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Introduction

Magpies boss' sports boost for Walker

Newcastle community latest to benefit from Premier League Community Facility Fund

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Newcastle United boss, Alan Pardew, and two of his star players paid a visit to the Walker Activity Dome in Newcastle upon Tyne to present a cheque for £338,819 on behalf of the Premier League Community Facility Fund (PLCFF). It will pay for a second phase of redevelopment following a £2.5m investment by the City Council.

A joint bid by the council's Leisure Services and Newcastle United Foundation secured the grant from the newly established PLCFF to pay for another round of improvements at 'The Dome.'

The money will allow improvements to be made to the main hall, including new lighting, a new playing surface and accessible changing facilities.

The investment will also help fund a football development programme in partnership with Newcastle United Foundation – helping to increase sports participation in the Walker area.

The PLCFF, funded by the **Premier League** and delivered by the Football Foundation, is open to all football club community-led organisations from the Premier League, Football League, and Football Conference, including the Conference North and South Divisions.

Alan Pardew, Newcastle United manager, said: "This is a tremendous boost for our Foundation and the Walker Activity Dome, and we're very grateful indeed to the Premier League and Football Foundation.

"Facilities such as this mean our Foundation can do so much more in the region, and you never know, maybe unearth the Premier League stars of tomorrow."



News Stories

Fry and Smith open local sport centre

Barry Fry and Louis Smith make official opening a day to remember

Double Olympic medallist, Louis Smith, and Peterborough United's Barry Fry open new leisure centre and AGP to boost grassroots sport in Cambridgeshire.



Double Olympic medallist and Strictly Come Dancing star, Louis Smith, and Peterborough United's Barry Fry have officially opened a new leisure centre and artificial grass pitch (AGP) in Cambridgeshire.

The leisure centre and pitch cost a combined £2.45m to build, with the new AGP development made possible thanks, in part, to £370,000 from the Football Foundation.

Barry Fry, Director of Football at Peterborough United FC, said: "The more pitches we get like this, which encourage our young players to develop at an early age, the better standard of player we will create.

"This is exactly the sort of facility we need for the development of football in this country."

Success for FF and Barclays at Football Business Awards

Barclays Spaces for Sports named 'Sponsorship / Partnership of the Year'

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The BS4S programme is the UK's largest ever sports-based corporate social responsibility programme. It has seen one of the biggest banks in the world partner with the UK's largest sports charity to develop 200 multi-sports sites in disadvantaged communities right across the country. These facilities are used by over 53,000 people every week with participation, not sporting excellence, being the key ethos.

Barclays has committed more than £37 million to BS4S since its inception, along with a further £30m donated and raised by the Football Foundation.

The Football Business Award is the sixth award that the BS4S programme has picked up. Previously BS4S has won: the 'Community Programme Award' at the Sport Industry Awards; the 'BUPA Healthy Community Award' at the Business in the Community Awards; 'Best Grass Roots Sports Sponsorship' at the Hollis Sponsorship Awards; 'Corporate Social Responsibility initiative of the Year' at the Peace and Sports Awards; and the 'Sports Business Award' at the 2010 Global Sports Forum.

Paul Thorogood, Chief Executive of the Football Foundation, said: "Barclays Spaces for Sports has provided the model and set the standard for sports CSR programmes. It has seen more than 200 multi-sport facilities developed in some of the most deprived parts of the country, so I am delighted that it has been recognised at the inaugural Football Business Awards."

Each month, Barclays rewards a local sporting hero with a Barclays Community Sports Award which aims to recognise the outstanding achievements of individuals that use sport to benefit communities across the UK. If you know someone who is making a difference, why not nominate them today! Click [here](#) to nominate or find out more.



Cash inspires lasting legacy in capital

Former Wimbledon champ opens tennis facility in Islington

Former Wimbledon champion, Pat Cash, opens a new tennis wall funded by Barclays Spaces for Sports and Islington Council.



Former Wimbledon champion, Pat Cash, opened a new tennis wall at Rosemary Gardens, Islington, earlier this month. The Aussie said he hoped that the wall, which was funded by **Barclays Spaces for Sports** and Islington Council, would help to "inspire a lasting legacy" of tennis in the area.

The new facility at Rosemary Gardens (Arsenal FC's Barclays Spaces for Sports 'flagship' site), Islington, has been built as part of the Barclays Spaces for Sports on-going programme with the Football Foundation.

