



Sport RCT

Case Study

Getting children and adults more active: Community Sport Fund 2025-26

The Community Sport Fund was introduced two years ago following consultation with local club volunteers. Many reported difficulties covering start-up costs, and in some cases, groups lacked the formal structure required to access external grants. The fund was created to provide flexible financial support that could respond quickly to local needs. We also use our Accreditation scheme to help clubs and groups to access larger external funding such as the Be Active Wales Fund, where necessary.

This year our Community Sport Fund has played an important role in strengthening grassroots sport. The fund has helped accredited clubs and community groups to start new activities, develop existing provision and increase participation in sport and physical activity. Grants of up to £500 have helped cover essential costs such as equipment, facility hire, volunteer development, and marketing. The fund has supported a wide variety of activities, including traditional sports clubs and recreational activities such as walking football, back to netball and touch rugby.

Once a club/group is accredited we provide hands-on support, working directly with them to develop project plans and complete applications. Once the application is approved, we offer ongoing support throughout delivery and collect feedback to measure the impact on the club and participants. This year the Community Sport Fund has supported 151 clubs

and community groups, and as a result, more than 110 new sporting sessions have started, over 260 volunteers have been recruited or trained, and more than 1,700 new participants have been engaged.

The impact of the fund goes beyond financial support. By supporting volunteers, strengthening community clubs/groups and increasing access to sport, the Community Sport Fund is helping to get more people, more active, more often.



“The funding has had a huge impact on our Club. We have been able to offer coaching to schools and the wider community with the equipment and coaching opportunities!”

Harlequins Community and Bowls Club

“The funding has made a real difference to our walking netball sessions. It has helped us provide equipment and support our volunteers, allowing more women to stay active, improve their health and build friendships.”

Walking Netball Warriors

