

KEEPIE UPPIE



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Chief Operating Officer's Report

Season's Greetings and welcome to the December 2019 edition of Keepie Uppie magazine which showcases our investment of

£686,899

in supporting Scottish football at every level in the past six months... but what does that mean exactly?

I am often asked what my role involves at The Scottish Football Partnership and what it is that we do to support the game?

So, when I think about The Scottish Football Partnership, I see an organisation which provides grant funding to improve stadia and training ground infrastructure for our senior clubs, ensuring improved provision for players to play and spectators to watch the game safely.

I see an organisation which invests in professional youth academies and talented young players.

I see an organisation which assists clubs playing within pyramid leagues and those aspiring to join them with key facility developments.

I see an organisation which invests in modern playing and changing facilities for community clubs.

I see an organisation which provides funds to grassroots clubs to allow them to develop and grow, at the same time investing in their incredible volunteers to ensure they have the skills and confidence to work with young players.

I see an organisation which invests in initiatives that gives girls opportunities to play football within a school and club environment.

I see an organisation which believes in making sport safer by investing in First Aid Training for coaches and providing lifesaving equipment for clubs.

I see an organisation which supports projects which use football to engage with and improve the lives of community members, young and old.

I see an organisation that believes in changing lives through sport with projects such as GoFitba which provides free football, education and food to disadvantaged children.

I hope in the pages which follow, you too will see an organisation which is living up to its core purpose of supporting Scottish football.

As a small team, none of what we do would be possible without strong partnerships and I would personally like to thank colleagues at sportscotland and The Scottish FA's Football Development Department led by Paul McNeill and Andy Gould for their support again this year.

We are also extremely grateful to all nine funding partners who have invested in our Charitable Trust this year - this has made a significant difference to our ability to assist the game at grassroots level. Please look out for an exciting funding announcement on page 27.

Finally, our Board of Directors and Trustees have a real passion for helping Scottish football and they look forward to receiving your next funding application in 2020.

Best wishes.

Stuart McCaffrey
Chief Operating Officer



THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL PARTNERSHIP & TRUST IN NUMBERS TO DECEMBER 2019

SUPPORTING: INFRASTRUCTURE | FOOTBALL FOR ALL | EDUCATION | HEALTHY COMMUNITIES | DEVELOPING THE GAME | GRASSROOTS FACILITIES

32
SFP
AWARDS



**PORTABLE
CHANGING
ROOM PROJECTS
COMPLETED**

SUPPORTING ACTIVITY FOR
2,100 COMMUNITY PLAYERS

68 SFP TRUST AWARDS
FOR AN INVESTMENT OF **£81,028**



1,840

**GIRLS ENGAGED IN
SCOTTISH SCHOOLS'
FA NATIONAL CUP
COMPETITIONS**



30
ANTI-RACISM
WORKSHOPS
DELIVERED AT
GRASSROOTS CLUBS BY
SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD



48
CLUB DEVELOPMENT
GRANTS FOR
GRASSROOTS
QUALITY-MARK CLUBS
£24,000 INVESTMENT



12 DEFIBRILLATORS
SAFEGUARDING **12,075** PEOPLE



Rangers F.C. New Academy Facilities

Here you can see the new Academy Facilities at the club's Milngavie Training Centre following recent funding support from The Scottish Football Partnership to assist with the installation of a new Stand with changing rooms and floodlights. Craig Mulholland, the club's Head of Academy commented:

"We are delighted with the impact the new Academy stand, changing facility and education suite has had on the lives and learning of our players and coaches. The additional dressing room space has allowed us to increase the contact time with our young players and ultimately having more players training more often will result in an improved quality of player being produced.

The new dressing room space has allowed us to increase the variety in our match programme, including the hosting of larger festivals and tournaments, again benefitting the learning and experience we can offer the young talent.

The education suite has allowed us to increase the amount of academic education a young person does in the building with our in-house teachers and tutors and again allows the technical, sports science and analysis staff to obtain more contact time with our best talent.

The significant investment from primarily the Rangers Fans Fighting Fund, the club and of course The Scottish Football Partnership has also allowed us to, in addition to the new dressing rooms and education suite, add new floodlights, upgrade the grass pitch, add new perimeter fencing and it has created an excellent seated environment for supporters and parents to enjoy football. Our women's team have benefitted enormously from this and now have one of the best playing environments in the Scottish Women's game.

We are extremely grateful to the SFP for their continued support and I am sure they will be delighted to know that their funding support has had such a positive impact on so many aspiring footballers."



