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Introduction

Schmeichel launches Barclays Community Sport Award

Goalkeeping giant urges public to nominate local heroes

The Barclays Community Sports Award has launched for its third successive season. Each month, a community champion will receive an award, as well as £1,000 in cash towards their community project. If you know someone who is making a difference to their community through sport, why not nominate them today!



Legendary shot stopper and Manchester United ambassador, Peter Schmeichel, helped launch the Barclays Community Sport Award, which aims to recognise the outstanding achievements of individuals that use sport to benefit communities across the UK.

The accolade is awarded each month during the Barclays Premier League football season, alongside those for Barclays Player and Manager of the Month.

Schmeichel said: "Sport has the power to transform lives, however, none of this could happen without the unsung heroes who give up their time to bring sport into our communities."

Each monthly winner receives £1,000 for their group or organisation, a limited edition trophy, and is entered into the end of season award to win a further £5,000 - all donated by Barclays Spaces for Sports. The end of season award winner also receives an invitation to a celebratory event with VIPs in London.

The 2012/13 season sees a new focus for how the award money can be spent. At least 50% of the monthly or end of season sum should now be spent on sports or skills based qualifications. If you know someone who is making a difference, why not nominate them today! Click [here](#) to nominate or find out more.

Barclays has delivered over 200 community sports sites across many disadvantaged areas of the UK through the award-winning Barclays Spaces for Sports partnership with the Football Foundation.

News Stories

Leeds legend unveils community pavilion

Former Leeds Utd star Eddie Gray makes a splash at Pool AFC

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Eddie was a cultured winger and an integral member of the legendary Leeds United football team of the 1960s and 1970s, later twice becoming the club's manager.

When the old changing rooms at Pool AFC were condemned, there was a real possibility that the club would fold. The new Foundation-funded facility will allow Pool AFC to not only survive but grow by developing a veterans' team, three open-age teams, a ladies' team, and juniors from Under-16 to Under-8 level. The club can also continue to provide introductory coaching for five and six year olds.

The new sports pavilion comprises: large en-suite changing rooms for home and away teams; officials' changing rooms; a kitchen; and disabled toilets.

Peter Wilkinson, Club Secretary, said: "Our lack of experience was a problem when planning and starting this project. Thankfully, one of our juniors' parents, Steve Kirk, came on board. With his help and much advice and guidance from the Foundation, and West Riding FA, the project was successfully launched."

Presidential boost for Manchester

£50,000 of funding to Grow the Game across the city

Football Foundation President, Lord Pendry, announces new investment into grassroots football clubs in Manchester that will increase the number of players, teams and qualified coaches in the city.



Our President, the Rt Hon Lord Pendry PC, announced new investment into Manchester from the recent Grow the Game funding round.

Presenting a cheque for £50,000 at his beloved Staybridge Celtic FC's match against Gainsborough Trinity FC, Lord Pendry said: "It is a real pleasure to announce this funding from the Foundation's Grow the Game scheme to ten clubs across Manchester.

"These grants will help to increase and retain the number of footballers and football teams in the city, which of course means they will also help to create more opportunities for people to get involved in the game and to stay fit and healthy."

The funding will enable ten local grassroots football clubs in Manchester to set up new football teams for boys, girls and adults that will play in local leagues, as well as train up their coaching staff. The ten clubs are:

- Old Trafford FC
- Moston Tigers FC
- AFC Urmston Meadows
- New East Manchester FC
- Hollinwood FC
- Motown FC
- Street Soccer Academy
- Burnage Metro FC
- Salford City FC
- FC Decin Czech

Shirley Veevers, the Manchester FA's Senior Football Development Officer, added: "It is fantastic for our local clubs to receive this funding from the Football Foundation. It will help them to develop in areas such as increasing participation, supporting volunteers and coaches to gain training and qualifications, and assist with facilities. This will give the awarded clubs a significant boost going into the new season."

The Football Foundation awarded a total of 312 Grow the Game grants worth £1.56m to clubs across the country in the recent funding window. Keep your eye for the next window opening in the autumn!

