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driven by the community



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### ■ Hartcliffe & Withywood Community Partnership Football, investment period Year 5 2017 - 2019

[Hartcliffe & Withywood Community Partnership](#) (HWCP) is a community led organisation, representing and working on behalf of a community on the Southern edge of Bristol. Steffan a Community Development Worker for the organisation applied for funding to deliver football sessions to young people who were involved in anti-social behaviour in Hartcliffe.

The HWCP football projects aims to foster positive relationships and decrease anti-social behaviour locally. It also aims to leave a lasting legacy of activity that is sustainable through the community and not reliant upon funding. The perceived lack of opportunity locally for some young people is leading them to live inactive lifestyles.

[Hareclive Academy](#) are part of the EACT academy family and run a primary school site which offers the satellite club free access to their floodlight 3G pitches. Through partnership working with the community development worker in the school and their volunteer run programme this satellite club is already embedding a sustainable approach in the community.

The key to sessions delivered at the school site is the informal nature which sees two pitches in operation - continuously. One pitch supports younger people from the local school and area whilst the other sees the satellite club age range catered for with volunteers and Steffan managing the games. The sessions exist for the community, the door to the court is open for any aged young person to attend.

Steffan who achieved his Level 1 Football Association coaching accreditation in order to deliver the project said:

*"The Wesport satellite club funding has lit the touch paper for us. It has been a starting point and now we are looking to develop and evolve the work. A once a week football session served a purpose for getting young people using a space and that has grown to us now offering several sessions each week and introducing different sports and activities.*

*Key to our work has been and will continue to be engagement of local volunteers becoming session facilitators. We have worked with 300 different children and young people over the 9 months but equally as satisfying has been the 7 local volunteers who have been involved in some way."*

Keeping the gates open for anyone to attend has always been the ethos, supporting those young people who don't play but sit outside of the pitches has been Steffan's ongoing plan. With the cost savings he's afforded through securing the free venue, Steffan has planned other taster sessions in sports that those who don't engage in football have requested. Rugby delivered by the closest community rugby team St Bernadette's and Boxing sessions in the school hall (same venue) are in early stages of delivery. This links into wider plans ensuring opportunities are available every night of the week for the local community.

For more information about the Wesport Satellite Clubs programme please [click here](#).





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