Arbroath F.C. New Seating within Main Stand



Arbroath F.C. received a Facility Award to assist with a project to replace seating within the Main Stand at Gayfield Park. The Stand, which has a capacity of 876, was last renovated in 2002 and after it became apparent that some of the seating had deteriorated to such an extent that it was becoming a safety concern for spectators, the club agreed to replace a section of these seats. Mike Caird, the Club Chairman thanked the SFP for its support:

"Arbroath F.C. are once again extremely grateful for the financial assistance that the Partnership has been able to provide towards ground improvements at Gayfield Park. This summer has seen the replacement of a large number of seats in the Main Stand which was part-funded by a Facilities Award. We, as a club, have been supported for many years by The SFP with assistance for several projects and greatly appreciate the fantastic relationship we have been able to build up with them."



Albion Rovers F.C. New Goalposts and Pitch Drainage

The SFP awarded funding to Albion Rovers F.C. to assist the club replace the goalposts at Cliftonhill Stadium, as well as upgrading part of the pitch drainage system. Club Secretary, Colin Woodward wished to record his appreciation and said

"Albion Rovers F.C. would like to thank the Partnership who for the third occasion in 5 years co-funded improvements to our stadium.

This season we replaced the traditional goalposts with a high spec contemporary model and did much needed work to improve the drainage on the pitch which will reduce the threat to games when there is heavy rainfall. In recent years the SFP has also financially supported improvements to the floodlighting and heating system at our stadium."





Kilmarnock F.C. New Playing Surface



Kilmarnock F.C. received an award from The SFP to help with the installation of their new FieldTurf Core playing surface which was ready in time for the commencement of the 2019/20 season.

This high-quality synthetic turf is the most advanced on the market and is already used by Champions League semi-finalists F.C. Barcelona and Ajax at their training centres as well as at Everton's Finch Farm complex.

Kilmarnock F.C. are the first club in Scotland to use this technology on their first team pitch and as well as the new turf system, Rugby Park stadium staff will benefit from FieldTurf's Genius pitch monitoring system, which will maximise the longevity and safety of the surface.



Airdrieonians F.C. Floodlight Upgrade

SFP Facility awards are granted to support clubs meet the requirements of Scottish FA National Club Licensing by funding infrastructure improvements and Airdrieonians F.C. received such an award to assist with an upgrade to the floodlighting system at the Penny Cars Stadium. Club Director Scott Hetherington was extremely grateful for the financial assistance and said that

"...All football players, from the first team to the kids at the Community Club, will benefit from the new system. The matchday experience for spectators will also be greatly enhanced and the club have already started to notice savings on the electricity bills! We look forward to continuing to work with the team at The SFP in the future."



Heart of Midlothian F.C. CCTV Upgrade at Tynecastle Park

Over the past 3 years, Hearts have embarked on a series of projects to modify and upgrade their stadium and in March this year, the club's Board approved a significant investment to upgrade the existing CCTV system at Tynecastle. Ann Budge, the Club's Chairperson commented on the assistance given by the Partnership



"The Club was extremely grateful to have, once again, received financial support from the Scottish Football Partnership (SFP). In this instance we were awarded a contribution to assist with the design and installation of a new state of the art CCTV system. CCTV is an essential part of ensuring the safety and security of all who visit Tynecastle Park. The team at Heart of Midlothian are extremely pleased with the new system and the Club thanks the Partnership most sincerely for their support."



Elgin City F.C. New Pitch Irrigation System

The SFP were on hand to assist Elgin City F.C. with funding for a new pitch irrigation system at Borough Briggs. After being fined for not providing a surface fit for purpose last season, the club decided that a new sprinkler system was essential and agreed to press ahead with this key infrastructure project. Graham Tatters, the Elgin City F.C. Chairman said:

"The club's Board of Directors agreed that we should use the funds from our Cup run to invest in a sprinkler system following the club fine last season. This would ensure that we had sufficient water to encourage growth during the close season if we had another drought. We went to tender but unfortunately after receiving several responses, we were well short of funds.

However, having already received a grant for a major upgrade to our heating and showers three years ago and a year later, further funding for a training-area facility block from the Partnership, we applied for another grant for the sprinkler installation.

The 50% grant up to £12,500 was awarded and with further financial help from sponsors we decided to proceed. The system of 22 sprinklers (14 perimeter and 8 in-field) is fully automated and can be operated remotely from the tunnel area. We were still short of funding to go for a bore hole to fill the 2 x 5,000 gallon tanks but we have obtained a licence to pump 50,000 litres a day from the River Lossie, which is sufficient for our needs. It was probably the worst year to install the sprinklers as it had hardly stopped raining since August.

