

Football Foundation

NEWSLETTER

STRONG FOUNDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE



Kids cheer new funding deal

The future of grass roots football is looking a lot brighter following the announcement by Culture Secretary, Tessa Jowell, at the Labour Party Conference of a new three year funding package of £135m.

The investment strengthens the unique partnership of the FA Premier League, the Football Association, Sport England and the Government that makes up the Foundation.

Since the Foundation's launch in 2000, over 1,000 projects worth over £250m have been supported. With investment now secure for another three years, the Foundation is set to build on this success by creating even more new facilities and opportunities for thousands of communities throughout the country.

Tessa Jowell said: "Football is our national game. It reaches out to the most disadvantaged. The Football Foundation has provided new and better football facilities for kids up and down the country. I am delighted to announce that, what started as an experiment, is about to become part of the fabric of local sport."

Peter Lee, Chief Executive of the Football Foundation welcomed the announcement:

"Tessa Jowell's announcement secures the long-term future of the Football Foundation. We now have confirmation of a £135m three-year deal going forward, with each of our three funding partners contributing £45m. We are grateful to Sport England, the Premier League and the FA for their partnership funding. We look

forward to working with them to continue the Foundation's investment in grass roots sport. We will be working particularly closely with our colleagues at Sport England to ensure the delivery of our targets and the evaluation of our work especially on the vital issue of participation."



The Rt Hon Tessa Jowell MP

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STARS SIGN UP FOR THE FOUNDATION

The Foundation's Ambassadors scheme continues to grow apace. Launched by Middlesbrough captain, Gareth Southgate, a number of Premier League stars have now joined the Foundation to underline players commitment to putting something back into the game.

West Brom captain, Darren Purse, joined hundreds of young players at the West Brom Football in the Community soccer camp at Willingsworth High School in Tipton to discuss his new role.

"Becoming an Ambassador is a great opportunity to highlight some of the outstanding

work undertaken by the Football Foundation, not only providing superb modern facilities but using the power of the game to reach out to individuals and communities," said Purse. "In partnership with Albion's Football Community Scheme, a new generation of players are getting the very best possible start in the game."

Only a few days later, Southampton's David Prutton signed for the Foundation whilst launching the CHILL Project, a scheme delivering football coaching, healthy lifestyle information and awareness sessions to raise the importance of health and nutrition in the outer Shirley Regeneration area of the city.

"With so much great work going on within the game, I am delighted to be asked to become an Ambassador for the Football Foundation. Everyone at the club is very aware of the real impact football can have within communities. Projects such as CHILL, underline the great work being carried out by our Saints in the Community Scheme throughout the region and I am delighted to be able to support such an outstanding initiative."

A number of other players have also signed up to the scheme which will be rolled out to every Premier League club. Watch this space over the forthcoming issues to find out more.



The Foundations latest Ambassadors Darren Purse (left) and David Prutton (right)

LONDON'S SPECIAL NEEDS KIDS GIVEN SPORTING CHANCE

The South London Special League, a scheme providing sport for children with learning difficulties, kicked off their new season at the Foundation's flagship London Marathon Playing Fields Project.

Chelsea legend, Paul Elliott and FA Director, Sir Trevor Brooking OBE, joined young people, league organisers and Lord Pendry, President of the Football Foundation at the Shooters Hill Road site.

The programme, funded with a £120,200 Foundation grant, will work with boys and girls from under 12 to under 19 levels with both severe and moderate learning difficulties. In addition, they hope to develop a league and specialised coaching sessions for visually and hearing impaired young people. The scheme will also provide a broad range of disability awareness training for coaches, trainers, volunteers and helpers to work alongside the programme.

Lord Pendry paid tribute to the work of the league:

"This wonderful project is providing opportunities for hundreds of young people to take part in the national game and highlights the significant impact that football can have in our communities. Working closely with our colleagues at The FA, the South London Special League will help transform the provision of disability football in the area. Everyone concerned with this project deserves all our sincere congratulations."

Sir Trevor Brooking OBE, FA Director of Football Development, said:

"This scheme underlines both The FA's and the Foundation's commitment to improving the quality of training, coaching and support to disabled people and creating performance pathways to assist in the progression of players to county, then national squads. The South London Special league will now ensure more disabled children have far greater opportunities to be involved in the national game, joining over 7,500 other disabled people this year who have played the game for the first ever time with The FA."

Sharon Brokenshire, the organiser of the project said:

"Organising competitive football for young people with special needs is the most rewarding work I have ever done. I feel a sense of burning pleasure watching these youngsters really enjoying this game, their game. At whatever level they play, we can celebrate their achievements, and often learn from their honest dedication. The South London Special League is succeeding thanks to the support it receives from all those people in the community who are committed to enabling these youngsters to play the game."



