



Scottish Football
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St Mirren captain, Steven Thompson, launches the new eco-friendly pavilion for Giffnock Soccer Centre

SFP invest £18,000 to provide defibrillator machines for Scottish Lowland League clubs

Grassroots Clubs awarded new portable changing facilities

SFP funding support for new 3G surface at Ochilview Park

SFP Trust launches with new funding partner



Thommo sees Giffnock go eco

SFP pioneer 'smart' eco-friendly pavilion with Scotland's top community club – Giffnock soccer centre

Organisation:
Giffnock Soccer Centre

Founded:
1995

Location:
Giffnock, East Renfrewshire



The Scottish Football Partnership has just completed a pilot 'eco-friendly' changing pavilion project with one of Scotland's biggest **grassroots** football clubs, the Giffnock Soccer Centre which boasts a membership of 1,000 players ranging from 4 year-olds to full amateurs. The club were awarded the SFA Best Community Football Club in 2013.

The project kicked off when the SFP had an idea just over 12 months ago to design and build a new age changing facility which would be cost effective and environmentally friendly – based on the principles of a passive house design which would harness the energy of the sun and the children using the building to make the need for electricity almost negligible. Giffnock Soccer Centre, who were due to take delivery of a new state of the art 3G pitch (part-funded by sportscotland and East Renfrewshire Council) in the summer of 2014 minus the provision of changing facilities, were soon identified as the perfect candidate to join in this pilot project following discussions between the SFP Secretary, Stuart McCaffrey and Bernie Airlie of

Giffnock Soccer Centre whilst they were in Sweden on a club and facility development trip sponsored by the Leonardo Di Vinci Fund.

“The SFP have provided us with changing facilities at the lowest possible cost but of the highest technology and this pavilion has enhanced everything that we have here for the kids at Giffnock Soccer Centre.”

Joe McKerns, *Chairman, GSC*

Fast forward to October, 2014 and this “smart” building is now complete, providing an elite changing facility and a sustainable future for this community football club. The eco-building comes complete with clever features to reduce energy costs including the latest high-insulation materials, movement and light-sensitive lighting, heat-sensitive extractor fans, water

efficient showers/taps and solar panels which provide electricity for the building. The lay-out of the facility was designed specifically to meet the needs of the club and consists of two adult changing rooms with showers, two children's changing rooms with showers, a referees' changing room and a kitchen. The pavilion has been designed, project-managed and funded by the SFP in partnership with the club and enormous tribute should be given to the parents and officials of Giffnock Soccer Centre for their contribution of 25% of the project costs.

The official opening of the new pavilion took place on Saturday, 25th October, 2014 and St. Mirren star and former Internationalist Steven Thompson assisted with the cutting of the ribbon and he commented that “An eco-friendly building like this with the quality of materials can pretty much run itself and is sustainable for a **grassroots** club. It is a great project and I really believe that the more of these facilities that can pop up in and around Scotland the better.”

Joe McKerns, Chairman of the club, said: “The new pavilion is a wonderful opportunity. You need a strong base with the best facilities possible. That's the minimum to nurture talent. We pride ourselves on being the largest community club in Scotland. For some the main focus is winning trophies, for Giffnock it is about developing youngsters. We provide football for all, no matter what their ability.”

“When the discussions first happened with the Scottish Football Partnership, I didn't imagine we would

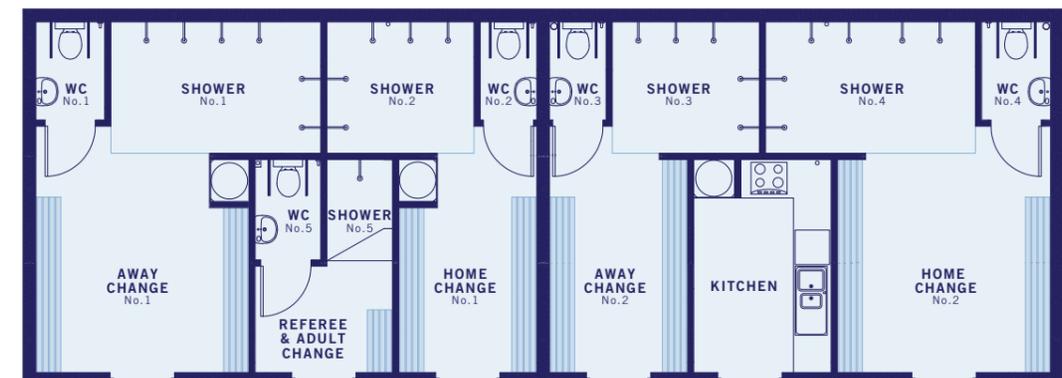
ever be able to achieve what is now in place within Eastwood Park.”