However, since the system was installed the coaches are finding it a huge benefit in slicking up the surface prior to kick-off and at half-time. So it has proved really worthwhile and Elgin City F.C. would like to thank the SFP Directors for the assistance provided in all three of our major projects, as without these grants, not one of our projects would have been achievable."





Threave Rovers F.C. New Medical Room



Threave Rovers F.C., based in the town of Castle Douglas, received a Facility Strategy award to assist with the costs of upgrading the Medical Room at Meadow Park. This thriving club, who are full members of The Scottish FA and play in the South of Scotland League were crowned Champions of that League in season 2017/18. As an SFA Licensed club, provision of suitable medical facilities was of paramount importance to the club and they were keen to upgrade and renovate an old outbuilding into a modern, fit for purpose medical room to meet new licensing criteria. The club's youth set-up has almost 200 participants from youngsters taking their first steps into the game through to their Under-17 players and this new facility will support all users of Meadow Park. Davy McMath, Club Secretary remarked:

"The SFP has once again provided invaluable support to Threave Rovers F.C. during a recent refurbishment of the club's Medical Room. The completed project will not only allow players but also supporters the comfort of knowing that excellent medical facilities are available should these be required during any emergency within the Stadium. We are a progressive community focused club which strives to provide the best facilities for the local community and surrounding areas to enjoy sport and recreation in a safe environment. The cost of carrying out this refurbishment work was very prohibitive but with the Partnership's support we have been yet again able to deliver a first class facility within the club."



Greenock Morton F.C. Dressing Room Refurbishment



Crawford Rae, Chairman of Greenock Morton F.C. commented on the award from The SFP to assist with a refurbishment of the Home Dressing Room, Physio Room and dug-outs:

"Cappielow Park is an old, traditional Scottish football ground full of character and memories. It is one of the best remaining examples of such in the Scottish game and we, as a club, cherish it. Such a stadium though brings its own

problems, mostly in terms of maintaining it as fit for purpose in this modern age, an undertaking which does not come cheap!

In recent years, in addition to regular maintenance, we have upgraded the floodlights, upgraded spectator toilets, modernised our police control room including a state-of-the-art CCTV system and upgraded our turnstiles at the Sinclair Street end with modern electronically controlled ticket scanning systems.

This season we took steps to refurbish the home dressing room to include changing cubicles and ice baths (some players do not necessarily see this as an upgrade!!) as well as the player tunnel area and home and away management/substitutes dug-outs. We have also renovated our hospitality lounges, knocking what was two lounges into one large area renamed as the Douglas Rae Lounge as well as converting part of the groundsman's shed into a gym for use as part of the player's fitness regime.

Many of these projects have been partially funded by The Scottish Football Partnership. They have assisted with infrastructure upgrades at Cappielow every year for the last four years to the tune of tens of thousands of pounds. Indeed, a couple of the projects might not have happened at all without their help and we are extremely grateful to them. The SFP fill a hugely important role in the Scottish game at a time when, for most clubs, every pound is a prisoner and we look forward to continuing to work with them."



The Spartans F.C. Floodlight Upgrade

Craig Graham, Chairman of Spartans F.C., who received an award to assist with a Floodlight upgrade at Ainslie Park said: *"We are once again very grateful for the continuing support of The Scottish Football Partnership. This time their help enabled us to upgrade our Stadium pitch to LED lights as part of our floodlight refurbishment project. The new lights are more environmentally friendly with lower maintenance costs, benefits which will really help us going forward. Our facility is enjoyed by many clubs who train and play here. The support of the SFP over the years has enabled us to continue to invest to ensure we have somewhere the clubs and their supporters enjoy coming to."*





Aberdeen F.C. Frost Covers for Training Pitches at Cormack Park



Sir Alex Ferguson recently marked the official opening of Cormack Park, Aberdeen F.C.'s new community sports hub, training facilities and football academy and the SFP was delighted to play a small part in the project by providing funding for frost covers for their training pitches. The legendary football manager, who steered the club through its most successful period, was the guest of honour at the opening of the campus.

The facilities represent the first phase of Aberdeen F.C.'s ambitious vision for a dynamic and inclusive football and community facility and stadium which will positively inspire and touch the lives of everyone in the region and help the Club achieve long-term success both on and off the pitch. Named after the new Chairman, Dave Cormack to mark his significant contribution to the project, Cormack Park is home to the Bobby Clark Football Academy and the AFC Community Trust. It features a state-of-the-art training pavilion, groundsman's accommodation, three professional training pitches, two floodlit 3G pitches and two grass pitches. There is also outdoor and indoor space for a variety of community-based sporting and recreational activities.