OUT AND ABOUT

CABORN HITS THE ROAD

Sports Minister Rt Hon Richard Caborn MP, embarked on a regional tour to visit many new sports initiatives, including a number of leading Foundation projects. The Minister dropped in to see the work of the Burnley Splash project, a scheme designed to offer more football opportunities to socially excluded youngsters.

During the Midlands leg of his nationwide tour, Mr Caborn also dropped into the Saltley Leisure Centre in Birmingham to see the outstanding new community facilities, funded with a £797,908 Foundation grant.

Saltley Project



Caborn makes a splash



Gordon Brown meets the women's MP team



Tessa Jowell shows off her skill

PIGGYBANK KIDS - WE WAS ROBBED!

Last year the Foundation made it to the final of the annual PiggyBank Kids five-a-side tournament, only to lose 1-0. This year expectations were high as the Foundation team joined ten other squads in Archbishops Park, Westminster, to raise money for the Jennifer Brown Research Fund.

The charity supports a new research laboratory in Edinburgh, to seek solutions to pregnancy difficulties and save new born lives and was started by Sarah Brown, wife of the Chancellor.

The Chancellor came down to meet the teams on the big day. Prior to kick off, a women's MP team, featuring Culture Secretary, Tessa Jowell, played an exhibition match against an England squad. Both the Foundation and the women's MP teams failed in their attempt for glory, with the PiggyBank team romping to victory in a pulsating final against last year's winners, the Co-operative Group.

MATCH OF THE DAY

Early risers on Sundays may have seen the Foundation springing up on the new community section of The Match of the Day 2 programme. Already the MoTD team have covered our projects in association with Premier League teams, Middlesbrough, Fulham, Southampton and West Bromwich Albion. The Foundation congratulates and thanks the BBC crew for their commitment to cover some of the superb work football is undertaking within our communities.

KIDS IN CARE NOT GIVEN SPORTING CHANCE

Young people in care are not getting the same sporting chance as other youngsters, both in school and via local clubs, a new survey reveals. It is feared that barriers to taking part in sport could be perpetuating the alienation of kids in care in schools and their communities, leading to lower educational achievements and higher exclusion rates from school.

The 'Who Cares? About Sport' survey, carried out by the Football Foundation and The Who Cares? Trust, a leading charity that promotes the needs of young people living in care, also highlights the unique role that sport, particularly football, can play in reaching out and engaging with vulnerable and hard to reach groups of society. Many of the respondents spoke of sport not just in terms of physical exercise but also as a way of interacting and socialising with their peers, improving self esteem, education and lifeskills.

Only 18% of children in care participate in school sports, well below the national average, yet over 35% of respondents who were not participating in sport said they would like to do so.



Sir Trevor Brooking OBE, Saba Jhon-Mirza and Peter Lee

Peter Lee, Chief Executive of the Football Foundation welcomed the report:

"It's not just about playing sport to get healthier, it is important for kids in care to gain the social benefits sport has to offer. 37% of kids in care have been excluded from school, just 6% gained five GCSEs at A-C level and shockingly, 75% of people in prison have, at some time, been in care*. Sport can help vulnerable young people integrate into society, improve their life skills and enjoy their schooling. It is vital they are given more chances to participate.

One of the most pleasing aspects of the survey was the percentage of responses from ethnic male groups, traditionally the most difficult to reach. Now we know what they need and how schools can reach out to them, we can start engaging with them."

To investigate these findings in more detail, the Trust will work with the Foundation on an in-depth qualitative research project. Young people in care, their carers, local authority workers and schools within London and the North-East of England will be invited to contribute their views and experiences to identify whether being in care is really a significant barrier to taking part in sport.

Susanna Cheal OBE, Chief Executive of The Who Cares? Trust commented:

"The Who Cares? Trust is delighted to be working in partnership with the Football Foundation. Young people from care, with diverse backgrounds, have told us in this report that sport increases their self-esteem and improves their health and relationships with people their age. However, the vast majority seem to play sport with friends and not with a school team. If schools could harness this interest in sport, it could be for the long-term educational benefit of these underachieving and disaffected young people who have the same potential to succeed in life as any other child.

We hope our joint work will help encourage the short and long term benefits of sporting activity for our most vulnerable children, through opportunities both in and outside school."

Respondents to the survey were entered into a competition to win a host of football goodies. One winner, Saba Jhon-Mirza, was presented with her prizes by Sir Trevor Brooking OBE and Peter Lee.

