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A bullet pointed history of Shevington FC along with Recreation Ground usage over the year 2011.

- We can trace Shevington Football Club using the Recreation Ground back to 1904. We actually think it was formed at the turn of the century, but only have proof at 1904.
- The origins were based in the Churches League in the early 1900's.
- Originally the changing rooms behind the St Anne's Parish Rooms and many early photographs taken were behind St Anne's.
- A second team was formed in the late 1960's and continues to play to this day.
- In 2008 the then three man committee opened the doors of the club to facilitate a new junior section with a new committee taking ownership of the club. Along with the original two open age teams a further four junior teams were elected into the club.
- In 2009 Shevington Football Club achieved the FA Charter Standard Award, becoming the first club in Wigan to hold it for both Senior and Junior teams.
- We are currently preparing a presentation to achieve the FA Development Award and future years achieve the next and highest level of an FA Community Club. As part of the community programme we would be looking at incorporate summer sports into the club, ie Cricket, Softball, Rounders etc.
- At present Shevington Football Club contains thirteen teams. Two adult, one under eight, three under nine, one each at ages ten, eleven, and twelve. Thirteen, fourteen, fifteen and seventeen.
- We have issued development plans to the FA to continue to increase this total of teams until we reach a minimum of one team per age group from seven years to eighteen years old.
- Other development phases include girls / women football and an over 35 / veteran teams.
- Funding raising ideas / grant applications are currently under way to improve facilities on the Recreation Ground for both the Football Club and the community by addressing the drainage and building new changing facilities. No time scale has been placed on this on-going project.
- Based on last season's membership we currently have around 85% of members based in and around the Shevington area (including Shevington Moor, Shevington Vale, Standish Lower Ground etc)

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- Over the course of the summer light months all teams use the Recreation Ground for training purposes. Each team on average has fourteen players, young ages up to twelve years less, older ages up to seventeen more. Open age currently have sixty members signed on.
- If each team uses the Recreation Ground for an average of two hours per week for training only, none match days; each child would step onto the Recreation Ground for 42 hours (21 weeks x 2 hours) over the summer period. Multiply that by the 11 junior

Teams x 14 player average equates to children using the Recreation Ground for a total average of 6,468 hours of activities.

- The open age train twice a week on the Recreation Ground. Sixty members over 21 weeks, twice a week at an average of two hour Sessions equates to 3,528 hours over the summer light periods.
- Shevington Football Club continues to maintain the field over the growing season to produce a healthy community ground for all.
- Due to sheer volume of children and adults now attached to Shevington Football Club we cannot now accommodate all teams within the village and we currently have four of the teams playing on Standish and Wigan council run pitches.
- Ultimately our long term goal would be to eventually house all teams within the Shevington boundary and we can achieve this goal by either financing the drainage of the Recreation Ground or finding new land in the village to use in conjunction with Recreation Ground.