SFP Chairman, James Clydesdale, who is absolutely delighted with the new facility, said “When the building is open, it is using less energy than that used by a parent bringing their child by car to play football at Giffnock. It's got solar panels on the roof and incredibly high insulation levels. 20 youngsters coming in to change after a game of football generate huge energy levels which the building captures, recycles and then uses to reheat the place. The kids will never come into cold water because the water is continuously heated by the roof and the insulation levels help to keep the heat in the building. We hope this will provide a sustainable future for the Giffnock Soccer Centre and will perhaps be a pointer to the future for other similar buildings.”

“If every community football club in Scotland had a building like this one, we would be well on our way...”

Cammy Watt, *Scottish F.A. Facilities Manager*

The Scottish Football Partnership, looking to the future, would be extremely keen to roll out this project to other **grassroots** clubs – there is a huge demand for new and improved changing facilities and we would love to replicate the success of this pilot project at other community clubs throughout Scotland.



THE BENEFITS OF PASSIVE BUILT ECO-FRIENDLY CHANGING ROOMS:

THE CHANGING ROOMS EMBODY THE DESIGN PRINCIPLES OF PASSIVE HOUSING

THEY ARE HEAVILY INSULATED

THEY HAVE WHOLE SPACE HEAT RECOVERY TO MAKE BEST USE OF WASTE HEAT GENERATED BY THE ACTIVITIES OF THE USERS

THE SCHEME INVOLVES THE USE OF PHOTOVOLTAIC CELLS ON THE ROOF AS RENEWABLES

THE CHANGING ROOMS ARE BULK INCREASING, FLAT PACK AND THUS CAN BE BUILT AT ANY POINT IN SCOTLAND

THE PERMUTATION OF SPACES ALLOWS FOR GENDER SEPARATION OR HOME AND AWAY TEAM USE

SEPARATE FACILITIES ARE PROVIDED FOR ADULT CHANGING

WHEN SET UP THEY WILL USE LITTLE ENERGY, MAKING THEM AFFORDABLE FOR TEAMS TO RUN

SINCE MOST OF THE MATERIALS FOR CONSTRUCTION CAN BE PROCURED LOCALLY THEY HAVE A REDUCED CARBON FOOTPRINT

THE EXTERIOR CLADDING CAN BE READILY CHANGED TO SUIT THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

THEY HAVE VERY LOW MAINTENANCE COST WHEN IN USE



Stenhousemuir F.C. new 3G pitch and community changing facility

Club:
Stenhousemuir F.C.

Founded:
1884

Ground:
Ochilview Park



This summer saw significant work take place at Ochilview Park with the installation of an upgraded synthetic 3G Pitch as well as the commissioning and opening of a community changing pavilion. Both projects, which received significant support from the Scottish Football Partnership, have brought massive benefits to the professional and community sides of the club.

“Without the crucial support and funding from The Scottish Football Partnership, our 3G pitch project would not have been completed. We now have a top quality 3G pitch for professional football, community use and one which is capable of hosting rugby training and rugby matches.

Bill Darroch, Chairman

Jamie Kirk, Community Development Director for the club, commented “We simply couldn’t run the size of programme we have without the use of the artificial turf. We have over 500 children and adults playing recreational and team football every week as well as the First Team and Under 20 development squads. Even when it comes to half-time activities, we are able to welcome kids from the opposing teams to play on the pitch before the game and at half time against our youngsters. As the new changing pavilion is external to the home and away dressing rooms and the pitch is all-weather, we can now do much more

with our local community. The new changing pavilion has made a massive difference too. Having the use of 4 brand new changing rooms and 2 shower blocks means that we can have much more going on at the same time – which is of course what we all want. The new pavilion is fully accessible and is an added benefit to our expanding disability programme.”

