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SUPPORTING SCOTTISH FOOTBALL
AT THE GRASSROOTS




**Piggy Lane Changing Rooms
Donated by the
Scottish Football Partnership
Officially opened on the
21st February 2016
John Swinney M.S.P.**
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Chairman's Report

For a change, I intend to start with the thank-yous. Thank you to my board colleagues for being multi-talented with a vast amount of experience in different areas and allowing us to keep delivering well balanced answers. Most of all despite our cumulative experience, thank you for not being BOFS. I have not known a board that looks forward to board meetings, we do.

We have a hardworking and dedicated employee team in Laura and Stuart. No challenge seems too big and they continue to deliver results that make many very happy, the Board included. Of significant importance, is they stop us becoming BOFS, however it may be some time before we are able to send them an instagram down the periscope!

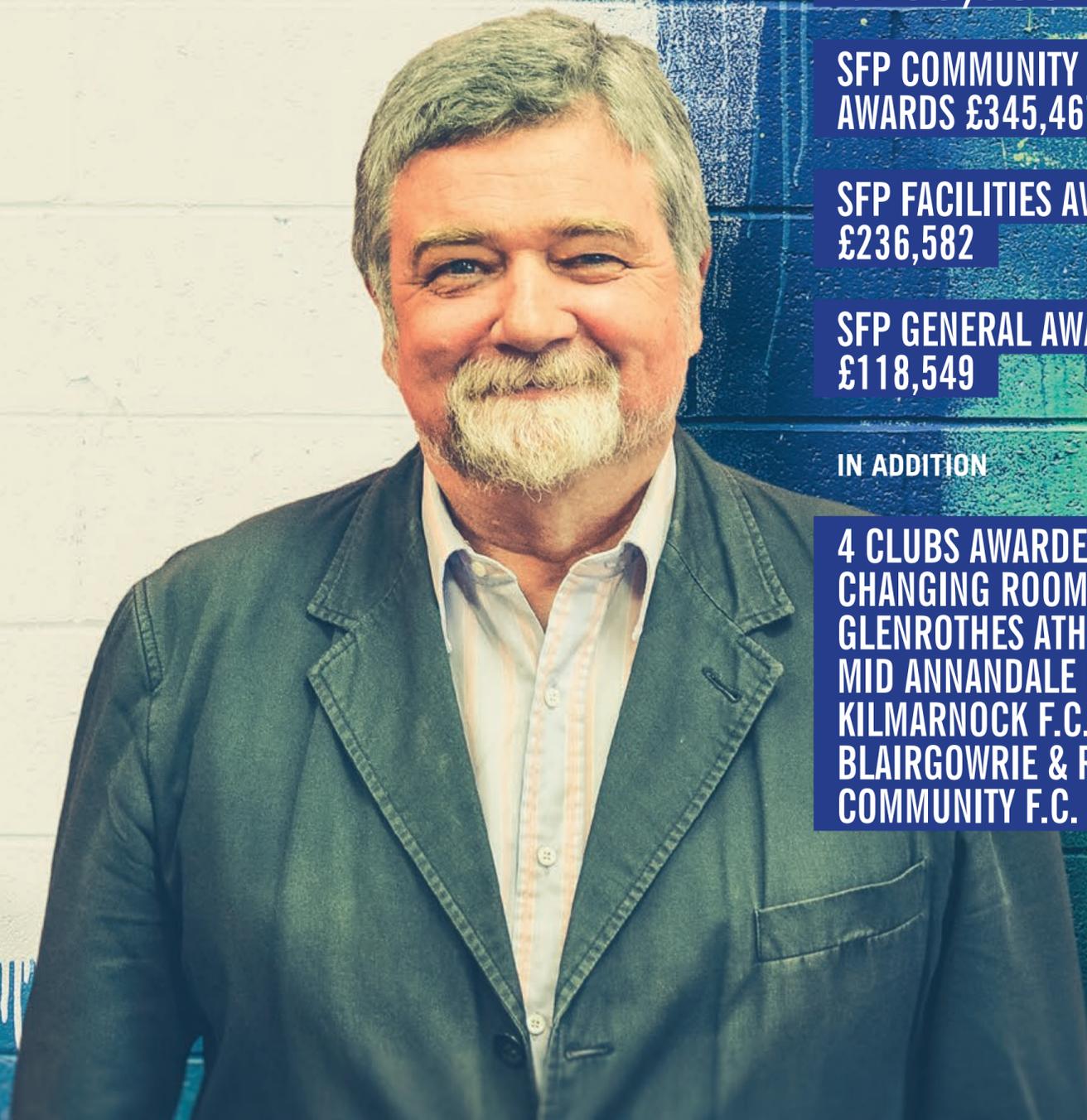
This year, we continue to trend. Blairgowrie has new changing rooms for the kids at Piggy Lane that are completely free of any external power supply. They are 100% self-generating including the floodlights. Give us a problem and we will work hard to evolve a solution.

