

Project Report for Community Board Meeting – Delaford Colts FC

Firstly, can I, on behalf of Delaford Colts Members, once again thank The Wexham and Ivers Community Board for funding our project which in our view has been very successful.

As a club, we are dependent on volunteers and community support through sponsorship and funding, so it was an amazing opportunity to really establish and strength out position as a local community club that allows us to help local children enjoy sport in a fun and safely organised environment.

The project went well, and we managed to satisfy the club needs over the two-year period to purchase the training equipment and match kit required to ensure the club continue to run in a safe and organised manner catering for all out 10 teams.

Goals: We managed to successfully purchase 6 new goals that replaced the old rusted and worn goals which were rapidly becoming a health and safety issue, so this funding came at exactly the right time which now ensures that all teams have enough sets of goals for match days as well as training each footballing weekend. The biggest challenge we had was constructing the goals but as the pictures below show our members DIY skills were tested, we managed to get there.

Football/Managers Kits: With the funds we also managed to purchase match kits for a couple of teams which allows our players to represent the club in a professional manner, we will look to recycle these for a few years to make the best use of them. As well as match kits manager kits were purchased. Our members were very impressed with the new smart customised kits and gives a feel-good factor around the club as well as the Iver Community.

Training & Match Equipment: Training and Match Footballs, cones, bibs were purchased to ensure all teams have enough equipment for the coaches to run effective training sessions to progress development of all our players.

Safety Kit: In addition, it was imperative that we had enough First Aid kits and safety equipment across all teams.

The success of this project has been evident by the positive feedback we have had in the community and from our parent members commending the training facilities and equipment in comparison to other local clubs. We constantly get compliments on how well run we are which I believe, would not be forthcoming without the recent purchases from this funding. We have happy local Ivers children enjoying sport in a safe and fun environment. As well as developing their sporting skills they are also progressing as young humans, building their character confidence and mental strength. We truly believe we are successfully bringing joy to the Ivers Community.

Parent Testimonial. "I'm a football loving dad who wants the best for my son. I left Delaford to seek a new challenge for my son, soon realising that the grass is not always greener elsewhere. Realising that other clubs did not have the training facilities & equipment and organisation of Delaford Colts I looked to return and was welcomed back with open arms - a relieved parent with a now very happy child!"

Finally, I believe these funds will enhance the longevity of Delaford Colts Football Club and allow us to continue the good work from our Iver Community volunteers.