Paul Hendry, Stadium Manager said:
"Aberdeen Football Club would like to thank the team at The Scottish Football Partnership for the contribution towards the new training facility at Cormack Park. This has been a massive project for the club and at times funding this project has been challenging. Now that we have this facility up and running it is vital that we have the right equipment and resources to ensure that we can look after the pitches and the facility to the best of our ability and the grant provided to AFC by the SFP will go a long way to assisting us with the demands placed upon pro-pitches and training grounds by a professional football team."



Civil Service Strollers F.C. Lights on at Christie Gillies Park

Work to install floodlights at Christie Gillies Park was completed back in October, 2019 following funding from the SFP.

This north Edinburgh club were required to have floodlights installed as part of Scottish FA Club Licensing following changes brought in last season. This year the club has worked tirelessly to raise the money needed to purchase the lights and have them erected.

Club President, Russell Pryde said:

"We are delighted that we have got to this stage and can now have floodlights installed. It's been hard work raising the money and I would like to thank everyone who has donated money towards this. I would also like to again thank The Scottish Football Partnership for their grant towards the cost of installing the lights."



Gartcairn Football Academy New Changing Facilities



After many months of partnership work with North Lanarkshire Leisure and North Lanarkshire Council, Gartcairn Football Academy were finally able to officially open their new SFP portable changing rooms in June this year.

This fantastic Quality-Mark club who operate out of the grounds at Airdrie Leisure Centre are embedded within the local community and have an excellent working relationship with both NLL and NLC who helped support the changing room project.

The Academy was formed in 2007 for young children with the ethos of giving every child who wanted to play football the chance to participate with a no trials policy – focussing more on enjoyment and taking part. In 2015,

they decided to set up a Junior team – the first in the area for over 100 years – and currently operate teams from the 2008 age-group for both boys and girls through to their adult sections. Last year, the club also created an autism section, working closely with both the Scottish FA and Hope for Autism.

It's hard to imagine that when the Academy was formed in 2007 there were barely enough players for one team and it now boasts well over 450 members across adult, youth and girls' sections. The huge number of volunteer coaches at this truly progressive sports club offer training and match play 7 days a week and the new changing facilities will massively benefit the extensive number of players at the Academy.



Newtown Park Association (NPA) & Bo'ness United New Changing Facilities



The SFP recently provided new changing rooms at Newtown Park following its redevelopment from a natural grass surface to a 3G synthetic pitch. This new facility provides supporting infrastructure for around 1,250 community players on a weekly basis.

In 2013, NPA took control of Newtown Park with a vision of providing a Community Stadium for local football teams and the community. Their plans have now become a reality thanks to the support of Falkirk Council and sportscotland. Phase 2 will see the provision of a Community Hub to supplement the pitch to provide multi-usable space for community activities.

The SFP visited Bo'ness recently and it was fantastic to see such vibrant activity around the ground and to witness the impact that these facilities have had on the community. Phil Bullen from NPA said:

"Newtown Park Association in Bo'ness had been challenged to turn an aged football stadium into a modern Community facility for the benefit of all age groups. With funding assistance from sportscotland, Falkirk Council, Robertson Trust, E.B.Scotland, Coalfields Regeneration and others, Phase 1 of the project was completed with a new 3G playing surface and floodlights. Thanks to the generosity of The Scottish Football Partnership, the children at our Community club are benefitting greatly from the use of two warm and dry changing facilities and a storage unit to keep their equipment safe and secure. This will help us greatly until Phase 2 of the project is completed and a Community Hub is in operation."

Peter Hay, Chairman of Bo'ness United YFC added: *"The new facilities supplied by The SFP allows our club to have a base and to aid our provision of community football for both boys and girls seven days a week."*





Houston United F.C. New Changing Facilities



Houston United F.C. are reaping the benefits of their new community changing facilities within their base at Ardgriffe Park. Louis Jeffrey, Chairperson of Houston United F.C. said:

"In 2012, I was asked to take over the role of Chairperson and decided the Club needed to be more inclusive and a greater resource for the Community where people could have a sense of belonging and be part of something they could take strength from."



The club quickly grew and I am happy to say increased its playing members ten-fold (40 to 400) including a thriving Girls' Section with over 45 players.

The rapid growth of the club meant that it quickly outgrew the facility provision at the local High School and without a natural grass pitch in the village, teams were having to play home games in different local authority areas and many teams, including the girls, couldn't train more than one night per week.

In 2015, we contacted The SFP who were quick to recognise our dilemma at a time when we were looking to lease the redundant village football park. To support our aspirations of having a new playing facility, the SFP provided us with Changing and Storage facilities as well

as financial support towards the installation of water and electricity services. Together with the support of the Local Area Committee and local businesses, including WRC Recycling (Robert Capper), WH Malcolm (Darren Gilmour) and others, I am delighted to say we now have a grass football facility and a modern base for the club which is capable of hosting League matches, as well as our Academy. The Club will forever be indebted for the advice, guidance, financial backing and above all patience over the four years of the project provided by the SFP.