The SFP Trust, a registered charity, has moved into its second year. The Trust values greatly the help from The Clydesdale Bank plc who have joined us as a funding partner in growing the game. We greatly value all contributions to the Trust, large or small, and can assure you that with our low overheads, incoming funds go far in delivering benefits to the grassroots level of the game.

This year has witnessed £700,598 being distributed to a very wide range of projects all over Scotland as this magazine will testify.

We remain committed to helping football at every level and will always listen to any idea that is good for the game and those associated with it. More and more, we are being linked to multi-sport projects and welcome the trend to see young people develop skills that keep them fit and equip them for life.

James Clydesdale, Chairman
The Scottish Football Partnership



2015/16 in numbers

**2015/16 SAW 62 AWARDS
GRANTED TOTTALLING
£700,598**

**SFP COMMUNITY INITIATIVE
AWARDS £345,467**

**SFP FACILITIES AWARDS
£236,582**

**SFP GENERAL AWARDS
£118,549**

IN ADDITION

**4 CLUBS AWARDED PORTABLE
CHANGING ROOMS
GLENROTHES ATHLETIC F.C.
MID ANNANDALE F.C.
KILMARNOCK F.C. (YOUTH & COMMUNITY)
BLAIRGOWRIE & RATTRAY
COMMUNITY F.C.**



Ground : Piggy Lane,
Blairgowrie
Founded 2011

BLAIRGOWRIE AND RATTRAY COMMUNITY F.C.

New solar powered changing facility and floodlights. Officially opened by John Swinney MSP, Deputy First Minister

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Scottish Football Partnership recently completed a pilot project to deliver solar powered changing facilities for Blairgowrie & Rattray Community F.C. The club's playing facility at Piggy Lane presented a long standing challenge due to its remote location and proximity to services and more specifically, power. Based on the success of the passive house model principles used in the SFP's design of Giffnock Soccer Club's changing facilities, the idea developed to make Blairgowrie & Rattray Community F.C.'s facility completely power-cable free.

THE COMMUNITY CLUB'S NEED FOR NEW FACILITIES

Five years ago, two new pitches were created in an area next to Piggy Lane, adjacent to a site which had been earmarked for housing development. Unfortunately, due to the downturn in the economy this development did not materialise and regrettably this made establishing changing rooms at the site almost impossible due to its remote location. This had a detrimental effect on the football

experience which BRCFC was able to offer its players and those of the visiting team as there was no provision in place for changing or toilet facilities. The club's young players were forced to turn up to training and to games already dressed in their kits ready to play and had nowhere to shelter in inclement weather.

BRCFC found this situation unacceptable and started to explore the possibility of developing a modular changing solution to provide basic welfare facilities for the club and its players. It soon became clear on further investigation that the site at Piggy Lane was so remote that the costs of installing utilities would be so expensive that even with the support of partner organisations, the project would not be viable.

In late summer 2015, The Scottish Football Partnership were looking to develop a pilot project to deliver a Mark 3 version of their already successful modular changing rooms, which would be totally self-sustainable in terms of power which would be provided by solar roof panels. BRCFC were quickly identified as a potential partner club, given their need for facilities, the sporting activity which they

provided for members of the local community and their desire to develop and grow football in Blairgowrie.

By December 2015, The SFP had designed and built two solar-powered changing rooms and had agreed with the club to provide £5,000 in funding towards the groundwork costs, which would include connections to water and waste removal by way of a septic tank. To further support these installation costs, the club worked tirelessly to secure additional finance from Perth & Kinross Community Challenge Fund, the Rotary Club of Blairgowrie and Sir William McPherson. Ian McGregor, a local architect kindly agreed to assist with planning consents and warrants and local contractor, Bob Smith was appointed to carry out the necessary groundworks – community partnership engagement was integral to the successful delivery of the project.

PROJECT IMPACT

Blairgowrie and Rattray Community Football Club currently consists of nine youth teams along with a 2005/2006 girls team as well as Blairgowrie Juniors and Balmoral and Rattray amateurs, all of whom will benefit from this new facility.

