



BASKETBALL ENGLAND

PROJECT SWISH

COURT RENOVATION GUIDE

INTRODUCTION

One of Basketball England's priorities is to ensure communities have access to suitable, safe and inspiring places to play outdoors.

There are thousands of outdoor courts across England, many are in great locations and some are well looked after. Many others need small refurbishments to bring them back to life.

Project Swish has been successful since its inception in 2019 in distributing free nets for players to put up on their local courts' hoops.

By expanding the initiative, Basketball England will build on work already carried out to help facilitate outdoor court projects by collaborating with court owners, local authorities, funding bodies, clubs, communities and organisations who want to develop outdoor spaces for basketball. Find out more [HERE](#).

The purpose of this court renovation guide is to provide a step by step guide for anyone looking to develop an outdoor court renovation project.





PRE- RENOVATION



01. IDENTIFY YOUR COURT

Find an existing court in your area that needs some love.

Courts in locations with good transport links, close to other amenities can often be the most suitable places for a project.

02.

GET PERMISSION

Get permission from the site owner. Email your local council, try the parks department and sports development department to ascertain who owns the space and whether they are interested to support a project.

If there is a local 'Friends of the park' group, get in touch with them too. Speak with local clubs, organisations, politicians to gain support for the project and demonstrate the need.





03. ASSESS YOUR COURT

Assess the condition of the courts.

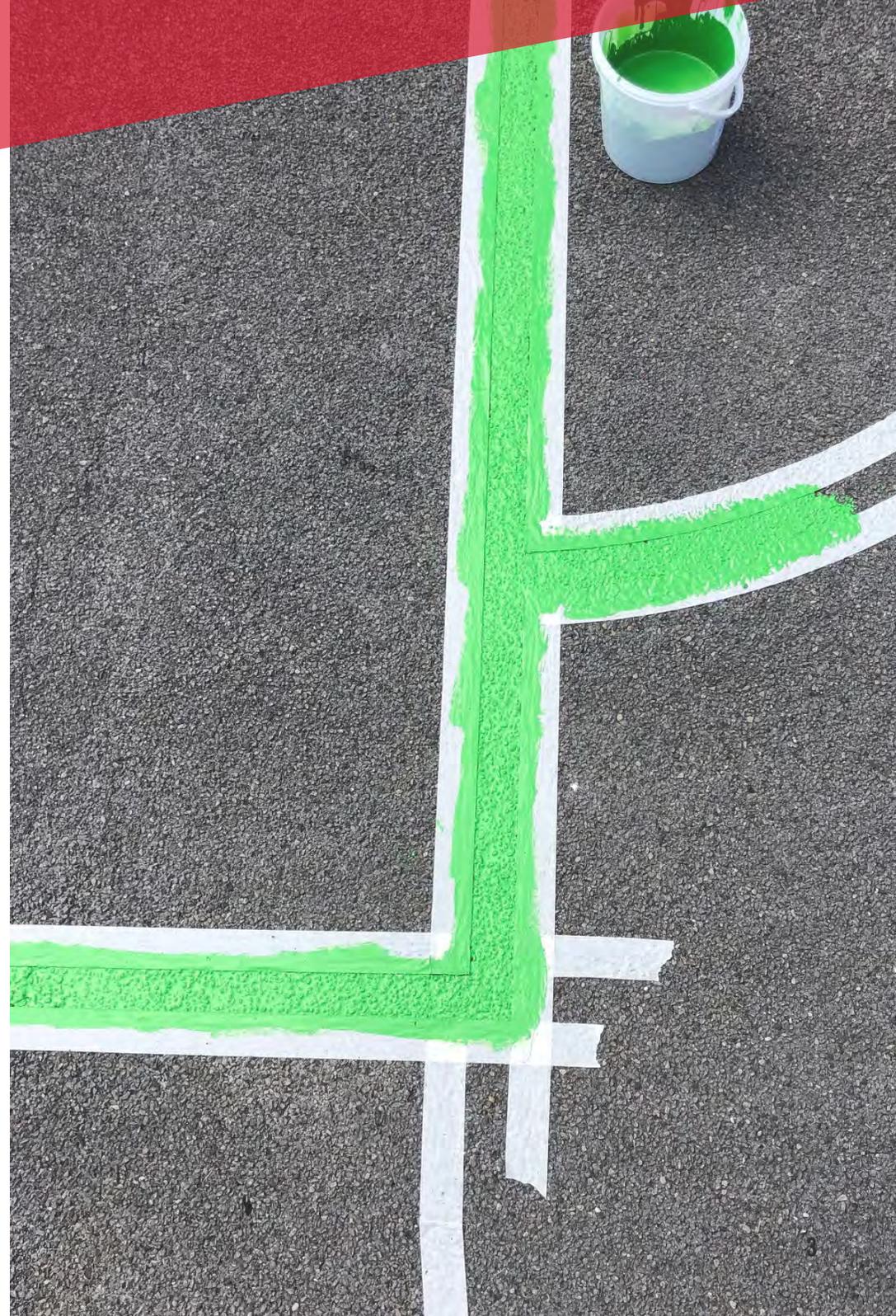
Make a list of improvements required at the court - eg. repairs to backboards, line markings, fencing etc.