Thank you from the Committee and all the players at Houston United F.C."



DEFIBRILLATOR PROJECT 2019



#SAFEGUARDING **12,075** CLUB MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY USERS

In 2019, The Scottish Football Partnership Trust (SFPT) teamed up with The Kilpatrick Fraser Charitable Trust (KFCT) to put together a new funding strand to provide **12** community football clubs with a lifesaving defibrillator. The following clubs received a device to help safeguard the health and wellbeing of players, coaches, parents, grandparents and other members of the wider community who use their facilities on a weekly basis.



Stuart McCaffrey, Chief Operating Officer at the Trust said *"This is a new initiative for us this year and with so many of our grassroots community clubs developing into facility providers, it is absolutely vital that this kit is available to protect the wellbeing of players, coaches, family members and other members of the community who they interact with on a weekly basis. We are proud to have worked in partnership with the Kilpatrick Fraser Charitable Trust to safeguard over 12,000 club members and community users this year and look forward to developing this partnership further in 2020."*

Buchan Girls & Ladies and Mintlaw Boys Club received a defibrillator through this new scheme to help safeguard the users of the MACBI Community Hub.

Connie Strachan, Hub Manager, said *"At present our hub has around 7,000 monthly members who regularly visit our facility which hosts a variety of football activity including training evenings, AFC matchday centre, Kim Little Soccer Camps, League and Cup matches which our various teams compete in at Scottish Youth FA and SWF level. We are most grateful to the SFP Trust and The KFCT for supporting our club and our community"*.

Additionally, the SFP has invested further funds to help provide defibrillators at Gleniffer Thistle F.C., Dundee West F.C., Ardrossan Winton Rovers JFC, Kinnoull F.C. and Glenrothes F.C.

AS PART OF OUR COMMITMENT TO MAKING SPORT SAFER, SINCE 2017 WE HAVE INVESTED A FURTHER £50,000 TO UPSKILL OVER 1,000 COACH VOLUNTEERS IN SPORTS FIRST AID IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HAMPDEN SPORTS CLINIC.





IMPACT REPORT ON OUR 2019 CLUB DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Our 2019 Club Development Grant initiative was introduced to support Scottish FA Quality Mark clubs to grow and develop. A total of **48** clubs each received a grant of **£500** which saw an incredible overall investment of **£24,000** in grassroots football thanks to our partnership with The Kilpatrick Fraser Charitable Trust.

This initiative, which was strategically delivered in conjunction with the Scottish FA's Regional Development staff, was designed to assist community football clubs in three specific areas and to help reduce the financial burden

on parents, players and coaches. Some of the clubs opted to spend their grant award across all three target areas ranging from First Aid training for volunteer coaches to start-up costs for new girls' teams.

Other projects included the introduction of a new Walking Football team at Deveronvale AFC, a new Mental Health team at Dundee United CT and an award to purchase equipment and support the growth of powerchair football at Tayside Dynamos Powerchair F.C.

TARGET AREAS

1. INCREASING PARTICIPATION

2. IMPROVING, ENHANCING & SUSTAINING ACTIVITY

3. SUPPORTING COACH EDUCATION

IMPACT 1 INCREASING PARTICIPATION

- **379 NEW PLAYERS** introduced to the game
- **10 NEW GRASSROOTS TEAMS** creating activity for girls' football
- **2 NEW GRASSROOTS TEAMS** creating activity for boys' football
- **2 NEW GRASSROOTS TEAMS** created for para football

IMPACT 2 IMPROVING, ENHANCING & SUSTAINING ACTIVITY

- **2,269 PLAYERS** positively impacted in this area
- **19 CLUBS** purchased new kit and equipment
- **7 CLUBS** sent 81 volunteer coaches on First Aid training courses

IMPACT 3 SUPPORTING COACH EDUCATION

- **2,187 PLAYERS** positively impacted in this area
- **22 CLUBS** contributed funding towards coach education
- **128 COACHES** supported through coach education courses



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One of the key objectives for the Scottish FA Football Development Department is 'Football for Life' ensuing that more people get to participate in our beautiful sport regardless of ability or background. The development of community football clubs is vital in ensuring that we are able to create more opportunities for people to participate in the sport. This partnership with the SFP Trust and the Kilpatrick Fraser Charitable Trust through their Club Development Grant initiative has been great and shows that by working together you can achieve some fantastic outcomes for players, volunteer coaches and our community clubs as we continue to assist them to grow and develop”.