The first players to use the units were the club's youth teams at age-groups from 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006 to 2005, with these youngsters playing fun fours through to 7-a-side and full 11-a-side football. The new solar-powered floodlights further assisted the club in providing its playing members with more opportunities to maintain football activity throughout the year.

Club Chairman, Sandy Thomson commented "BRCFC cannot thank The Scottish Football Partnership enough for their vision and investment in these units at Piggy Lane. The kids now have a secure modern facility that has enhanced the area, giving them a base and an identity where they can train and play football for years to come – a facility that will become the centre for young girls and boys to develop and maybe even become stars in the senior Scotland team!"

Kevin Lee, Scottish FA East Region Manager said "The Scottish F.A. East Region team has been working with BRCFC for the last seven years. The club has progressed from 5 individual teams working in silos to 12 teams including boys, girls and adults operating as one unified

club. Due to the lack of playing and changing facilities for football in the Blairgowrie area, the club were challenged to deliver their main aim of increasing participation through strong, quality growth. The gifting of the changing facilities from The Scottish Football Partnership has allowed the club to support their vision to provide football for all within eastern Perthshire. Great credit must go to The Scottish Football Partnership and the band of club volunteers who have made this happen."

PROJECT TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION – HOW DOES IT ALL WORK?

With the assistance of SMS Technologies, an off-grid power generation system was installed to two SFP designed modular changing rooms. The system, consisting of 3.75kw of photovoltaics (PV) panels, would generate electricity to provide light, heat and hot water for the changing rooms.

Photovoltaic (PV) panels which are attached to the roof of the changing rooms send energy to 800amp hour batteries via a multiplus inverter. The batteries, having been charged via solar gain, send the energy back through the multiplus which converts it into 230v to supply the equipment within the changing rooms and the portable floodlights with power. The changing rooms have been designed using LED lighting, low watt carbon fans for extraction and 150w electric heaters. Hot water is served from a 50 litre cylinder with 2no 1kw electric elements to heat the hot water to 45 degrees. The average power consumption of the units for a year is roughly 4000 kilowatt hours which equates to roughly a £450 saving on energy costs every year. The changing rooms are also fitted with a GSM Solar monitoring system which allows the club to monitor how the system is performing and warn of any faults within the changing rooms. Within the system there is also a 3.5kva backup generator fitted to supply the changing rooms with power for days when there is no solar gain.



"The joint work between The Scottish Football Partnership and Blairgowrie and Rattray Community Football Club has been excellent and has created first class facilities for the Club. The Club has long been hampered in its development by the absence of changing facilities and The Scottish Football Partnership provided a flexible and practical solution to this problem. I was impressed by the quality of the facilities provided, their sustainability and their impact in improving the opportunities available for the young people involved in the game. It is so important to encourage young people to participate and the availability of high quality facilities assists in this task. I would commend The Scottish Football Partnership for the effective way in which it has worked with the local club."

John Swinney, Deputy First Minister and Perthshire North MSP



SUPPORTING
ACTIVITY FOR
9 YOUTH TEAMS
1 GIRLS TEAM
BLAIRGOWRIE
JUNIORS
BALMORAL &
RATTRAY AMATEURS



Project Update on Celtic F.C. Foundation's Schools Employability Programme



Back in the autumn of 2015, Celtic F.C. Foundation, with funding support from The Scottish Football Partnership's Community Initiative, launched an exciting and unique new employability project for sixteen S3 schoolchildren from Bannerman High School and St. Andrews RC Secondary School in Glasgow to help prepare them for the world of employment in the belief that meaningful education would enable these young people, from the club's local priority areas, to have worthwhile future opportunities. The Foundation was determined to provide local schoolchildren with the opportunity, experience and skill set to understand employment and help them to become resilient, adaptable and determined to succeed in the marketplace.

The project itself was delivered in the Foundation's Learning Centre at Celtic Park between October and December, 2015 and was managed by their Employability Co-ordinator. Each session, over a period of ten weeks, was planned to give pupils a better understanding of the key skills required to enter the workplace and to inform them of the variety of roles available. The one-to-one sessions focussed on CV preparation, mock interviews, setting goals, life skills, resilience, assertiveness, dress for success and communication skills.

The project worked closely with club staff, who brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to the children at the individual sessions and this was interspersed with more physical activities delivered by experienced coaching staff to encourage teamwork, confidence and communication skills whilst raising physical fitness and ability.