To obtain a copy of the report please email: enquiries@footballfoundation.org.uk



Saba Jhon-Mirza gets her prizes

* Statistics taken from the Social Exclusion Unit study 'A better education for children in care'

COME ON ENGLAND - THE HOMELESS WORLD CUP

The Foundation joined forces with Manchester United Football Club and The Big Issue in the North to provide the England Homeless team with training for the Homeless World Cup 2004, which took place in Sweden.

The final 16 players, who made it through to the last round of trials, were put through their paces by Manchester United's Football in the Community coaches, before the lucky eight who will represent their country in Gothenburg, were announced.

Speaking before the team flew out to the competition, Sir Alex Ferguson, manager at Manchester United said: "I get an incredible buzz out of managing Manchester United and

if these lads feel even a fraction of that high, then playing for England in the Homeless World Cup will be the best week of their lives."

The team competed against over 20 countries from across the world including Spain and Brazil, all hoping to get their hands on the winner's trophy. The Football Foundation contributed to their domestic costs for them including coaching, development and training for the squad. A total of £9,600 was provided in addition to the £500,000 grant to establish leagues, competitions and training initiatives for over 40 teams in London and the East Midlands. The England squad finished a creditable sixth.



The Homeless World Cup Squad
Photograph by Jason Lock

OPEN FOR BUSINESS

KICK OFF FOR LANCS FOOTBALL

Lancashire's latest Foundation project recently opened its doors as MP for Chorley, Lindsay Hoyle, joined officials of Ecclestone Parish Council to welcome players to the village's revamped playing fields.



A £195,640 grant from the Foundation allowed the Council to construct a new pavilion, housing six changing rooms for male and female players, a coaching and education room, along with fully inclusive spectator facilities. The ground's pitches have also been installed with a modern drainage system – meaning more football all year round – whatever the weather.

The previous facilities at the ground had become outdated and unable to cope with the increasing demand and the changing nature of the game. The changing block had severely restricted the development of female football and matches were constantly cancelled due to water logging at the ground.

A particular emphasis will be placed on developing the game for women and girls in the area, who will be offered specialist coaching sessions, alongside Mini-Soccer for junior players. Twelve extra boys and girls' teams are expected to be formed within the next three seasons.

TRIMLEY RED DEVILS

Joe Royle led a team of Ipswich legends to formally open the new Vicky Hall Memorial Pavilion. The tragic murder of the teenager galvanised the local community into leaving a long lasting legacy for Vicky and the Foundation was happy to lend a hand, providing a £161,850 grant to allow local team, Trimley Red Devils, to construct one of the most modern pavilions in the country.



The Ipswich manager paid tribute to the work of the club: "It's a fantastic facility and I am not exaggerating when I say there will be a number of league clubs who would like to have a facility like this. I look back to some of the places

I played as a kid, this would have been like coming to Wembley. Anyone who plays here will really enjoy it."

Foundation Chief Executive, Peter Lee, joined Joe in the tributes:

"This wonderful pavilion is testament to everyone concerned with Trimley Red Devils and, of course, to Vicky Hall in memory of whom it is dedicated. The Football Foundation is honoured to be able to play a role in bringing such a fitting legacy to the town for thousands of young people to enjoy. On behalf of the Foundation may I wish the club the very best of luck for their big day and for the rest of the season."



BASILDON ON TARGET FOR FOOTBALL GLORY

The future of youth football in the Basildon District has been given a kick-start with a whopping cash injection of almost £220,000 from the Football Foundation. The award will allow Council Leisure chiefs to finance regular football coaching for local youngsters and to organise leagues and tournaments for them to compete in.

The project is aimed at mainly under-privileged young people who would normally be unable to afford the cost of playing organised football and the expense of kit, equipment and coaching.

"This is wonderful news for local youngsters who love to play football. This very generous gift from the Football Foundation will ensure the future of the game in the District and give everyone the opportunity to take part in the sport regardless of their circumstances", said Councillor Anthony Hedley, Portfolio Holder for Community and Leisure.



"We will work with our partners to ensure coaching sessions and competitions are accessible to everyone and use them to break down the barriers to participation, strengthen the pride and spirit of local communities and provide a healthy, active and diversionary activity for our young people", he added.

FOOTBALL FOUNDATION BOOST FOR CITY YOUNGSTERS



Young people in the City of London were celebrating the launch of a three-year football programme by Millwall Community Scheme's 'Playing 4 the City', in association with the Thames Gateway Project, thanks to a cash boost from the Football Foundation.