The club’s Chairman, Bill Darroch commented “Stenhousemuir F.C. is a progressive community focussed club which strives to provide the best facilities for the local community through to the professional game. Two years ago our astro changing facilities were badly in need of refurbishment. The costs of carrying out this work were very prohibitive but with the support and funding from The Scottish Football Partnership we were able to complete this work and now have an excellent changing facility which also allows us to offer facilities to local girls and women’s teams. Last year our main 3G pitch had reached the end of its 8 year life and had to be replaced. This was a massive project and one which had to be completed in the window between the end of season 2013/14 and the start of season 2014/15.”



Scottish Lowland Football League Award

In June, 2014, The Scottish Football Partnership announced a funding award of £18,000 to The Scottish Lowland Football League (SLFL) to allow them to purchase defibrillator machines for their member clubs.

SLFL Secretary David Baxter said; “The Scottish Lowland Football League applied to the Scottish Football Partnership for funding to provide defibrillators at the grounds of each of its member clubs.”

“We initially attempted to secure funding from another source but encountered several problems and a

“Obviously everyone hopes the defibrillators will never be needed but they will be available as required and, when they are, someone will have the SFP to thank for saving their life.

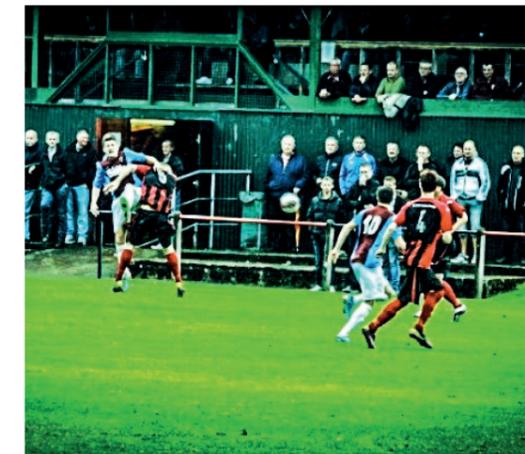
David Baxter, SLFL Secretary

lengthy delay. That was when the SFP came to our rescue. SFP Secretary Stuart McCaffrey was extremely helpful and guided us through the application process which allowed us to submit an application that was approved within the month. The funds followed very quickly and we were then able to receive the

defibrillators far quicker than we thought possible. The SLFL very much appreciates the support from the SFP and its Board who by their actions have ensured these life-saving devices are now available at the grounds of all professional clubs in Scotland. Many of the SLFL grounds are multi-use facilities so the devices will be available throughout the day to other users including schools, community organisations and individuals. “

Organisation:
The Lowland League

Founded:
2013



Raith Rovers F.C. Facilities Award



Raith Rovers Football Club has recently been given an award from The Scottish Football Partnership to assist with the completion of two projects at Stark’s Park – a new alarm system covering all ground floor areas and a new control board for the PA system.

Club:
Raith Rovers F.C.

Founded:
1883

Ground:
Stark’s Park

“The Scottish Football Partnership work away quietly supporting clubs at all levels of the game. It is right that our supporters be made aware of the sterling work this body undertakes and the assistance Raith Rovers F.C. has received over the years. It is certainly much appreciated by the club’s Board of Directors.

Turnbull Hutton, Chairman





SFP Trust award Lothian Autistic Society F.C. project

The Scottish Football Partnership Trust has made an award to the Lothian Autistic Society to assist with the development and expansion of their fantastic 'Football Club Initiative'

Lothian Autistic Society is a young and vibrant charity dedicated to providing services, information and practical support to individuals living with autism, their families and carers. Staff, volunteers and session workers have the skills, knowledge and passion to make a real difference to around 800 families living with autism throughout the Lothians.

In order to give children and young people with autism the opportunity to take part in activities that they may otherwise be excluded from, the Society run a range of recreational activities clubs, including a football club. This football club provides a safe and supportive environment in which these young people can develop a mutual interest with their peers, make friends and improve their social skills. One parent commented "My son absolutely loved his first session. It has really boosted his confidence and having recently decided that he cannot handle playing in his school team any longer, it's exactly what is needed to encourage his participation in team sports."