Question and Answer sessions were delivered by Brian Delaney, the Foundation's Projects Manager and included input from Celtic Football Club staff members George McKenna, Catering Manager; Tom Dickson, Safeguarding Officer; Trisha McDonald, Superstore Manager and David Campbell, Warehouse Manager. These sessions gave all pupils the chance to build on their knowledge and understanding of the skills required for working in a variety of sectors. Tasks also included working towards the creation of a young person's Community Information Magazine and this was achieved through effective teamwork, problem solving, forward planning and research. These skills were then put to good use when the young adults were asked to plan and prepare a Christmas themed celebration event and the above photograph shows some of the children enjoying the festive event at Celtic Park.

The two local schools involved in the project were delighted to have children selected for inclusion on the course and spoke of the need for more projects aimed at inspiring and motivating pupils at this critical stage in their development. Feedback from St. Andrews RC Secondary School revealed that the young people involved were able to relax and enjoy the entire project and gained key knowledge which the school will continue to work on throughout their school pathway. The partnership development officer at St. Andrews reacted to the project by saying that "Every young person grew in confidence and this is something which these pupils severely lacked previously and is a quality which will enable them to progress in the future."

Bannerman High School were similarly delighted with the outcome of the project and commented that "the project had been invaluable in enabling the school to widen opportunities to young people who may be disengaged and not actively seeking positive destinations post-school. It has encouraged self-reliance and engendered a desire to achieve success through dedication and enthusiasm. The pupils were treated with courtesy and respect throughout and Allan Campbell, the Foundation's Employability Manager, in particular, made a real connection with our pupils. The project is a great example of staff/people pulling in one direction for the overall benefit of the organisation."

ST. ANDREWS RC SECONDARY SCHOOL –

"The pupils are now actively involved in school – in fact, in one particular case, the project has enticed this pupil to return to school and has resulted in an attendance growth of +90% – she now socialises with friends and enjoys being at school."

BANNERMAN HIGH SCHOOL –

"Celtic F.C. Foundation and Celtic F.C. are a massive worldwide organisation, yet still fully in touch with working people and school children in particular. This project has provided invaluable experience and has far exceeded our expectations"

ALLAN CAMPBELL,
CELTIC F.C. FOUNDATION EMPLOYABILITY MANAGER –

"After the conclusion of the programme we had several discussions with the schools involved. It was agreed that there was a need for further projects to give more pupils the chance to witness the area of employability in such a well-known and motivational arena like Celtic Park. We have managed to secure funding from Education Services and via our own events and have now engaged with a further 4 schools to deliver the project that was piloted through funding received from The Scottish Football Partnership."

FRASERBURGH F.C.

Facilities award for floodlighting upgrade



Ground: Bellslea Park,
Fraserburgh
Founded: 1910

“This upgrade is a significant milestone for the club and will give spectators and players fantastic lighting for many years to come.”

Findlay Noble, Chairman

Fraserburgh F.C. was delighted to receive a Facilities Award from The Scottish Football Partnership to assist with the costs of upgrading the floodlights at Bellslea Park and to have these fully operational in time for last winter.

Findlay Noble, the Club Chairman commented “Up to the end of last season the lights we had were purchased from Ross County F.C. approximately 10 years ago. The lights have served us well but were costing more and more in maintenance as they aged. Furthermore the uniformity of the lights was not in compliance with the next level of Club Licensing. As a club, we are always striving to upgrade our licensing level. At present, we comply with Entry Level in each area, but the long term ambition is for the ground to reach Bronze. Club Licensing is now part of Scottish football and The Scottish FA are as keen as we are

for clubs to keep progressing. Obviously, upgrades like these come at significant cost. There is no sole benefactor at Fraserburgh F.C. so everything we do is funded by community support, sponsorship, Scottish FA and SHFL. In order to assist clubs in upgrading their licence, there is funding available through The Scottish Football Partnership (SFP). We are very happy to say that the SFP approved our application for the floodlight upgrade and we received 60% of the cost of the lights. This comes to a significant five figure sum, without which the upgrade would not have been possible. As a result, the lighting system is now a uniform 300 lux, which is compliant with Club Licence Bronze level.”



YOKER ATHLETIC F.C.