Breaking down barriers to Respect

Foundation and FA team up to promote good grassroots behaviour

The Foundation and The FA have teamed up to help ensure there is good behaviour by players and parents alike in the grassroots game. Find out all about



the vouchers for subsidised Respect barriers and packs that we are rolling out.

The Foundation is working with The FA to help ensure there is good behaviour by players and parents alike in the grassroots game. We are rolling out Respect barriers and Respect packs (made up of captains' armbands, marshals' bibs and Respect signage).

The Foundation is managing the £1m fund, which will help leagues and clubs across the country to pay for the Respect products. The Foundation is working in conjunction with the County FAs to deliver this part of the Respect programme, which has proved very popular and effective in the last few years.

Visit www.footballfoundation.org.uk/respect to find out more.

Foundation annual review wins award

The Foundation beats corporates to land a DigiAward



We are proud to have been awarded a CorpComms DigiAward for our online annual report, Annual Review +, 'Highly Commended' at the Charity Awards and shortlisted for several more!

We are delighted to report that the Foundation and its projects are achieving major recognition at a variety of awards ceremonies.

Our 'Annual Review +' won Best Online Annual Report at the CorpComms DigiAwards.

The corporate social responsibility programme that we deliver for Barclays that creates sustainable community sports facilities - Barclays Spaces for Sports - was also 'Highly Commended' at both the Charity Awards 2012 and the 2012 Sport Industry Awards. It has just recently been shortlisted at the European Diversity Awards.

Both the Foundation itself, and Barclays Spaces for Sports meanwhile, have also been shortlisted for categories at the Charity Times Awards, whilst our programme for older people, Extra Time, was 'highly commended' at the Beyond Sport Impact Awards.

Building a sports pavilion a piece of cake

Foundation grant is the icing on the cake for Leicester community



AFC Barwell cooked up a novel way of celebrating their funding success by baking a cake in the shape of their Foundation cheque.

In one of the most innovative ways of celebrating a successful application that we have seen, Leicester-based AFC Barwell went further than the traditional cheque presentation photo opportunity to bake a cake in the shape of our cheque.

Barwell Parish Council and local club, AFC Barwell, jointly received a Foundation grant of £463,282 after working with the Leicester FA. The cash will help to develop a new sports pavilion, and a proper drainage system, for their grass pitches.

Dating from the early 1960s, the current pavilion at AFC Barwell is outdated and no longer suitable for the volume of users it regularly serves. The quality of pitches has also resulted in a number of fixtures being lost during the winter months in recent seasons, due to waterlogged pitches and poor drainage.

When the new facility opens, it is expected to entertain over 450 weekly users for football alone, with the site also being utilised for archery and rounders. The FA Charter Standard Community Club already boasts an impressive 20 teams, but has plans to expand to 30 over the next five years.

Richard Neale-Gardner, Chairman of Barwell Parish Council, said: "This is fantastic news for the Parish

Council, AFC Barwell and the village as a whole. The success of AFC Barwell has been a credit to the village. Now their efforts in partnership with the Parish Council, have received a huge boost thanks to this grant from the Football Foundation.”

You can read more about the project in [this article](#) by Club Website.

Before and After

Great Scott!

Makeover given to the Scott Hall Centre's playing surface in Leeds

A frequently waterlogged community sports pitch in Leeds was revisited and resurfaced by Barclays Spaces for Sports with a new top-of-the-range rubber playing surface taking its place.



A popular multi-use games area in Leeds, called Scott Hall, became unfavourable with the local community after over-use left an uneven surface which was prone to becoming waterlogged. A Barclays Spaces for Sports sustainability grant of £21,700 funded the complete resurfacing of the playing area. Scott Hall is now once again a popular sporting hub for the community.

Click the right arrow button below to scroll through a gallery of images.

The Barclays Spaces for Sports programme is delivered in partnership with the Football Foundation and has created 200 new sustainable local sports sites across the UK and given more than half a million people across the UK the opportunity to benefit.

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