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 **GARTCAIRN FOOTBALL ACADEMY LAUNCHES NEW 3G FACILITY WITH SUPPORT FROM THE SFP**

 **ISLAND CLUB RECEIVE NEW PORTABLE CHANGING FACILITIES**

**ALSO;** SFP SUPPORT FOR CLUB ACADEMY SCOTLAND FOOTBALL MEMORIES LEAGUE GIVEN FUNDING BOOST  
COMING SOON: GIFFNOCK SOCCER CENTRE'S NEW ECO-FRIENDLY CHANGING PAVILION



# Carloway F.C

Carloway F.C have been awarded a set of Portable Changing rooms by The Scottish Football Partnership.

Club Treasurer John MacDonald said, "Carloway Football Club has recently been provided with two portable changing rooms and one storage container to complement the newly completed all weather football pitch in Carloway, on the Isle of Lewis.

The club participates in the Lewis and Harris League throughout the summer months, and operates three junior age squads at Under 14, 16 & 18 age levels. There are also coaching sessions held for younger people which are well attended. Local schools sports days are also held on the club's ground. The club's primary objective is to continue to

encourage people to participate in football. Having successfully completed the construction of an all weather facility, for use by the wider community, an approach was made to The Scottish Football Partnership (SFP) regarding the prospect of assistance towards suitable changing facilities at the site.

Following an initial discussion with the Secretary Stuart McCaffrey outlining our requirements, a formal application was submitted and subsequently approved. The application process was reasonable and the level of information requested was no more onerous than any other funder would seek. Having

just received funding from Sport Scotland and the Local Authority, this information was to hand. It was reassuring to know that SFP offers assistance with the applications to the Local Authorities for Planning Consent and Building Warrant. The changing rooms having Type Approval for the Building Warrant also greatly helped this process. We also received assistance towards the cost of ground preparation and connection to services. The SFP kept in touch with the club all the way through to establish our progress with the project and to offer guidance where appropriate.

Living on an island and in a remote

location, delivering the changing rooms to the site required some additional logistical work to be undertaken by the SFP however, their chosen contractors Bernard Hunter completed the job quickly and diligently, ensuring the containers were situated in exactly the right spot and to our satisfaction. Carloway F.C secured its first ever league title in 2013.

One of the factors in this success was having a facility in the locality to play and train on throughout the winter months, helping to keep the players in good shape and honing their skills. We are certain that having these changing rooms will be a

huge boost for the club, and help to ensure that the facility is used by all sectors of the community. The club is now in a position to provide a good quality recreational facility which will encourage more people to participate in healthy activities throughout the year and to lead healthier lives.

The club is extremely grateful to Stuart and the SFP for all the assistance and advice right throughout this process and look forward to justifying their decision to offer us these changing rooms, for the benefit of the club and the community of Carloway".

# Football Memories League given boost by SFP

The Scottish Football Partnership has made an award of £6,000 to the Football Memories League to assist with the expansion of the project, which uses football memories to improve the lives of people with dementia.

Michael White project manager of the FML said, “The Football Memories project is helping men with dementia by reviving memories of players, matches, goals and incidents from football matches in their younger days. As a joint project between AlzheimerScotland and the Scottish Football Museum at Hampden Park, it has attracted almost unprecedented levels of interest and involvement from fans and players alike.

The website has seen contributions of stories from footballers, rock

stars, film actors, journalists, politicians and ordinary supporters all across the country. There is also a Facebook site at [www.facebook.com/footballmemories](http://www.facebook.com/footballmemories).

To date over seventy Football Memories groups have been established across Scotland, from the Shetland Isles in the north to Stranraer in the south-west, where men with dementia and other memory problems gather to enjoy looking back at old photos and memorabilia. Their recall of matches and incidents is spectacular. Details of scores,

scorers and even moves leading to goals are recalled, and the banter and humour is incredible.

The award from the Scottish Football Partnership will enable us to produce another set of memory cards entitled “Scottish League Legends 1950 to 1980” and these will bring a welcome addition to our resources.

The people in the groups love picking their all-time Greatest XI and this new set should add to the debate, discussion and good-natured banter”.



[CLICK HERE TO VISIT WWW.FOOTBALLMEMORIES.ORG.UK](http://www.footballmemories.org.uk)



# SFP Invests £40,000 in Disability Sports Scotland's National Football Squads

The Scottish Football Partnership has made an award of £40,000 to Disability Sport Scotland's National Football Disability programme.



The award of £10,000 per annum for the next 4 years will assist to further develop and expand the current set-up and the level of training and game time that can be offered to athletes who have a disability.