A grant for £126,000 has been given for programmes in the City of London (through Millwall Community Scheme), Greenwich (through the Charlton Athletic Community Scheme) and Thurrock (through West Ham United's Community Scheme).

Young people and players joined programme organisers, our Chief Executive, Peter Lee and Millwall first teamers, David Livermore and Kevin Muscat, at a tournament at Millwall's Lions Centre, to celebrate the launch of the scheme.

A ROARING SUCCESS FOR MILLWALL

The great news continued for Millwall as the Foundation announced a £910,000 grant to provide a new generation of football facilities at the Den. A new indoor football centre will soon be under construction at the Lions Centre, for use by thousands of young players in communities across South East London.

The news certainly impressed Millwall chairman, Theo Paphitis, who added: "I'm delighted that



the Football Foundation funding is now in place to enable this development to progress.

Millwall Football Club has a proud tradition of working with our local community, and our partnership with the Millwall Community Scheme over the years has won widespread recognition.

With the backing of the Football Foundation, the Scheme will now be in a position to undertake even more vital initiatives in the field of sport, to benefit the residents of the inner-city area in which we are centred."

BIG LIFT FOR FOOTBALL IN DEVON



Photograph by Dawn Rogers

Lifton Sports Club threw open the doors at their brand new pavilion as junior footballers and club officials unveiled some of the best facilities in the area.

Thanks to a £86,240 grant from the Football Foundation, the Sports Club replaced a dilapidated changing block built in the 1920's at the Recreation Field, Leat Road, with a new multi-room complex. This is a much-needed boost to the development of the game in Devon, particularly amongst women, girls, juniors and disabled players.

HUDDERSFIELD SCHOOL OPEN NEW FOOTBALL PROJECT

Footballers at the Kirkburton Middle School unveiled their new community focused football facilities. A £432,152 Foundation grant, part of a £30m commitment to boost school sports provided by the Big Lottery Fund, has allowed the construction of a floodlit artificial pitch alongside a new pavilion. The money has also allowed the school to install a pitch drainage system for their existing grass pitches.



James Hope-Gill, Chief Executive of Sheffield & Hallamshire FA, joined staff and pupils at the school's Turnshaw Avenue site to formally open the new ground.

As well as providing pupils with outstanding new facilities, they will also be opened up to the wider community and will become home to the area's leading club, Kirkburton FC. An estimated 110 additional junior players will be using the site outside of school hours every week, with a special emphasis placed on increasing opportunities for local girls to play football.

James Hope-Gill said:

"It is wonderful news that this Football Foundation funding has created some outstanding facilities, not only for pupils but also for the community as a whole. We are delighted to have been involved, to help Kirkburton F.C. in implementing a development plan for football that has secured this grant. The club and school are to be congratulated for the hard work they have put in to this project."

BIG DAY FOR MANX FOOTBALL



Photograph by Bill Dale

Sir Trevor Brooking OBE, opened the Isle of Man's latest community football facilities when he joined players and officials of St John's United. Thanks to a £211,588 Foundation grant, the Manx club has constructed a new floodlit artificial pitch and modern pavilion, boosting football opportunities for communities across the island. A particular emphasis will be placed on developing the game for players aged ten and under by improving Mini-Soccer at the site for boys and girls of all abilities.

FA Director of Football Development and Football Foundation Trustee, Sir Trevor, welcomed the funding:

"These new facilities will be a fantastic addition to the provision of football on the island. The St John's project underlines the determination of the football authorities to put something back into the game. Working closely with the County FAs and Local Football Partnerships, the Foundation is revolutionising the grass roots game, both here on the Isle of Man and throughout the country."

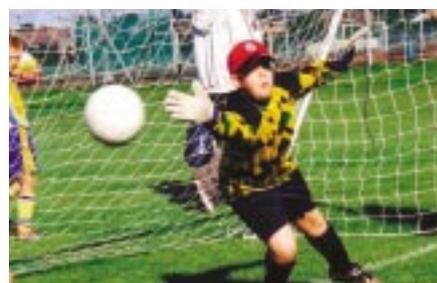
WEARISIDE FOOTBALL NETS A £1M WINNER

Grass roots football in Wearside scored a winner as the Football Foundation announced a funding package of almost £1m to the Russell Foster Tyne and Wear Sports Foundation.

The grant for £988,869 has enabled the group to start construction on a new Mini-Soccer centre, housing 20 new pitches and a modern sports pavilion in Newbottle.

Over 3,600 junior players are expected to use the new facilities, giving a much needed boost to the game for young people in the region. The site will also host holiday football programmes and almost 40 new girls' teams are set to be created. Local schools will also be using the facilities for their games lessons.

