal to where it is needed.

**Safety:** While the goals are stable and suitable for the use they are designed for they are not permanently secured into the ground. This should not be an issue for anyone using the goal as intended (using a back bar or U Peg anchors) but again could be a temptation for any individuals who decide to mistreat the facility when it is not in use and choose to overturn it. For safety and security it would be necessary to secure the goal when not in use.

**Disposal:** If the decision is taken to replace the existing junior goal arrangements will need to be made to remove and dispose of the two old junior goals.

As requested by the Parish Council, listed below are three quotes for 12' x 6' portable goals. It should be noted that two of the quotes are for the same piece of equipment from different suppliers. Additional information for a pair of goals is also provided along with the cost of the single goal and on the final page a comparison with conventional fixed goals:

## MHGOALS

<https://mhgoals.com/product/12x6-heavy-duty-wheeled-football-goal-package-mini-soccer-freestanding-steel/>

### 12x6 Heavy Duty Wheeled Football 7v7 Goal Package: Mini Soccer Freestanding Steel

A durable manoeuvrable 60mm steel framed goal with excellent ground clearance when the wheels are down, and great stability when in place.

#### SPECIFICATION

##### 12x6 Football Goals

- Steel freestanding football goals 12 x 6ft (3.66 x 1.83m)
- 60mm steel used the crossbar and uprights, 50mm box on the runbacks and back bar
- Heavy duty welded steel corner joints
- Designed to withstand heavy outdoor use
- Zinc plated steel
- Durable powder coated finish.
- Cable ties provided to attach the nets
- International back supports made from 32mm zinc plated steel
- 2 Heavy Duty Rear Mounted Roller Wheels for Easy Movement
- Comes with 4 U Peg anchors
- White polyethylene 3.66m x 1.83m (12ft x 6ft) 3mm nets
- BS EN 16579 Compliant
- This package is for a pair of goals and please note that they will come flat packed and require assembly

**Cost** - FT-345 Single package price £538.46 **Single Goal**

Delivery £62.50

Sub Total £600.96

VAT £120.19

**Total price £721.15 Inc. VAT & Delivery**



**One Pair** of goals package £1292.30

Delivery £75.00

**Total price £1367.30 Inc VAT & Delivery**

As stated above this goal would require securing when not in use either to a fence, full sized goal or ground anchor. Details of ground anchor and installation/removal tool are shown in the following links:

<https://mhgoals.com/product/ground-screw-goal-anchor/>

£57.60 + VAT

[Ground Screw Installation Tool - MHGoals Ltd.](#)

£90.00 + VAT

## The Soccer Store

<https://www.thesoccerstore.co.uk/12x6-aluminium-self-weighted-back-bar-package>

MH 12ft X 6ft Mini Soccer Heavy Duty Wheeled 60mm Steel Freestanding Football Goal Package

### Product Description

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MH 12ft X 6ft Mini Soccer Heavy Duty Wheeled 60mm Steel Freestanding Football Goal Package - 1  
**Single Goal £845**

The above prices include vat and delivery to CM3



**One Pair of goals package** FT-345 MH 12ft X 6ft Mini Soccer Heavy Duty Wheeled 60mm Steel Freestanding Football Goal Package - **£1460** includes vat and delivery to CM3

This goal is the same as the one shown on the previous page but from a different supplier and would also need anchoring when not in use – the ground screw and installation/removal tool listed above would provide one option.

## Stadia Sports

<https://www.stadia-sports.co.uk/self-weighted-rollaway-mini-soccer-goals-package-12-x-6.html>

Stadia Sports Self Weighted Football Goals are designed to be used on artificial surfaces or at football training grounds where the goals can be moved a short distance. These are extremely popular on 3G pitches. The goal posts are mini soccer size 12' x 6' made from elliptical aluminium, sit freestanding on the ground when the wheels are dis-engaged and have a bolt on weighted back bar to prevent the goal from tipping forward (tested to BS EN 16579). No additional anchorage is required on this goal to meet the British standard below so is an all inclusive portable goal. Nets are support with full international net supports that run from the crossbar to the backbar which offers additional strength.

- Professional goals with full length crossbars & uprights.
- Made in the UK.
- Tested to BS EN 16579.
- Manufactured from 100mm x 107mm elliptical x 2.5mm aluminium which incorporates 4 strengthening bars for maximum strength.
- Mitred corner joints complete with an internal, double 'L' shaped bracket and external bracket for the strongest fixing of aluminium football goals.
- The mitred joints also allows a slight degree of flex when moving the goals which extends life of the joints.
- Includes 4 x Mk 2 Lever Lift puncture proof wheels per goal.
- 90mm square x 5mm thick steel counterbalance backbar bolted to the back of the goal.
- Goal posts are painted white as standard.
- Comes with safety net hooks.

### Football Goal Package (12' x 6') includes:

Pair of Self Weighted Goal Posts, 8 x Mk 2 Lever Lift Wheels, pair of 4.5mm Goal Nets and all the necessary fixings to make the goals and fix the nets.

Goalposts are held in stock at our factory in Staffordshire, England. We operate distribution all over the UK using our transport network. We generally can supply the goals within 2 working weeks although can deliver even quicker on request (additional charges may apply).

0.5 x BX/DC 8719/12X6/R-SET Self Weighted Mini Soccer Rollaway Elliptical Alum Goal(12' x 6) nets and wheels: £986/**single**, Carriage: £124

Total: £1110 (ex vat) **£1,332.00 inc VAT**

Lead time: 5 weeks



1 x BX/DC 8719/12X6/R-SET Self Weighted Mini Soccer Rollaway Elliptical Alum Goal(12' x 6) nets and wheels: £1972/**pair**, Carriage: £124

Total: £2096 (ex vat) **£2,515.20 inc VAT**

**Additional information:**

For comparison purposes an example of conventional socketed steel goals supplied by MHGOALS can be found using the following link:

<https://mhgoals.com/product/12x6-extra-heavy-duty-football-goal-package-mini-soccer-socketed-steel/>



The cost of one pair of goals is **£893.46** including VAT and delivery.

While this option appears to offer better value for money the followings issues would still need to be addressed:

- Suitable location on the field for one or two goals
- Cost of additional sockets to enable the goals to be moved in order to avoid pitch wear and tear - **£153.00** including delivery and VAT
- Cost of socket installation tool - **TBC**
- Ongoing handyman maintenance costs - **unknown**