Receive an award to upgrade the clubhouse at Holm Park

The Scottish Football Partnership made an award to Yoker Athletic Football Club to assist with the cost of upgrading the club's changing facilities at Holm Park. On receiving the award, Club Secretary, Campbell Bissland remarked “The current committee of Yoker Athletic has been in place for 10 years and in that time we have been working away steadily at improving the facilities at Holm Park. Our ambitions as a committee to upgrade the changing areas within the ground have, for the most part, been held back as the work was proving cost and time prohibitive for our group of volunteers. Towards the end of 2015 and following a site inspection from our local authority it was highlighted to the club that for health and safety reasons 26 items including the replacement of all wiring and ceilings within both dressing rooms, physiotherapy room and the referee's changing area would require to be upgraded to make the building safe to allow us to continue playing our home matches in a safe environment. This was a daunting prospect for the club however we were passed the contact details of The Scottish Football Partnership and following a preliminary meeting with them we were encouraged to make a small facility grant application at the earliest possible opportunity.

The application process was straightforward and with some invaluable support from our sponsors we made a successful bid for financial assistance. Work started just prior to Christmas and we were able to complete the project at the end of March, 2016 without causing any disturbance to our existing fixtures. On behalf of everyone associated with our club we would like to offer our sincerest thanks to The Scottish Football Partnership and its Board of Directors for all the support provided.”



Ground: Holm Park,
Yoker
Founded: 1886

“Yoker Athletic F.C has been playing at Holm Park for 130 years and all of the work which has been carried out will be of benefit to any future developments of the ground and of course our tenants Clydebank F.C and the wider community.”

Campbell Bissland,
Club Secretary.



KILMARNOCK F.C.

Modular changing rooms for Youth and Community Activities

Kilmarnock F.C. were recently awarded modular changing rooms to assist the club with the provision of facilities for its various academy teams and the wider community user groups who take part in weekly activities at Rugby Park.

The club approached the SFP in November, 2015 seeking assistance for additional changing facilities as it was clear their current amenities were not able to cope with the enhanced football activity taking place at the stadium following the installation of the club's 3G all-weather surface in the summer of 2014. The Partnership was impressed with Kilmarnock's commitment to increasing the stadium's usage and also providing a focal point for the club's activities ranging from training sessions for their academy players from the under-9 age group through to the Under-17s – a total of 156 academy players training and playing at Rugby Park three times a week. The club also delivers a remarkable range of weekly community activities including their mini-kickers programme, weekly community teams, development academy, Saturday children's club, school programmes, Kilmarnock Ladies, walking football as well as their Fit Fans in Training programme. All in all, around 500 football

participants currently enjoy and engage in activities at their local football club on a weekly basis.

The new changing rooms, which come equipped with toilet and showering facilities, will further assist the club in maintaining the vibrant level of football activity currently being delivered at Rugby Park.

Kilmarnock F.C.'s Community Engagement Manager, Paul Di Giacomo commented "Having seen firsthand The SFP's modular changing room projects which have benefitted so many community football clubs throughout Scotland, I decided to contact them to ascertain our suitability as an applicant for similar support. Following discussions with SFP staff, where I outlined our need for additional changing provision, I was encouraged to submit a formal application. The process was straightforward and we were absolutely delighted to have been awarded the new changing facilities which will be of huge benefit to Kilmarnock Football Club's Community/Youth departments as well as Kilmarnock Ladies."



Founded 1869

Ground : Rugby Park, Kilmarnock



SUPPORTING ACTIVITY FOR **500** WEEKLY USERS



DUMBARTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Award to support 3G pitch upgrade

The Scottish Football Partnership working in conjunction with Cashback for Communities (via sportscotland) and West Dunbartonshire Council has provided funding support to the Dumbarton Community Foundation (DCF) to assist with the cost of upgrading East End Park into a state-of-the-art 3G training and match venue.

The Dumbarton Community Foundation is currently made up of the town's two biggest grassroots football clubs, Dumbarton Riverside (Scottish FA – Development Level Quality Mark Club) and Dumbarton United (Scottish FA – Community Level Quality Mark Club) and was set up with the assistance of the local community council to develop and manage the long term running of the facilities at East End Park.

The level of footballing activity being provided to the local community by DCF is growing year on year with around 550 players now benefiting from the new 3G surface and associated facilities. The upgrading of East End Park is pivotal to the continued growth within both clubs as this first class facility will enable them to offer more footballing provision to their members on a local level and the ability to work closely together in sharing resources and enhancing their long term sustainability.

A word from the clubs.....