Russell Foster said: "I am delighted with the Football Foundation's offer and wish to take this opportunity to thank all who have worked so hard to get to this stage."



GAME ON! FOR NEW FOOTBALL SCHEME IN COALFIELD REGIONS



Stars from Mansfield Town joined our President, Lord Pendry, to kick off a different sort of football campaign. The Foundation has provided £315,000 to the Coalfield Regeneration Trust to fund an exciting football initiative, designed to encourage the regeneration of lives, communities and facilities in former coalfield areas in the East Midlands, as well as those in the North East and Yorkshire.

Organisers hope that *GAME ON* will enthrall the younger generations and so inspire them to improve the quality of their lives – both on and off the pitch.

The project is supported by The Minister for Sport and passionate Sheffield United fan, the Rt Hon Richard Caborn MP, who commented: "We know that sport provides enormous benefits and opportunities for young people, and an initiative like this will help to drive participation and activity in the area. I am

confident that this *GAME ON* project will prove to be an excellent way of using football, not only to engage the community but also to positively affect change in young people's lives."

Lord Pendry added: "Sport, particularly football, has a vital role to play in the regeneration and rebuilding of our communities. I am confident that the Football Foundation's new partnership with The Coalfields Regeneration Trust will offer people the opportunity of healthier lifestyles and the chance to tackle many of the social problems facing their areas."

KICK OFF FOR OXFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL PROJECT

Oxfordshire's biggest grass roots football facility opened up to the public when junior players and officials of Berinsfield Parish Council gathered at the Lay Avenue Recreation Ground, to celebrate the opening of their new pavilion and revamped pitches.

A £485,942 grant, has enabled the council to replace the site's 'temporary' changing rooms, which were over 15 years old and ill-equipped

to meet the needs of the modern game. The new facility will encourage the development of the game amongst the area's younger players, particularly girls and junior footballers. It is hoped a Mini-Soccer league will soon be established for football-mad boys and girls aged under ten.

To raise participation rates in the community, links will be formed with local primary schools and after-school coaching sessions and holiday football festivals will become a regular feature at the site.

SPORTS LEGENDS JOIN LOWESTOFT PUPILS FOR BIG LAUNCH

Olympic Medallist, Nick Gillingham MBE, Norwich legend, Bryan Gunn and Ipswich Town's Simon Milton joined pupils, staff and dignitaries at the Denes High School to officially open the new sports facilities at the school's Yarmouth Road Site.

A £428,750 cash boost from the Football Foundation, another one of our Big Lottery Fund's school grants, provided a community sports centre.



BURY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Bury MBC Sports Development Unit received a huge boost from the Football Foundation to further enhance football development opportunities across the town. The £48,750 Foundation grant will fund a borough-wide Football Development Officer to co-ordinate the programme for three years.

The initiative has been designed to meet the needs of local residents and help deliver fully inclusive football opportunities throughout the borough. A series of new inclusive football programmes and courses have been organised and will be delivered across Bury. A comprehensive football coach education programme is also planned to support local volunteers and voluntary sports clubs.

Jackie Veal, Bury MBC Sports Development Manager mentioned:

"This Football Inclusion Programme will enhance existing provision and has only been possible due to the support from our partners. It is our aim to ensure coaches, volunteers and youngsters in Bury benefit from the scheme and leave a football legacy for many years to come."



DOUBLE CELEBRATION FOR EASTLEIGH

The Hampshire Town of Eastleigh scored a funding double as the community and local non-league team both received a huge financial boost. The Foundation provided a grant of £339,072 to Eastleigh Borough Council to provide major improvements to the Fleming Park Leisure Centre, establishing it as one of the largest public leisure centres in the south east. The funding has provided three new floodlit artificial five-a-side football pitches, a new full-sized artificial pitch and will enable the council to provide a range of new coaching initiatives for local youngsters.

Meanwhile, Isthmian League Premier Division club, Eastleigh FC, invited Southampton chairman, Rupert Lowe, to open their new stand at the Sparshatts Stadium. A £150,000 grant from the Football Stadia Improvement Fund (FSIF) allowed Eastleigh to construct a new stand to seat 350 spectators and house the team and officials changing facilities, a treatment room, committee room and catering facilities.

Paul Murray, Business Development Officer at the Club, welcomed the cash boost: "The FSIF funding of the stand makes possible this vital part of the development of the Sparshatts Stadium at Ten Acres. This has resulted in Eastleigh playing in one of the major football venues in the area."



