

A photograph of a tennis court with artificial grass. A bright yellow tennis ball is on the grass in the lower right. White lines of the court are visible. A tennis net is in the background. The text 'Spotlight on: Artificial Surfacing for Sports Clubs' is overlaid on the left, and the 'bradleys SURFACING SYSTEMS' logo is at the bottom center.

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Introduction



Established in 2012, Bradleys Surfacing Systems are specialists in artificial surfacing. We've worked with hundreds of sports clubs across the country to provide a tailored design and installation service to suit the individual requirements of each facility.

Our team of professional installers are equipped with the knowledge and understanding of the latest, safest and highest quality artificial products and participate in Bradley's ongoing professional development programme, which leads to tried and tested practices being complimented by contemporary and innovative installation techniques.

We are well located to serve the whole of the UK and offer a consultation and design service at no upfront cost to all of our clients. We are also more than happy to discuss any potential projects with clients in person.

Artificial surfacing is a safe, cost-effective and practical solution for sports clubs. As well as being suitable for a number of individual sports to be played on, surfaces can be designed to accommodate different sports taking place safely at the same time. Within this brochure we've outlined some of the benefits and options of artificial surfacing for sports clubs, as well as providing some case studies of projects we've carried out at different facilities across the country.

Please do contact us for any further information – we'd be very happy to help with any questions you might have!

Tom Bradley - Director



Benefits of artificial surfacing



Performance

Artificial surfacing can offer excellent playing characteristics in terms of ball bounce and ball roll, increasing performance offering and providing players with a higher quality experience for both matches and training.



Injury prevention

Sports grounds and pitches are traditionally surfaced with non-cushioned materials, such as tarmac and real grass, which can result in trips, falls and injuries during play. Artificial surfacing offers a safer alternative and the addition of a shock-pad underneath can also help to cushion player's joints, absorbing impact and reducing the risk of injury when playing sports.



Durability

Artificial surfacing can withstand prolonged, excessive use thanks to its durability and longevity, and in comparison to natural grass pitches, it does not get worn out by heavy match-play. The porous layers within turf let water drain through easily, making it a durable all-weather surface for matches and training to continue on all year-round.



Low maintenance

No need for mowing, surfacing looks fantastic day after day in all-weather conditions. The cleaning and maintenance requirements of artificial surfacing are much simpler in comparison to a natural grass pitch and Bradleys can provide an aftercare and maintenance service to ensure surfacing stays in tip-top condition all year round.



Surface Options

Bradleys Surfacing Systems design and install artificial turf surfaces for a wide range of sports including:

 **Football**

 **Golf**

 **Tennis**

 **Netball**

 **Hockey**

 **Basketball**

Depending upon the sports being played at the club, there are a variety of different surface options available:

Artificial turf

Artificial turf products are designed specifically to replicate the look and feel of natural grass and vary in density, colour and pile height. The most popular options include 3G, sand-dressed and needle-punch surfaces.

3G or 'Third Generation' surfaces are long-pile artificial turf with a combination of rubber and sand infill to offer heightened performance characteristics. They are designed to replicate the best quality natural turf in aesthetics and playability and are great for high-performance sports.

Perfect for – Football, Rugby, Hockey

Sand-dressed artificial turf is short-piled and has sand that's filled within the grass system for greater stability. It looks greener because it's much denser and can be used for many sports, but particularly for lower-impact games.

Perfect for – Football training, Tennis, Hockey, Netball, MUGAs

Needle-punch

A needle-punch surface is a fibre bonded carpet, similar to artificial turf but a stronger, more durable and a lower-maintenance option, whilst still performing well. Excellent for when sports, such as tennis and netball are combined.

Perfect for – MUGAs, Football, Tennis, Hockey, Netball

Synthetic clay

Synthetic clay is a low maintenance, durable surface that is often chosen by tennis clubs who want their courts to be played on all year round. With the looks and playing characteristics to resemble natural clay, it also provides the same ball bounce and slide as a real clay court for a high-performance surface.

Perfect for – Tennis

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As a registered charity with limited resources, it was essential that we found the right contractor who could deliver a top quality product at an affordable price. Bradleys Surfacing Systems were, for me, streets ahead of the competition and dealing with Tom from enquiry through sale to construction and completion made project management as easy and straightforward as it could ever be.

*Gary Bird, Chief Executive
Manor Farm Community Association*



Manor Farm Community Association

Bradleys Surfacing Systems was appointed as main contractor to convert four old unused tennis courts combining 2600m² into a state of the art 3G surface for football use, bringing together the very best of the sports surface industry to give a fantastic facility. Our largest contract value to date, all design, project management and civil work was carried out by Bradleys, making it as easy as possible for the client to focus on running this important community centre.

Multi-Use Games

Multi-Use Games Areas (MUGAs) are becoming increasingly popular amongst sports clubs who are looking for a cost-effective solution for a wide-range of sports.

MUGAs are designed to incorporate a range of different sports requirements into one pitch using different turf and line markings and can accommodate a number of activities, without being over-complicated in terms of layout.

Typical sport combinations for MUGAs include football, hockey, basketball, tennis and netball, with each gaming area marked out with its own bright colour so it's clear to players which lines they must play within. Equipment such as floodlights, hoops, rebound sports fences, recessed goals and nets are often also incorporated during installation to allow clubs to make the most of their MUGA.

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We're very thankful to the Leader Project, as well as our local parish council for providing us with the funding to enable us to refurbish this facility and give the area a new lease of life. The MUGA is already being used by local sports clubs, such as Chesterfield Ladies and Glapwell Gladiators and we hope others follow suit and utilise it for regular training purposes. It's a great asset for the local area and we've been delighted to work with Bradleys to bring this exciting project to life.

*Sue O'Donnell, Parish Clerk
Glapwell Parish Council*



Glapwell Football Ground

After Glapwell FC folded in 2016, Bradleys was brought in to help give the club a big transformation and new lease of life. After securing funding for the project, Bradleys completely refurbished the entire MUGA with a total area size of 712m².

The project began with the team taking the existing fence down, recycling it and uplifting the existing synthetic turf, which again was recycled. The team then installed a new 4m high super rebound twin bar fence system with built-in goals and basketball hoops and laid TigerTurf's Evo Excel sand dressed synthetic turf – ideal for multi-use games areas. The MUGA was marked with permanent, inlaid lines for tennis, netball and football.



Lenches Tennis Club

Bradleys was selected by Lenches Tennis Club in Evesham to carry out the refurbishment of two tarmac tennis courts and one MUGA which were 15 years old and in a worn and tired state. TigerTurf Advantage Pro was chosen for the surfacing for both the tennis courts and MUGA, due to its high performance and durability characteristics.

The MUGA includes line markings for football, netball and tennis – providing further opportunities for sports club usage, such as local Cornerstone United who plan to use the MUGA for 5-a-side football.



Bradleys Surfacing Systems are suppliers and installers of a range of synthetic sports, play and landscaping surfaces for both commercial and educational settings.

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