



ANNUAL REVIEW

The Football Foundation's mission is to improve facilities, create opportunities and build communities.



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Chairman's Report



Dave Richards

This year has been certainly the most memorable in the short history of the Football Foundation. The future development of the organisation is now secure thanks to the commitment of our stakeholders to continue our funding package, enabling the Foundation to take a long term strategic view of the impact of our grants, whilst cementing our position as the biggest sports charity in the country.

Our monitoring and evaluation reveals the positive influence the Foundation has had using our national game to help our communities. Thousands of players of all ages and abilities have benefited from our unique funding package, whilst our community and education programme continues to use the power of the game to tackle such issues as crime, drug abuse and racism.

It is due to the continued backing of our funding partners, The F.A. Premier League; The FA; the Government and Sport England, as well as the professionalism and commitment of the staff that the Foundation continues to thrive. It is not time to look back at the success story that is the Football Foundation, but to look to the future, to continue to build on the excellent work already undertaken and to ensure that every community has access to the unique benefits that sport offers.







Chief Executive

Peter Lee

The Football Foundation continues to deliver modern sporting facilities throughout the country, promoting a wealth of projects in which football is playing a huge role in benefiting our communities.

Over 600 community projects are up and running. We have funded almost 100 artificial pitch projects and over 170 clubs and organisations have new pavilions and changing facilities, catering for the growth in participation in the game in all sectors notably women, girls and those with disabilities.

The year has seen the exciting development of our £30m partnership with Barclays and Groundwork that is set to deliver 21 large-scale multi-sport flagship projects over the next three years, as well as hundreds of smaller projects throughout the country.

Our community and education programme continues to provide local organisations with vital funding to use the power of the game to assist the most vulnerable groups in society and to tackle serious issues on the social agenda. With projects specially designed to tackle crime, drug abuse and anti-social behaviour, as well as providing opportunities to improve numeracy, literacy and health, the Foundation is at the vanguard of efforts to use sport as a force for good.

I am grateful for the continuing support of The F.A. Premier League, The FA, the Government and Sport England. The unique partnership they form in the Foundation is one of football's best good news stories. It is also my pleasure to acknowledge here the huge contribution the staff of the Foundation have made to the success of that story.



Grass Roots

The Football Foundation is continuing to revolutionise the grass roots participation in the game, transforming sport in parks, schools and local leagues. Over £120m has been invested into projects worth almost £200m creating some of the best community facilities in the country. Football has never been as popular, The FA estimate that twelve million are now playing the game and Foundation investment has ensured that a new generation of players, regardless of ability, race or gender, have access to inclusive, safe and modern facilities.



Football Clubs



BUCKHURST HILL JUNIOR SPORTS CLUB

Following an arson attack at their Roding Hill ground, Essex club Buckhurst Hill, faced closure. However, a £290,546 grant from the Football Foundation not only enabled the club to construct a new clubhouse, but also to purchase their ground from the local council and provide six new pitches on their ten acre site.

Today the club is in the best of health. Their new facilities, some of the finest in the county, have transformed the provision of football in the area, allowing hundreds of young people to take part in the national game.

Membership has more than doubled, and almost 500 players now use the site every week. For the first time the club has a girls section with teams for players aged 6-16. Almost 250 boys are now playing in 16 teams and over 160 adult male players are now regular users of the revamped facilities. The club also now has 25 professionally qualified coaches to take the training sessions and provide after-school football for local children.

The new ground is a venue for games lessons for local school children, as well as providing opportunities to play cricket, rounders and hockey.

"Thanks to the Football Foundation we now have one of the most modern and well-equipped grounds in the area. Hundreds of new players have joined the club and the ground is a real asset to our community. Interest in the game is at an all time high and the ground is packed every day of the week."

Ken Richbell, Chairman of Buckhurst Hill Junior Sports Club

HIGHWORTH JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Swindon Town England Under-21 international goalkeeper, Rhys Evans, was the guest of honour at the opening of one of Wiltshire's largest grass roots football facilities.

The new Elms Recreation Ground, home to Highworth Junior Football club previously had no changing rooms for the six Mini-Soccer and five junior teams at the club, hampering the provision of football within the community.

A £477,631 Football Foundation grant has now enabled the club to construct an outstanding new pavilion, housing six changing rooms alongside community areas and spectator facilities.

The club now has almost 300 members, up from just 120 before the investment. Local girls have been encouraged to take part in the activities and the number of young male players at the club has doubled. Highworth also has a further 25 qualified coaches providing more activities in a safe and fun environment.

Chairman Bernard Berry said:

"The Foundation grant has allowed the club to replace their old dilapidated portakabin, with its two rooms and no running water or sanitation."

The grant has given the club a high quality base from where it can deliver experienced coaching for approximately 200 children. The raised level of interest shown has resulted in a substantial membership increase, in particularly the girls section, where the number of players has tripled."