DUMBARTON RIVERSIDE – *"Our club has been running for 9 years and now have over 250 children, youths and disability adults training and playing football weekly. This is the first time we have had the opportunity to have a facility in Dumbarton where (nearly) all our teams can train and play together all year round. We are now significantly less reliant on leaving our town to find facilities to train and play. The quality pitch will enable our volunteers to deliver excellent training sessions to enable our players to develop to their potential."*

DUMBARTON UNITED – *"Our Club is the oldest Youth Football club in the area, catering for children and youths with a Ladies and Girls team also, we have around 300 players within our club. The new pitch will have a positive impact on us as our teams are travelling outwith the town for training facilities, this will give us the opportunity to use a top class surface to produce top quality training sessions. Hopefully this will give our club the impetus to keep producing players of the highest standard."*



NEW PLAYING FACILITY FOR DUMBARTON'S 2 BIGGEST GRASSROOTS CLUBS BENEFITTING **550** PLAYERS





Defibrillators awarded to clubs in the South of Scotland Football League



Established 1946

Using funding provided by The Scottish Football Partnership, The South of Scotland Football League (SSFL) has been able to provide all its member clubs with defibrillators as well as three quality match footballs. Richard Osborne, Secretary of the SSFL said "Following several highly publicised incidents at football matches involving cardiac arrest, the SSFL believed it was important to help provide all its clubs with the equipment that should an occasion arise, may make the difference towards someone surviving a cardiac arrest. The British Heart Foundation advises that after a cardiac arrest, every minute without CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and defibrillation reduces someone's chance of survival by 10 per cent."

"Whilst this equipment is now the property of the individual SSFL clubs, it is hoped that they will also be made available for the wider community where practicable. This is an example of the SSFL working within its local communities for everyone's benefit and

to assist SSFL clubs with the ever-increasing costs of running football clubs, we have also provided clubs with 3 match quality Mitre footballs from this funding from the SFP.



"We are most grateful to all at the Partnership for this generous award which has allowed us to provide all our member clubs with defibrillators and three quality match footballs."

Richard Osborne, SSFL Secretary

**PROJECT
IMPACT**
SAFEGUARDING
564
PLAYERS



BURNTISLAND SHIPYARD AFC Clubhouse upgrade

Burntisland Shipyard A.F.C. received an award from the Partnership to assist with the costs of upgrading the clubhouse at Recreation Park. The project, which also gathered support from Briggs Marine, Awards for All, the Local Common Good Fund and Fife Council, was designed primarily to enable the club to meet the facility requirements as set out by The Scottish FA's National Club Licensing criteria, however, the upgrade has also had a positive impact for the other community football groups who are able to access the stadium on a regular basis.

Shippy Chairman, James Thomson said "The club was particularly pleased with the level of support offered to our project by The Scottish Football Partnership and our other funding partners, given the current financial climate which exists at present within the football, business and public sector. Burntisland Shipyard A.F.C. has been in existence since 1919 and we are very proud to say that we have been members of The

Scottish FA since 1929. The improvements made to our clubhouse through this project and the other facility upgrades which have been carried out in the past two seasons will help maintain the proud heritage of our club, provide a platform for our progress in the future and be of benefit to the wider community users of Recreation Park. Achieving our National Club Licence in December, 2015 was a great reward for a lot of hard work and once again we would like to thank everyone who has helped make this possible."

"The improvements to our clubhouse through this project will help maintain the proud heritage of our club, provide a platform for our progress in the future and be of benefit to the wider community users of Recreation Park."

James Thomson, Chairman



Ground: Recreation Park, Burntisland
Founded : 1919

**PROJECT
IMPACT**
CLUB ACHIEVED
THEIR NATIONAL
CLUB LICENCE IN
DECEMBER, 2015

Trustees' Report 2015/16



Scottish Football Partnership Trust

SUPPORTING SCOTTISH FOOTBALL AT THE GRASSROOTS

OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

The Scottish Football Partnership Trust, the charitable arm of The Scottish Football Partnership, was established on 20th May 2014 in recognition of the level of investment that The Scottish Football Partnership made in its sixteen years of existence to the Non-Professional Grassroots level of the game. The Scottish Football Partnership Trust aims to attract fresh investment from the third sector and the wider business community to strengthen its ability to further promote public participation in grassroots football for people of all ages regardless of their ability or social circumstance. The Trust is also keen to have the resources available to continue to support projects involving other charitable organisations which meet the aims and purposes of our objectives, including funding and support for sport and physical activity generally.

We also aim to identify and support grassroots football clubs and community led football initiatives throughout, but not limited to, Scotland which can demonstrate that they are able to deliver measurable outcomes on behalf of the clubs, groups and communities they seek to serve. The Trust believes that providing support for the operation, management and development of sport, with a particular focus on football, will lead to wider participation in physical activity, an improvement in health and wellbeing and greater social and community inclusion for children and adults alike.