SPLASHING THE CASH

DANESWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

Ashfield MP, Geoff Hoon, has helped a Nottinghamshire school to launch a groundbreaking football programme. He joined the pupils of Daneswood Junior School, Sutton-in-Ashfield, to kick off their unique lunchtime and after-school coaching club which has been made possible thanks to a £6,670 grant from the Football Foundation.

The Ashfield MP lined up alongside staff and budding new players for the launch and presented the school with the cheque from the Football Foundation.

Pupils of all ages and abilities will be able to take part in the free sessions which promote exercise and teamwork, as well as social and soccer skills. Teachers will also be attending coach education programmes to ensure the long-term future of the project.



Mr Hoon welcomed the chance to see the work of the Foundation: "I very much welcome this imaginative project. Not only does the programme encourage more young people to get fit and healthy, it will also help pupils to develop the kind of skills that are valuable both on and off the pitch."

CREWE KIDS REAPING THE REWARDS

Crewe Alexandra and the Football Foundation have joined forces to bring the beautiful game to some of the town's most vulnerable groups, tackling crime, prejudice and social deprivation.

Football Foundation Chief Executive, Peter Lee and Cheshire FA Chief Executive, Maureen Dunford joined Crewe Alexandra Chairman, John Bowler and Ray Walker from the Crewe Alexandra Football in the Community Scheme, to present a ceremonial cheque prior to The Alex's kick off against Leeds United.

A £83,910 Foundation grant has enabled the Crewe Alexandra Football in the Community Scheme to establish their groundbreaking "Football for All" project. This will provide coaching schemes for a number of groups,

including young people with learning difficulties, people in areas of deprivation, young offenders and those most at risk of offending. Additional footballing opportunities will also be offered to ethnic minority children in Crewe and to local primary schools.

By bringing access to sport, the club hope to break down many of the barriers that have left some groups marginalized on the outskirts of the game. Indeed, by utilising the expertise of local groups and organisations, including the police, youth offending teams and community groups it is hoped the project will increase community awareness, cutting offending and promoting understanding between often disparate groups.



TOTTENHAM COMMUNITY GROUP CELEBRATE FUNDING SUCCESS

Footballers in Enfield & Haringey celebrated a grant of £7,215 from the Football Foundation. The money has allowed the Tottenham based Adam Community FC to offer training for coaches, provide refereeing courses and will increase football opportunities for hundreds of new players in the area, particularly those from black and ethnic minority groups.

Local MP, Joan Ryan, kicked off the local project when she joined young players and club officials at the team's home ground to celebrate the cash bonanza.



COMMUNITY CLUB DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



Rugby Town Juniors kick off scheme

Some of the country's leading junior clubs have shared part of a £9.4m Community Club Development funding package developed by Sport England, the Government and the Football Association, to forge stronger links between the junior football clubs and their local communities. The Football Foundation has been tasked with distributing the funds, which will help to provide quality coaching and safe environments for young people to enjoy the national game and already, this work is starting to show impressive results.

22 clubs have been awarded investment totalling £8.7m. The latest recipients, Rugby Town Juniors and Teesside Athletic, both kicked off work on their project to provide outstanding new facilities for young players in their towns.

Rugby Town Juniors invited the Foundation's Geoff Webb, local MP, Andy King and representatives of Sport England to formally kick off their groundbreaking project, part of a wider sports partnership in the town. A further Football Foundation funding package of £562,800 will also enable Rugby United FC to build a floodlit artificial pitch at their Butlin Road ground, to improve the provision of youth and senior football.

Meanwhile, Teesside Athletic were praised by Foundation Ambassador, Gareth Southgate, following their £730,928 award from the Community Club Development Package.

Gareth Southgate, Middlesbrough Captain and Football Foundation Ambassador welcomed another boost for football in the Teesside:

"As an Ambassador for the Foundation I know what great work they have already done in the area and alongside Boro's excellent Football in the Community scheme, a new generation of players in Teesside are getting the best possible start in the game. This latest project is set to lead the development of football in and around Redcar and on behalf of everyone at the club I offer our congratulations to Teesside Athletic FC."



Gareth Southgate

KICK IT OUT



Spurs Football in the Community

To celebrate Kick It Out's (KIO) week of action, over 40 local groups were the recipients of Community Chest grants of £1,000. In association with KIO, these groups will use the funding in a variety of ways, each individually designed to celebrate the diversity in the modern game.



Rupert Lowe joins City Life for Education and Action for Refugees (CLEAR), Southampton



Hammers stars meet Debden United

BARCLAYS SPACES FOR SPORTS



Matt Holland, Simon Shaw & Jade Johnson

The Foundation has also formed an exciting new partnership with Barclays, the sponsors of the Premier League and the environmental organisation Groundwork.