Paul McNeill, Head of Community Development, The Scottish FA



Laura Stewart, Secretary of Drumchapel Amateurs F.C. said “We coach children from 3 years of age through to adulthood with an academy for 3 to 5 year-olds, 13 youth teams, an Amateur team and a Walking Football group. The grant will be used to further develop coaches and allow players from the academy to progress into the newly formed team. The equipment will help enhance our training sessions and enable us to encourage all players to be the best they can be. Our club is run solely by volunteers who give up their time all year round and we are so grateful to them for their hard work and dedication to the club.”

“I really like having the chance to play football, it helps us get out the house and keep busy. We have built up our own group at the football – everyone is supportive and understands we are there for the same reason. We all look forward to taking part in the SFA league every month as it gives us something to work towards and helps take our mind off of things - it's good to get the chance to play against and meet other players in the same situation.”
Chris, a participant in the Mental Health team at Dundee United CT

Dalry Rovers F.C. who have 15 registered coaches mentoring and coaching 65 boys and 20 girls playing fun fours through to full 11-a-side football, opted to use their funding to support all their various age-groups with new kit and equipment. **Colin Lindsay from the club said** “We are delighted to receive this award which will allow us to purchase more equipment for our young players. We have a number of teams now playing with the club after only re-starting just over two years ago, after no team operating in Dalry for the previous five years. This grant will allow for much-needed new equipment to help the kids develop their skills while keeping them active and maintaining a healthy lifestyle”.





128 VOLUNTEER COACHES SUPPORTED THROUGH COACH EDUCATION

185 PARTICIPATION IN GIRLS' FOOTBALL BOOSTED BY 185 NEW PLAYERS

2269 PLAYERS BENEFITTING FROM NEW KIT AND EQUIPMENT

2187 PLAYERS BENEFITTING FROM ENHANCED COACHING

379 NEW GRASSROOTS PLAYERS BROUGHT INTO THE GAME



CENTRAL REGION PARTICIPATING CLUBS

- CLYDE F.C. COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
- FALKIRK FOUNDATION
- STENHOUSEMUIR F.C.
- ROSSVALE F.C.
- CUMBERNAULD COLTS F.C.
- DRUMCHAPEL AMATEURS F.C.
- STIRLING ALBION JUNIOR ACADEMY
- MOTHERWELL F.C. COMMUNITY TRUST

EAST REGION PARTICIPATING CLUBS

- DUNDEE UNITED COMMUNITY TRUST
- THE PARS FOUNDATION
- PANMURE F.C.
- FAIR CITY JUNIORS F.C.
- DUNDEE EAST CSC
- BLAIRGOWRIE & RATTRAY CFC
- TAYSIDE DYNAMOS POWERCHAIR F.C.
- KINROSS COLTS F.C. JUNIORS

WEST REGION PARTICIPATING CLUBS

- GIFFNOCK SOCCER CENTRE
- JIMMY JOHNSTONE ACADEMY
- PARK SPORTS PROJECT
- POLLOK UNITED F.C.
- NEILSTON JUNIORS YOUTH ACADEMY
- THORN ATHLETIC F.C.
- GLENIFFER THISTLE F.C.
- ST. CADOC'S YOUTH CLUB

SOUTH WEST REGION PARTICIPATING CLUBS

- STRATHAVEN DYNAMO F.C.
- CLAREMONT AFC
- BONNYTON THISTLE F.C.
- KILBIRNIE CFC
- LAW COMMUNITY AFC
- QUEEN OF THE SOUTH LADIES & GIRLS F.C.
- DALRY ROVERS F.C.
- BLANTYRE SOCCER ACADEMY

SOUTH EAST REGION PARTICIPATING CLUBS

- EDINBURGH SOUTH CFC
- LASSWADE THISTLE F.C.
- SALVESEN CFC
- ARNISTON DIAMONDS YFC
- BONNYRIGG ROSE F.C.
- WINCHBURGH ALBION YFC
- BATHGATE THISTLE CFC
- GULLANE ATHLETIC F.C.

NORTH REGION PARTICIPATING CLUBS

- COVE YOUTH F.C.
- MIDDLEFIELD WASPS SC
- BANCHORY COMMUNITY F.C.
- BUCKIE LADIES F.C.
- DEVERONVALE AFC
- WESTDYKE COMMUNITY F.C.
- PETERHEAD BOYS CLUB
- TURRIFF UNITED YOUTH F.C.