ACHIEVEMENTS

One of our major achievements in this our second period of operation has been securing the continuing support of The Clydesdale Bank plc as a funding partner, with the Bank kindly donating £10,000 to support our "Growing the Game Initiative 2016" which will see an overall investment of £30,000 to assist in the creation of 60 new grassroots football teams throughout Scotland. The Bank felt that the work of The Scottish Football Partnership Trust to support the development of grassroots football in local communities fitted very well with their "We Care About Here" strategy and would help further complement their interactions in local communities. We were also fortunate enough to obtain funding from SMS Technology and The Scottish Football Partnership.

In support of our main objectives to providing funding and support for grassroots football clubs and other charitable organisations with sport related projects, The Scottish Football Partnership Trust pledged funding support of £223,955 in the 2015/16 financial year in the area of facilities, projects, programmes and infrastructure.

PERFORMANCE

In terms of performance, our funding has allowed us to make awards to 60 grassroots football clubs, organisations and affiliated national associations with football related projects and as a consequence, we estimate that almost 24,000 players of all ages have benefitted from these funding awards. This coming year, the Scottish Football Partnership Trust will continue to work closely with clubs and charitable organisations who genuinely strive to develop sport at its grassroots, particularly the game of football.



PENICUIK ATHLETIC F.C. – 3G SYNTHETIC SPORTS PITCH BENEFITS 475 PLAYERS



HIBERNIAN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION – PORTABLE GOALPOSTS AND FLOODLIGHTING FACILITIES BENEFITS 730 PLAYERS

RECENT AWARD CASE STUDIES

Our biggest awards to date have been to The Scottish Amateur F.A., The Scottish Schools F.A. and the Scottish Youth F.A. with grant funding to each of these bodies in the amounts of £35,000, £27,000 and £37,011.49 respectively. These Affiliated National Associations engage in sterling work to promote and foster the development of the non-professional game in Scotland and this funding has further enhanced their work in the area of football development, regional and national competitions, coach education and the development of girls football, with all these activities embracing the ethos of Positive Coaching Scotland. The Scottish Schools F.A. used their funding support to organise extremely successful soccer sevens competitions with secondary schools from almost all corners of the country, with around 4,000 players from U-13 boys' teams to U-15 girls' teams taking part.

In April, 2015, the SFPT was delighted to make an award of £4,000 to The Boys' Brigade Scotland to assist with the costs of installing floodlights at their new 3G pitch at Carronvale House in Larbert. The new outdoor sports facility based at the headquarters of the BB was officially opened by Jamie Hepburn MSP

and will allow local sports groups and Boys' Brigade members to enjoy a wide range of sports throughout the calendar year, whilst also catering for the wider Larbert community who will have access to the floodlit all-weather 3G pitch.

Another project which greatly impressed the Trustees was that involving Penicuik Athletic F.C. who had entered into an agreement with their local community High School and Local Authority to convert an existing 30 year-old shale surface into a 3G synthetic sports pitch. This new surface will allow the club to sustain its current activity levels for their 475 players and grow their user profile and the Trustees were delighted to assist the project with an award of £18,950.

Several other awards were made to quality mark grassroots football clubs and charitable football organisations throughout the country to assist in the purchase of new equipment. Hibernian Community Foundation received an award to assist with the purchase of portable goalposts and floodlighting facilities for winter training, enhancing the experience for their partner community teams as well as Hibernian Girls and Ladies – a total of 730 players.

OTHER NOTABLE TRUST AWARDS – PROJECTS DUE FOR COMPLETION IN 2016

GLENBURN MINERS WELFARE F.C. – PORTABLE FLOODLIGHTS WHICH WILL BENEFIT THE CLUB'S 414 PLAYERS.

HILLWOOD SRCT / HILLWOOD BOYS' CLUB – NEW 3G PITCH AND CHANGING FACILITIES TO BENEFIT 277 PLAYERS

GLENROTHES STROLLERS F.C. – NEW CLUBHOUSE FOR THEIR 447 PLAYERS

FUNDING IMPACT

SUPPORTING ACTIVITY FOR OVER 24,000 GRASSROOTS PLAYERS AND VOLUNTEERS





SFP Trust Award for the Scottish Schools' FA



The Scottish Football Partnership Trust was delighted to support The Scottish Schools FA with its National Soccer Sevens Competitions for both boys and girls, as well as the preparation programme for the girls International U-15 squad in 2015/16. Schools football has an important role in providing a structured platform for young people to take up and enjoy the game and we are delighted that our funding has assisted in the delivery of football activity for up to 4,000 young players throughout Scotland. The above photographs show some of the players at the Regional Finals back in January at Toryglen Regional Football Centre in Glasgow.