Barclays Spaces for Sports aims to encourage more households to participate in sport by providing sustainable sports facilities throughout the country. The £30m scheme is the single biggest investment in grass roots sport by a company ever in the UK. With an additional £6.3m investment from the Football Foundation and further funding being generated by Groundwork, the scheme will provide 21 flagship and 300 smaller sustainable sites across the country in areas that lack sports facilities.

In addition to the provision of sustainable sites,

Barclays will also provide 1,200 sets of coaching kit and equipment to teams and groups with the greatest need to help them get started.

The programme was launched on 9 September at Greenwich based football club, Long Lane, by Peter Lee and Barclays Chairman, Matt Barrett.

Speaking at the launch Peter Lee said: "Barclays Spaces for Sports is the first project of its kind bringing together football, Government and business to benefit our sport and importantly our communities. Grass roots football is the lifeblood of the game in this country, which is why it is vital that communities will now have the benefit of this unique funding package. Following our successful delivery of

the Barclaycard Free kicks programme, we see this launch as the next step in developing our relationship with the Barclays Group."

In addition to jointly funding the 21 flagship projects which the scheme will deliver, the Foundation will be managing the new kit and equipment scheme and will work with Groundwork to deliver the 300 local projects planned for around the country. The Barclays Spaces for Sports initiative will build on our unique experience in providing thousands of young people every year with outstanding community focused facilities.

To obtain an application form, email: enquiries@barclaysspacesforsports.org.uk or telephone 0800 027 4221



Holland meets Long Lane kids



Matt Barrett

MEET THE TEAM - CAPITAL PROJECTS



Geoff Webb

Director of Facilities and Stadia Development

Geoff joined the Foundation in January 2001 and is responsible for developing the framework and policy for grant aid for Grass Roots and Football Stadia Development. One of his achievements has been to establish the first national database of Football Facilities in England entitled the Register of English Football Facilities (REFF). He also works closely with the FA, Government Departments and other sports bodies to develop cohesive strategies for football and other sports. Geoff has overseen a programme of investment that has provided over £180 million and attracted additional partnership funding of £170 million.

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Pete is responsible for the development and assessment of facility based projects in the North West. He has recently moved to the Football Foundation via a spell at PMP Consultancy. Pete is a big sports fan, especially rugby and football where he follows the fortunes of Bath Rugby and Derby County respectively.

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Duncan joined the Foundation recently from the Commission for Racial Equality and is responsible for the development and assessment of facility based projects in London and the South East. Apart from sport, his other passions include travel and outdoor pursuits.

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Facilities Project Manager (covering East Anglia and East Midlands regions)

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Mina Al-Murani

Facilities Team Administrator

Mina provides administrative support to the Capital Projects team. She is responsible for processing and distributing projects to the Facilities Project Manager's, as well as answering queries from applicants. Previously, Mina worked in a hospital as an administrator and researcher.

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Sara Rasul

Administrator for Facilities

Sara is an administrator with the facilities team and PA to Geoff Webb. Her role includes liaising with applicants, assisting the Project Managers, organising meetings and managing Geoff's diary. Previously, Sara worked as a freelance journalist covering tennis and Spanish football, two of her biggest passions.

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Steve Shipperley

Head of Technical Services

Steve's background is building design, property maintenance and contract administration in both the public and private sectors. He works closely with the whole Capital Projects Team, and in addition to scrutinising grass roots and stadia improvement projects, he sits on several working groups and contributes to publications including our Data Sheets and Accessible Stadia. He is also a member of the Football Authorities' Disabled Supporters' Group.

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Mike Overton and Barry Lawrence

Technical Advisors

Mike and Barry are responsible for undertaking the technical assessment of applications to the Football Foundation and the Football Stadia Improvement Fund. Mike looks after projects located in the northern half of the country and Barry the south. Their remit covers scheme design compliance and contractual matters relating to project procurement and administration, along with establishing value for money for each project. Schemes scrutinised range from capital projects under the Football Foundation grant regime, to developments, stadium relocation, improvements and safety projects at Football League and National League club grounds.

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HOT OFF THE PRESS - THE LATEST FOUNDATION NEWS

WENGER KICKS OFF REVAMP AT BOREHAMWOOD

Arsenal Manager, Arsène Wenger, and Gunners' Vice-Chairman, David Dein, were guests of honour at the opening of the revamped Meadow Park as an Arsenal XI took on Borehamwood FC in a pre-season friendly.

