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Crime Prevention Through Sport Fund

**Avon and Somerset Police launch fund through Serious Youth Violence in partnership with Somerset Activity & Sports Partnership (SASP) and The West of England Sport Trust (Wesport).**

The Crime Prevention Through Sport Fund aims to support projects that use sport and physical activity to reduce violence, crime and anti-social behaviour. This fund is for projects that focus on using activity as a tool to engage and support young people up to the age of 25. Applications that use sport in its widest sense including traditional, informal sports and activities will be considered and encouraged to apply.

Together the partners are invested in supporting projects that thoroughly consider all the aims of the fund and those who are future proofing their work to leave a lasting support for the communities they work with.

Working collaboratively with the Police, both SASP and Wesport who fulfil the roles of Active Partnerships for the respective areas see this partnership as a longer-term relationship. Sport being used purposefully as a tool to engage young people in positive behaviour is a key focus for both Active Partnerships.

Quote Steve Nelson CEO of Wesport   
"We are pleased to be working with Avon and Somerset Police, and our neighbouring Active Partnership on this exciting programme to help ensure Crime Prevention Funding through Sport can have an impact across Avon and Somerset."

Quote from Jane Knowles CEO of SASP

Quote from James Serious Youth Violence Lead?

Signposting to relevant website locations with fund detail and applications available for downloading:  
For more information about the fund and to download an application pack please visit the following links:

* SASP covering projects in Mendip, Sedgemoor, South Somerset and Somerset West & Taunton.
* Wesport covering projects in Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire.

(Links to follow once both sites are updated)

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Further notes to the editor

About Wesport

1. The West of England Sport Trust (Wesport) is a charity that champions sport in the local community by creating inspirational and innovative opportunities for more people to experience the benefits of physical activity.
2. Wesport also fulfils the role of an Active Partnership and covers the four local authorities – Bristol, Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset, and South Gloucestershire – that together constitute the West of England area. Wesport is also part of the national County Sport Partnership Network.
3. Wesport works with a wide variety of local and national partners, enabling the delivery (directly or indirectly) of funded sports programmes.
4. We receive funding through donations, grant funding from a range of governmental, and sports bodies including [**Sport England**](http://www.sportengland.org/).
5. For all media related enquires please contact Caitlin Stephenson (Project Officer), Email: [caitlin.stephenson@wesport.org.uk](mailto:caitlin.stephenson@wesport.org.uk) or Telephone 0117 328 6250.

For more information about Wesport please visit [www.wesport.org.uk](http://www.wesport.org.uk) or contact the Wesport team either by phone 0117 328 6250 or email [info@wesport.org.uk](mailto:info@wesport.org.uk).

About SASP

Somerset Activity and Sports Partnership (SASP) is dedicated to increasing the health and happiness of residents in Somerset through physical activity and sport. SASP is a charitable trust and a member of the nation-wide network of 43 Active Partnerships (APs), sharing a mission of transforming lives through sport and physical activity. Each AP is independent, governed by a Board of Trustees and funded through Sport England, and grant giving bodies, companies and individuals who share their mission.

Further information can be found at [www.sasp.co.uk](http://www.sasp.co.uk) or by contacting SASP at [enquiries@sasp.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@sasp.co.uk) or by phoning 01823 653990.

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