Ann Brown, Chief Executive Officer, Lothian Autistic Society said, "We are delighted to receive an award of £4,000 from the Scottish Football Partnership Trust. Thanks to this funding, we are now in a position to continue a highly successful and outcome-focused Football Club for children and young people aged 7 to 17 with autism based in the Lothians. Running from early 2015 onwards, this club will help young people with autism to improve their social and communication skills, whilst enhancing their self-image, self-esteem, and confidence in a fun and supportive environment."

Organisation:
Lothian Autistic Society
Initiative:
LAS Football Club
Location:
Edinburgh



Scottish Football Partnership Trust

SUPPORTING SCOTTISH FOOTBALL AT THE GRASSROOTS

FUNDING PARTNER
Clydesdale Bank

Trust status to boost grassroots

SFP Trust Chairman James Clydesdale said, "We are delighted to have the Clydesdale Bank on board to assist us in supporting grassroots football clubs and community led football initiatives throughout Scotland. The funding support we provide at this grassroots level of the game can help guarantee the well-being and development of Scottish Football."

Andrew Falconer Regional Director of the Clydesdale and Yorkshire Bank said, "Having seen the projects first hand, we are delighted to be supporting The Scottish Football Partnership Trust and recognise the excellent work they do in supporting grassroots football across Scotland."

"The Trust focuses on supporting local communities with invaluable support and guidance which helps develop participants regardless of ability through social cohesion, well-being and developing the talents of young people."

The support offered by the SFP Trust reaches far and wide in all communities and this fits very well with our 'We Care About Here' strategy and this will only further complement our current interactions with local communities."

Andrew Falconer,
Clydesdale Bank Regional Director

SFP Trust make award of goalposts to Edinburgh South F.C.

The Scottish Football Partnership Trust has made an award of two sets of fun four goalposts to Edinburgh South F.C. to assist with the further development of their soccer school.

Sean Barr, coach from Edinburgh South said; "In a short period of just over a year, our soccer school has grown from 20 kids to over 100 youngsters who will reap the benefits of having these new goalposts. Previously, we had to use poles as goalposts but having this equipment will allow the soccer school to continue to grow and attract new members."

The support we have received from the Scottish Football Partnership Trust has been fantastic and indeed within weeks of our request, we were the proud recipients of two sets of goalposts."

Sean Barr, Coach

"We try to keep weekly subscriptions at £2.00 so that Saturday mornings are accessible for all kids. However, this means that our funds are somewhat limited and we sometimes struggle to obtain the correct equipment to meet our needs during a burst in attendance figures."

"We would like to sincerely thank the SFP Trust for their help and support in furthering the development needs of the children."



Club:
Edinburgh South
Founded:
1969
Ground:
Inch Park, Edinburgh



Dyce Boys Club

Club:
Dyce Boys Club

Founded:
1980



Over the summer, Dyce Boys Club were awarded two portable changing rooms, one storage container and a portable floodlighting system from The Scottish Football Partnership. This award equates to an investment of around £40,000 in a **grassroots** football club.

“On behalf of everyone associated with Dyce Boys Club, I would like to offer our most sincere thanks to The Scottish Football Partnership for their support in providing the club with our fantastic new changing facilities

Len Nicol, Chairman



Cupar Soccer 7's

Club:
Cupar Soccer Sevens

Founded:
2000

Ground:
Duffus Park



A local community football club in Cupar enjoyed a successful launch of their new changing and storage facility at Lady Inch this summer. From fun four-a-side pitches for 5, 6 and 7 year olds, five-a-side pitches for the older primary age groups and seven-a-side for the secondary school sides, the setting was perfect for the exhibition of talent on show. Boys and girls teams from Cupar Soccer Sevens, Cupar Colts and Violet Girls enjoyed training and friendly matches before proceedings started at midday.

“Cupar Soccer Sevens are indebted to the Scottish Football Partnership for this award. We now have facilities which provide a safe changing environment for our club members and visiting teams who come along to Lady Inch.

Pete Beaver, Head Coach



If you would like to see more of what the Scottish Football Partnership are up to, or to apply for your own funding, please visit us online at

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