The game marked the official opening of the ground and launched a new grass roots floodlit community pitch and changing pavilion, funded with a £674,550 Football Foundation grant. An additional grant of £107,616 from the Football Stadia Improvement Fund, supporters of the Foundation, also provided new changing rooms for the senior team. The community facilities are set to provide a huge boost for the provision of sport in the area. Over 150 young people already play in the club's eight youth teams and with their new facilities they hope to attract hundreds more from the area.

Photograph by David Price/Arsenal FC



PRIMARY PLAYGROUNDS 4 SPORTS INITIATIVE

School sport at primary school level can be a great force for good. It can provide invaluable opportunities for children to develop basic motor skills at an early age. As children develop these skills it is important that opportunities exist that allow schools to foster and promote good links with the community in which they live.

The Foundation has, in conjunction with The Youth Sports Trust, The Football Association, The Lawn Tennis Association, The Rugby Football Union and the England and Wales Cricket Board, formed a partnership whereby each of the above named sports recognise the benefits of promoting structured play at the primary school level.

The "Primary Playground 4 Sport" Scheme allows schools to invest in simple playground markings at minimal outlay and for the four major sports to form links with primary schools and local sports clubs.

A guide has been put together for applicants and offers basic advice on layouts and drills. A full playground resource pack has also been developed by the Youth Sport Trust and is available from our website.

To apply for this scheme visit www.footballfoundation.org.uk or contact the Football Foundation helpline 0800 0277766 or email enquiries@footballfoundation.org.uk.

MOLES - A GROUNDSMAN'S BEST FRIEND?

Cranfield University's Centre for Sports Surfaces, together with TurfTrax Ground Management Systems Ltd, have been awarded a £62,500 grant from the Football Foundation to undertake research into alternative pitch drainage methods for winter sports pitches on heavy clay soils.

The research, being conducted at Cranfield University's Silsoe campus and five other suitable locations across England, is investigating the use of mole drainage and whether or not it is a cost effective alternative to the traditional sand-slit drainage technique used on most clay soil pitches.

The installation of a mole drain is much simpler than the traditional method: using a special plough designed and built at Cranfield University, the system creates a drainage channel below the surface – the mole drain.

Mole drainage also provides the added benefit of requiring significantly less intensive ongoing maintenance and the pitch can be used almost immediately after the installation.

Dr Iain James, Research Leader at Cranfield Centre for Sports Surfaces, said: "If the experiments show that mole drainage is effective the research will benefit funding bodies such as the Football Foundation and Sport England as well as clubs at all levels, particularly the smaller community and recreational clubs who may rely on pitches that would otherwise be unusable due to water logging. This is particularly the case where the cost of sand-slit drainage would prohibit the clubs from improving their pitches."

CHANGE TO APPLICATION CRITERIA FOR JUNIOR KIT SCHEME



The free kit and equipment scheme will now support under 18 teams as well as adults with disabilities. Any club, school or organisation can apply for a kit grant including all representative teams at a junior level up to and including district. Applications are also welcome from disabled groups of all ages. As part of the revised criteria, clubs can now apply for two vouchers every three years, as long as one application is for a girls' team and the other is for a boys' team.

To find out more about the Junior Kit Scheme please visit the website www.footballfoundation.org.uk or contact the Football Foundation helpline 0800 0277766.

EDUCATION CURRICULUM POLICY

The Football Foundation supports education based projects delivered outside of curriculum time with a focus on increasing participation, improving health, and using the power of football to promote literacy and numeracy skills. Projects must be delivered outside of statutory school hours.

PERCENTAGE LEVEL OF SUPPORT FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS

In order to maximise the impact of the Foundation's resources, the overall target set for percentage level of support is 50% of the project cost.

The appropriate level for each individual project will continue to be decided on the merits of the case but normally we will be looking for matching contributions; in exceptional cases higher levels of support, up to a ceiling of 90% will still be available. Such cases are likely to include those applications where need is clear and which hit the Foundation's priority objectives such as serving the disadvantaged or engaging the ethnic community. Our policy of investing 40% of our funding into the top 20% most deprived wards remains a priority.

PLANNING PERMISSION FOR FACILITIES

For any facility grant exceeding £250,000, full planning permission will need to be secured prior to the submission of the application. Draft plans and designs can be submitted to the Foundation for consideration and advice prior to a planning submission.

FLOODLIT ARTIFICIAL PITCHES

Full planning permission will need to be obtained for all floodlit artificial pitch projects before applications are submitted to the Foundation for consideration.

It is recommended that artificial pitches should be available for use for a minimum of 85 hours per week. On school sites this should include at least 35 hours per week for out of school hours community use.

Artificial pitches without floodlighting are not eligible for grant aid.