



Ivor Beeks receives the Football Trust cheque from Trust secretary Pat Finney, watched by Blues' director Brian Lee



Some of the youngsters show their skills at Loakes park on Saturday

Wanderers launch new community

BLUES' boss Ivor Beeks officially launched a youngsters' soccer training scheme — and claimed it could help prevent violence on the terraces.

Mr Beeks, chairman of Wycombe Wanderers FC, announced the soccer programme at the High Wycombe area on Saturday

and said: "If just one boy turned round the corner to this scheme from being a menace then it will have been worth it.

He added: "Let's start talking about the good things in football. We hear enough about the bad

The training programme, aimed

at children aged six to 12 years, was boosted by a £45,000 Football Trust donation presented by Trust secretary Pat Finney on Saturday.

The cash will help meet the cost of new changing accommodation, fitness gym, treatment room and a synthetic playing surface at the new Adams Park stadium under construction at Sands, High Wycombe.

Mr Beeks said after the presentation at Loakes Park: "We are looking at hockey, badminton and five-a-side football at the new ground. This would be helped by a successful planning application for the synthetic pitch. We are hoping for a lot of other sports taking place at Adams Park besides football."

He stressed the new facilities, along with the training scheme, would make

Wycombe Wanderers a centre for community activities available to all the family.

The soccer scheme, which has attracted about 300 youngsters — including girls from local schools — is the first operated by a non-league club. Wanderers' manager Jim Kelman will head the training sessions.

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Mr Beeks said: "In addition, our interior lounges can be adapted for a wedding reception or a company conference. Our new ground will belong to the whole town."

Attending the presentation ceremony on Saturday were district councillors Ken Morgan, Val Letheren, council chairman Kathleen Peatey and local MP Ray Whitney.