Girvan F.C. Hamilton Park 5-A-Side Pitch Refurbishment



"The 5-a-side pitch at Hamilton Park was originally funded by The Football Trust and installed over 20 years ago and had come to the end of its useable life. Additionally, the floodlights were in a state of disrepair, rendering the facility unsafe for use.

Now thanks to grants from The Scottish Football Partnership Trust, the William Grant Foundation and Carrick Futures Community Benefit Fund we have been able to regenerate the site into what is now a modern playing surface with accompanying LED floodlights

which work and are affordable to run! It has only been 12 weeks or so since the surface was laid however it is proving to be a great success and has led to an uptake in physical activity within the Girvan area. Currently it is being used by nine different groups each week.

These groups include boys' clubs, youth teams, an amateur team, Girvan F.C. and around 30 of our "senior" walking footballers. Without these generous grants we wouldn't have been able to upgrade the facility."

**Andrew Sinclair,
Secretary, Girvan F.C.**



East Kilbride United F.C. Pavilion Upgrade and new Portable Floodlights at Kirktonholme



"Our Community Football Club took possession of Kirktonholme Pavilion and two football pitches in East Kilbride as part of a 25 year asset transfer lease from South Lanarkshire Council.

We invested a significant amount of money to upgrade both the Pavilion and the football pitches to make them suitable for all our members to use and indeed this was made possible by the fantastic support of local volunteers and businesses as well as the SFP Trust who awarded us funding to upgrade the changing areas within our Pavilion.

We believe that by making our facility a true football hub it will encourage more people to play football and also allow us to retain more players who would otherwise give up the sport. It is crucial that we make best use of the grass playing and training areas that we have so that all our members can integrate and be involved in the club seven days a week.

The club identified the need to have portable floodlights to allow us to encourage the use of the facility by our 473 club members throughout the year.



We were delighted to secure a further grant from The SFP Trust to part-fund the purchase of portable floodlights which will encourage increased training and outdoor sessions throughout the winter months."

**Graeme Robertson,
Secretary, East Kilbride United F.C.**

FOOTBALL MEMORIES INITIATIVE BOOSTS SCOTTISH COMMUNITY CLUBS



12 Community Clubs from across the South West region of Scotland benefitted from an invaluable boost in helping sufferers of dementia and Alzheimer's this week as they took receipt of football memory boxes at Hampden Park.

The boxes, containing various objects relating to the game, are designed to play a pivotal role in the delivery of the Football Memories project which aims to tackle social isolation and help those suffering from dementia and Alzheimer's.

Football Memories promotes a relaxed environment, encouraging participants to engage with one another and recollect their fondest memories when following the beautiful game. The addition of memory boxes, thanks to support from The Scottish Football Partnership Trust, are tangible memory stimulants for those involved in the project.

Community clubs from across Scotland have gone through training and education at the Scottish Football Museum and Scottish FA Club Development Manager David Sheldon believes

the clubs help to drive positive results. He said: "Football is such a powerful tool for so many people and the impact that Football Memories is having on those who are suffering from dementia or Alzheimer's is clearly evident and wonderful to behold."

There are a number of cases already showing the success of the project on people across the country – stimulating memories and tackling social isolation. The Football Memories project is really connecting with its demographic across the country. It encourages engagement and harmonises with initiatives like Walking Football, which is continuing to grow.



The community clubs are the vehicle for delivering initiatives such as this across Scotland and our most engaged community clubs have not only been instrumental in this but are growing stronger and stronger as time moves on. We're proud to be able to work with the community clubs to deliver Football

Memories and The Scottish Football Museum's generous support in donating these memory boxes is a crucial step in developing this project. Our thanks also go to The Scottish Football Partnership Trust who have contributed to purchase the memory boxes."

Stuart McCaffrey, Chief Operating Officer at The Scottish Football Partnership Trust, praised the work being carried out in the South West Region with clubs like Greystone Rovers AFC and Beith Juniors CFC. He said: "Football Memories is an incredibly engaging and impactful reminiscence project, which harnesses the positive power of football to support people living with dementia and Alzheimer's in communities throughout Scotland. We are delighted to be working in partnership with The Scottish FA to assist community clubs and organisations in the South West Region to deliver this project on a local level."

Robert Craig, Chair of The Scottish Football Museum said: "Football Memory boxes have proven to be an invaluable resource, with 75 boxes now being used by groups throughout Scotland. The touch and feel of the objects in the boxes stimulate memory recall, bringing back distant recollections of games played and watched."



FUNDING FOR GRASSROOTS WORKSHOPS SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD



10 quality-mark grassroots clubs have been given an opportunity to participate in a programme that equips young people and coaches with the knowledge to reject prejudiced attitudes and behaviours empowering them to become responsible citizens and challenge racism.