This SFP Trust funding supported the following initiatives:

- Soccer Sevens for U13 boys
- Soccer Sevens for U15 girls
- Soccer Sevens for U14 girls
- U15 girls Regional Fixtures and Final

The SSFA also agreed to promote the work and message of Positive Coaching Scotland (PCS), an educational resource that provides support to those involved in

youth sport. PCS aims to educate and equip coaches, parents, club leaders, teachers and young people to generate and capitalise on a positive environment. It seeks to create a reduction in drop-out and an increase in participation and performance, as well as the development of life skills through sport.

Bill Barclay, SSFA President commented "The Scottish Schools Football Association was delighted to receive financial support from The Scottish Football Partnership Trust during season 2015-16. This enabled us to successfully run our National Soccer Sevens Competitions for boys and girls and to help with the preparation programme for the International Under-15 Girls squad prior to taking part in the Bob Docherty Tournament in Wales.

The National Soccer Sevens targets the younger age groups and they are always very enthusiastic in their participation of schools football. The National Finals take place at Toryglen and it is always a pleasure to see how much enjoyment the youngsters get from taking part."



SFP Trust Award helps Dean Thistle F.C. upgrade pavilion

The SFP Trust was pleased to be able to assist Dean Thistle F.C. with an award to help towards the costs of upgrading the pavilion at the club's ground in Kilmarnock.

Dean Thistle F.C. are a community football club, formed in 1993 to give local boys a platform to play football, meet new friends and have fun. Over the years, the club has developed to involve more and more people from a wider area within East Ayrshire.

At present, the club has in the region of 160 children and 32 coaches and volunteers, with teams ranging from 3 year-olds playing with the mini-kickers through to the Under-16 team and includes a very successful girls section. Arrangements are in place to open up the club to five other local teams who play on the grass pitches and there is also a partnership with local schools and the local sports hub. In September, 2015 the club completed the community asset transfer of the Dean Park and Pavilion on a ten year lease from East

Ayrshire Council to allow the club to develop further and to secure its long-term future. Earlier this year, the club were delighted to achieve SFA Quality Mark at community level.

Following their award, James Nimbley from the club reported that "As part of the development of the pavilion at Dean Park, we approached The Scottish Football Partnership Trust for possible funding and were delighted to be advised that the Trustees had considered our application and had agreed to support our project. We would like to express our sincere thanks to the Trust for this financial assistance and for the guidance provided throughout the duration of the project. Without the funding from the SFP Trust we would have been unable to refurbish our pavilion and now our players and the wider community have a fantastic venue to play the sport they love."



Ground : Dean Park, Kilmarnock

Formed 1993



UPGRADED FACILITY FOR
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SCOTTISH DISABILITY SPORT

SFP Trust supports National 5-v-5 and 7-v-7 Events, 2016

The Scottish Football Partnership Trust has provided Scottish Disability Sport (SDS) with funding to assist with the cost of running two National football tournaments for players with a disability in 2016. These events currently provide the only opportunity for players with a disability to compete on a national level for their schools, clubs and regional branches for a national title.

SDS work in conjunction with the Scottish FA and take a holistic approach to the development of the sport by engaging local students and officials and provide opportunities for players of all levels to take part through the introduction of a classification system. There is a strong quality growth element associated

with these bi-annual events with by-products including the development of 4 Regional Pan Disability centres, 6 Regional School leagues and 32 local authorities offering programmes supported by SDS branches.

Mark Gaffney, SDS Events Manager said "The funding received from The Scottish Football Partnership Trust is integral in providing a platform for our 750 players to compete nationally and to gain crucial match experience and provide an outlet for the players to put into practice within a competitive environment the skills and techniques they practice in their weekly training with their clubs. This ensures there is a coherent and progressive pathway within Scotland for players of every level and disability".



Scottish Disability Sport

**PROJECT
IMPACT**

SUPPORTING
ACTIVITY FOR
750
PLAYERS

SFP Trust Award of Portable Goals for Do Soccer CIC

Do Soccer CIC received an award from the SFP Trust to part-fund portable goalposts. As you can see from the above photograph which features some of the club's under-10, 12, 13 and 15 year-old players, these intermediate goalposts mean that all players, irrespective of age level, can make use of the correct size of equipment allowing these players the best chance to grow and develop their football skills.



"Our club continues to grow and we are most grateful for this award from The Scottish Football Partnership Trust and for the assistance provided."

– Mark McAuley, Head Coach





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