Contact outdoor sports companies – share your wish list, send them photos, ask for a site visit if possible to assess the works required. If you can't find an outdoor sports company search for tennis court construction companies. Getting two or three quotes helps ensure value for money.

04. CREATE YOUR BUDGET

Be sure to include;

- Costs for basketball specific elements - baskets, backboards, surfacing works, line markings.
- Installation costs and other additions such as benches, bins, fencing.
- If your planning to paint artwork on the court, artists and paint costs.





05. CREATE A FUNDING PLAN

Make a list of potential funders, which could include the site owner, local council, local charities, local and national funding bodies, local businesses, sponsors, Friends of the Park groups, and Basketball England.

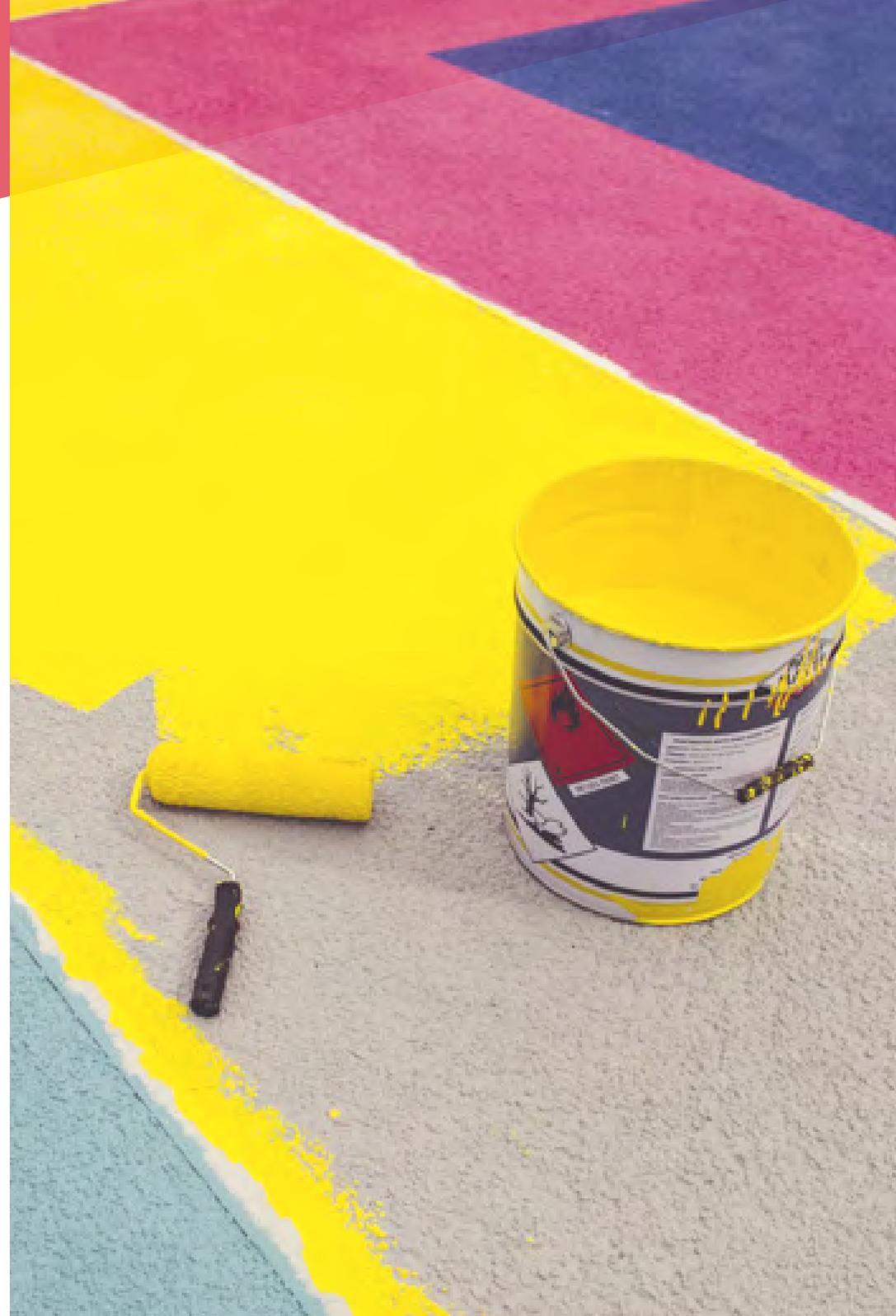
Contact everyone on the list and enquire about suitable funding pots you can apply for. For businesses or sponsors enquire about potential support financial support, value in kind or sponsorship opportunities for the project

Consider crowd funding - this is often a good way to demonstrate the need for the project and to get the whole basketball community involved.

06.

WORKS START

Work with the site owner to appoint the outdoor sports contractor. It's best to ask the site owner to manage this aspect to ensure works are carried out safely and to the standard required including managing the financial side.





07. LAUNCH YOUR COURT

Once works are complete, it is time to launch your project and celebrate!

Invite the local basketball community and anyone else to the new court launch.

Share your new court with the local newspapers and media and Basketball England.

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