David McArdle from the Scottish FA said "The contribution which has been made by the SFP has already had a positive effect on our programme. The extra funding has allowed our under 19 learning difficulty squad players to have a greater opportunity to fulfil their potential as they are now part of a National Development Structure in which they receive high quality coaching and have a pathway into the full squad.

In the past we would select players for the Home Nations Championships after the trial process. This would mean that

talented players who do not perform on the day or younger players who struggle to compete against older players could miss out on the opportunity to represent their Country. Thanks to the funding our coaches now have the time and resources to nurture the players who are showing potential and can assist them to develop their abilities. The funding has already showed success with the Learning Disability Squad winning the Home Nations Championships in 2013 and they are currently preparing for the 2014 Home Nations Championship in Dublin.

The Cerebral Palsy / Stroke / Acquired Brain Injury squad has also benefitted from the support. The squad currently ranked 6th in the World has been able to up the contact time they have with

coaches by training longer during monthly National Training days. The squad has also been able to invest in specialised fitness equipment to allow the players to further develop away from training and attempt to move onto the next level and compete with the World's best. Once again the squad has seen immediate success with the Squad qualifying for the 2015 World Cup due to their success in the 2013 Intercontinental Championships and are currently preparing for the 2014 European Championships in Portugal.

The funding from the Scottish Football Partnership has been invaluable to allow the squads to develop and compete on the World Stage and allow the players to prepare better for the challenges ahead".





# Gartcairn Football Academy

Gartcairn Football Academy have officially opened their new state of the art “3G” training and playing facility at St Margaret’s High School, Airdrie.

The project was part funded by The Scottish Football Partnership and North Lanarkshire council and it comes as the culmination of many years of hard work in which a number of key partners were involved including North Lanarkshire Council, North Lanarkshire Leisure, The Scottish Football Association and

the Scottish Football Partnership to make this dream a reality and help provide the Scottish F.A. Legacy Mark Community Club with a full player pathway and further enhance the Academy’s reputation of young player development.

A whole host of guests including Councillor Jim Logue, Mark Kerr

(Partick Thistle), Bryan Prunty (Dumbarton) and Peter Donald (SFP) were in attendance to cut the ribbon and officially open the park.

Speaking at the launch, Gartcairn Football Academy Chairmen Robert McCallum said “We now have a facility that the local community can identify with Gartcairn and where we

can develop and go from strength to strength. It also stands testament to all at the academy who work so hard on and off the pitch, and bodes well for the local and wider community In terms of youth participation, disability football, girls football and the general health of a growing number of participants young and old alike”.





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# Club Academy Scotland Youth Initiative Grants

The Scottish Football Partnership is pleased to announce its support for club academy Scotland. A total of 33 professional clubs with Youth Academies have benefited from our grants this year and the investment of £1.7 million pounds will have a positive effect on young footballers from the age of 10 to 18.

We hope in the short term that our investment continues to help Scottish clubs develop the next generation of elite homegrown players and in the long term, players continue to filter through into the Scottish FA's International set-up.

# Giffnock pilot scheme

The Giffnock 'Passive Changing room' project which is due for completion in the spring of 2014 will be the first of its kind in Scotland. This new initiative for Giffnock Soccer Centre will be hugely significant.

The club was established in 1995 and it currently holds the highest Scottish FA Quality mark level 'legacy'. It is one of the biggest grassroots clubs in Scotland with a playing

membership of 900 boys and 40 girls. The club runs teams from age 5 to full amateur.

The project cost is circa £120,000.

## Grass roots



“Football is based on the Grassroots, played everywhere by men and women, boys and girls. The top professional level is just the tip of the iceberg, the strength of football lies in its grassroots and we have to preserve the local, regional and national identities of our game. Football should be available for all and can serve as a significant tool for personal development”

**Michel Platini**  
UEFA President

## The benefits of passive changing rooms

1. The changing rooms embody the design principles of passive housing.
2. They are heavily insulated.
3. They have whole space heat recovery to make best use of waste heat generated by the activities of the users.
4. The scheme involves the use of photovoltaic cells on the roof as renewables.
5. The changing rooms are bulk increasing, flat pack and thus can be built at any point in Scotland.
6. The permutation of spaces allows for gender separation or home and away team use.
7. Separate facilities are provided for adult changing.
8. When set up they will use little energy, making them affordable for teams to run.
9. Since most of the materials for construction can be procured locally they have a reduced carbon footprint.
10. The exterior cladding can be readily changed to suit the local environment.
11. They have very low maintenance cost when in use.



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

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