Pat told the children, to whom he also delivered a special coaching session, that he hoped 2012 would mark the start of a British revival in tennis. This year has seen Andy Murray winning the US Open, the first grand slam of his career, and the gold medal in the men's singles at the summer's London 2012 Olympics, as well as success for both Laura Robson and Heather Watson.

At the launch of the new tennis wall, Pat Cash commented: "It is fantastic to be able support grassroots tennis in London by opening the new tennis wall here which I hope, along with the rest of the Barclays tennis activity in London, will inspire people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds to get involved with and enjoy tennis and leave a lasting legacy in the capital.



"It seems that this year has seen a revival of British tennis success – something I hope some of the youngsters using this facility help to sustain."

Multi-sport pavilion opened by RFU Chair

Rugby legend officially opens 'magnificent' pavilion in Surrey

England's legendary Grand Slam-winning captain and current Chairman of the Rugby Football Union, Bill Beaumont, officially opens a sports pavilion in Surrey.



England's legendary Grand Slam winning captain and the current Chairman of the Rugby Football Union (RFU), Bill Beaumont, has officially opened a refurbished pavilion in Brockham, Surrey.

The Football Foundation contributed £99,999 towards the project, which involved the complete rebuilding of the interior of the existing building.

This superb new facility now supports both rugby football and association football at the Big Field, plus a wide range of other sporting, leisure and social uses for the local community. It comprises a ground floor club social area and bar, an upstairs Wates Community Club Room, six changing rooms, a gym and a medical room.

Bill Beaumont said: "Community amateur sports clubs such as Dorking and Brockham Badgers really are the life blood of team sport in the UK. It is incumbent on us all who administer the game to help ensure that when children show up to give rugby or football a try that they have a quality experience and want to come back for more. If it isn't, they won't.

"The Dorking redevelopment project is a magnificent facility and will serve as a sporting centre of excellence and a source of fun and friendships for many years to come."

Grow the Game is back!

£2.1m boost to help grassroots football clubs Grow the Game

Get your application in now ahead of the 21 December deadline to receive a helping hand of £5,000 from the Foundation and FA towards the development of grassroots clubs.



Grassroots football clubs are set to receive a helping hand from the Foundation. £2.1m of funding from The FA is to be made available to help the development of grassroots clubs.

Local grassroots football clubs will be able to access grants of £5,000 through the Foundation's Grow the Game scheme. Grow the Game funding increases participation in our national game by helping clubs to provide opportunities for new players, or training volunteers to support new players and teams.

The new application window for Grow the Game applications **will close on Friday 21 December.**

The Foundation is advising clubs that are interested in applying for this funding to visit www.footballfoundation.org.uk/apply/grow-the-game/ and contact their local County FA (<http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/apply/key-contacts/cdms/>) to find out more.

Funding is perfect stocking filler for clubs

50% funding still available for Respect equipment

This FA and Football Foundation scheme gives clubs the opportunity to purchase Respect equipment which will help promote the beautiful game.



The Respect scheme remains open for clubs to apply for 50% off of Respect equipment.

The following equipment is eligible for the 50% discount:

- Touchline barriers
- 'Our club supports Respect' banners
- High-viz pitch marshals vest
- Captain's armbands
- Parent and carer's DVD
- Player cards

The Respect programme was launched in 2008. **The FA** identified a range of measures that tackle raging touchline parents, educate young players and contribute to the positive and fun experience that we all want young people to have when learning the beautiful game.

The scheme will remain open until the funding has been used up, so make sure to get your application in before it is too late.

For more information click [here](#).

Vouchers are available for all FA affiliated clubs. A 2012/13 affiliation number is required to be eligible for the scheme, which can be obtained from your club secretary or alternatively from your parent County FA.

Before and After

How new facilities have become Hart of community

FF helps transform Manchester club's pavilion

England and Man City goal keeper, Joe Hart, unveiled AFC Urmston Meadowside's much needed new community sports facilities - complete transformation from their previous temporary container.



AFC Urmston Meadowside has run up a string of accolades in recent years, including Manchester FA Community Club of the Year on three occasions, as well as North West England FA Community Club of the Year twice. In 2009 they were crowned the National FA Community Club of the Year.

Providing football for over 650 players and running 50 teams, they now have facilities to match their awards, going from a worn out shed and temporary container they now boast a new state-of-the-art sports pavilion, which is comprised of six accessible changing rooms; officials' changing rooms; and a

community room that will be used to facilitate club meetings, coach education, school functions and local community groups.

The club worked in partnership with the Manchester County FA to secure a £521,178 grant from the Football Foundation. See the transformation in the gallery below.

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