In total, 30 workshops will be delivered by The Red Card staff alongside former professional footballers, Derek Ferguson and Michael Weir.

Jordan Allison, Campaign Manager for SRTSC Scotland said "Show Racism the Red Card is an education charity that uses the high profile status of football and football players in order to tackle racism in our society. We are delighted to have received support again this year from The SFP Trust to help deliver these key messages to the next generation of young footballers who participate at grassroots level on how to think critically about their behaviour and actions and how it can affect other people."



For more information on the Football Memories initiative, please visit

WWW.FOOTBALLMEMORIES.ORG.UK

For more information on these educational workshops at grassroots level, please visit

WWW.BIT.LY/SHOWRACISMREDCARD



**GET FIT,
GET HEALTHY...
HAVE FUN**



**GoFitba
PROJECT**



GoFitba continued to grow in 2019 with a further **22 projects** delivered by our partner clubs and this has provided opportunities for another **440 disadvantaged children** to enjoy free-to-access football activity, health education and food.

WE REMAIN INDEBTED TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THIS FANTASTIC COMMUNITY BASED PROJECT:



Here's a snapshot of some of the projects that have been delivered over the past year:



There was some late autumn sunshine on offer for the celebration event at **Annan Athletic F.C.** in October to mark the end of the second 12-session block of GoFitba which was supported by The Holywood Trust.



The club delivered part of the 12 sessions over one week of the October school holiday to children from Hecklegirth, Newington and St. Columba's Primary Schools and reported that the project had been a completely new experience for the pupils with some of the highlights being the ability to play outside and then have a meal with their new friends.

The children also began to understand what exercise and healthy eating was all about and it was good to hear from parents that they appreciated the little changes in their

child's attitude towards food. It was however disappointing to hear from some children that when they attended late morning sessions during the school holiday period that they had not had any breakfast.

GoFitba demonstrated its ability to tackle food inequality at a time when the children were out of school. It was really pleasing to learn that 94% of the children reported that their self-confidence had increased during their time on GoFitba and that they recognised the importance of a healthy diet and the need to stay active.



The project delivered by **Inverness Caledonian Thistle F.C. Community**, supported by funds from The Kilpatrick Fraser Charitable Trust, was a huge success.



235 individual hours of football activity and health education was given to the participants from Central Primary and Bishop Eden Primary over a 12 week period.

Craig Masterton, Head of the Community Department reported that *"the children who participated in the programme have had a sustained period of certainty built into their routine where they could be guaranteed an extra, hot homemade healthy meal each week. This coupled with the education element of the project has upskilled the pupils to make healthier choices in future and influence family life at home. The community as a whole has benefitted from this programme, especially with the eating element where the children took home the messages and were open to trying new foods at home and encouraging their families to do so too."*



#GOFITBA IS BACK!



WE'VE REACHED A FANTASTIC MILESTONE IN THE PROJECT

AN AMAZING 1,260 CHILDREN HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GOFITBA PROJECT SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 2016... BUT WE'RE NOT STOPPING THERE. We have plans in place to extend the project in 2020 and are actively seeking additional partners to extend the project's reach across Scotland.

BREAKING NEWS!!

We've just received notification of further funding support for GoFitba in 2020 from the Crerar Trust and for the second time in three years, The UEFA Foundation for Children has awarded substantial funding for our project.



Supporting Scottish Football from the Grassroots Up



Our Board of Directors/Trustees, who meet each month, have a wealth of experience in the game - experience that is vital as we continue to invest in the game and make awards to the clubs who need it most.

We were delighted to welcome Andrew Charters, Director of Finance and IT at The Scottish FA as a Director and Trustee in June of this year, and we are indeed fortunate to have Andrew's expertise and knowledge on board.

The SFP and Trust invite applications from any football organisation, whether that be from a senior club in the SPFL or a children's team competing at a local level.

We treat every application the same and strive to ensure that our limited budget is spent in the best interests of football in Scotland. If you would like to find out more about funding opportunities, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Similarly, if you are interested in or considering opportunities to invest in the grassroots game and would like to work in partnership with our Trust, please do get in touch.

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| JAMES CLYDESDALE, CHAIRMAN & TRUSTEE | Former Director of Heart of Midlothian F.C. |
| ANDREW CHARTERS, DIRECTOR & TRUSTEE | Director of Finance and IT, The Scottish FA |
| PETER DONALD, DIRECTOR & TRUSTEE | Former Secretary of The Scottish Football League |
| LAURA CAMERON | Executive Assistant |

We've had a fantastic 2019, and can't wait to do it all again in 2020!





Thank you!

FOR HELPING US SUPPORT THE GAME IN SCOTLAND



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