Local Authorities

Our groundbreaking Register of English Football Facilities (REFF), revealed that over 75% of the country's football pitches were owned by local authorities. In order to target our funding into areas where investment is most needed, partnerships with local councils have proved invaluable. The Foundation has now entered into 139 of these partnerships providing funding of £38m and attracting inward investment worth almost £30m.



BOLTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

A £270,895 Foundation grant enabled Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council to undertake a renovation of the Newhouse Farm Playing Fields in the Brightmet area of the town.

The pitches had suffered from constant waterlogging and the ground's changing rooms had become run down, limiting the provision of football, particularly for the female and junior games.

The investment enabled the council to transform the site, refurbishing the changing rooms to cater for male and female players and carrying out major drainage work on the site's ten pitches.

Over 400 players are now using the site as a result of the Foundation's investment, whereas before the site could only cater for two teams. The biggest growth has been amongst girl players aged between 11-16, 150 of whom are regular players, confirming football's position as the most popular game played by females in the country.



LIVERPOOL CITY COUNCIL

With the backing of a £633,022 grant, Liverpool City Council transformed run down playing fields in the Netherley & Valley area of the city. The site, home of The Belle Vale & District Junior Football League since its formation in 1975, had suffered from poor drainage leading to inevitable waterlogging and the cancellation of games. Players also had to make do with two metal shipping containers as there were no changing facilities at the site.

The Reggie Smith site was transformed with the creation of a new pavilion, housing ten changing rooms and community areas and a modern pitch drainage system, which was installed at the ground.

Since the renovations, the area has witnessed what has been described by league chairman Ian Thompson, as an 'explosion of interest'. The estimated 37 teams the league were hoping would be a realistic target, has been massively exceeded, with 1,300 footballers aged 8-15 now playing in 90 teams at the ground.

Ian Thompson, President of The Belle Vale and District Junior Football League said:

"The site has now become a magnet for children from the age of seven up to 15 and all games now attract parents and residents alike, who treat the facility not only as a football pitch, but as a social gathering point. Apart from the children benefiting hugely, it has also led to the league now having a large amount of certificated coaches who have undertaken their FA courses at the facility under the guidance of The Liverpool County FA.

I have no doubt that the standards the league have introduced since this wonderful development was completed will have massive benefits for youngsters from the area for many years to come. The Foundation has made our players' dreams come true."



Schools

Schools are playing an increasingly influential role in the provision of sport, not only amongst their pupils but for the communities they serve. Our partnership with the Big Lottery Fund has overseen investment of £30m, providing over 100 schools and colleges with outstanding new facilities, not only encouraging football, but also introducing young people to a wide range of sporting options.



MILLENNIUM PRIMARY SCHOOL

More than 1,500 Greenwich youngsters are now playing on a refurbished artificial pitch following a £39,500 Foundation grant. The old pitch had become worn and unusable due to the huge demand for the game, leaving pupils at the school with few playing opportunities.

The revamped site is now hosting matches and training sessions for over 100 adult male players and 50 under-16 players from nearby clubs and schools.

700 girls now regularly play at the Millennium Primary School, which is now also providing girls-only football on Saturday mornings in conjunction with the Charlton Athletic Football in the Community Scheme.



CONYERS SCHOOL

The Conyers School in Yarm is now providing a host of sporting opportunities for pupils, local clubs and the wider community with the backing of a £304,000 Football Foundation grant.

The money has allowed the school to develop a floodlit, full-size synthetic turf pitch which remains open for over 12 hours a day and throughout school holidays and weekends.

As well as developing their current curriculum activities, the school has increased community provision and now attracts over 2,000 users every week. Local clubs and primary schools are now using the facilities, which have also massively increased provision for female footballers, with over 350 girls now regularly playing on the new pitch.

Emphasising the truly inclusive nature of the new facilities, players with disabilities are being encouraged to participate in local *soccability* festivals held at the school. There are also weekly coaching sessions for people with learning disabilities.

Middlesbrough and England Defender, Gareth Southgate, visited the project to launch the Foundation's Ambassador scheme:

"Projects such as the Conyers School underline football's determination to put something back into the game and I want to see more Teesside clubs, schools and community organisations contacting the Foundation to see how they can help. I believe it is essential that the players themselves throw their support behind the work being done in our communities. Football can achieve so much in reaching out to vulnerable people, cutting crime and promoting health and education."

Chris Aitkin, Director of Sport said:

"Thanks to the Foundation, the new synthetic pitch has benefited the local community enormously. Three large FA Chartered Partner clubs use the pitch on weekday evenings and weekends. Primary school children receive coaching and girls football is taking off in the area as a result of coaching initiatives, festivals and tournaments.

Plans are also in place to develop disabled football by linking with Middlesbrough Football Club.

The biggest problem we have is fitting everyone in. We deal with a massive range of community groups in football from Mini-Soccer, girls and disabled groups, to adult casual 7-a-sides and over 35 competitions."





Community and Education

The wide-ranging work of the Football Foundation's Community and Education investment has confirmed football's commitment to using the power and prestige of the game to tackle many of the social issues now facing communities. Football is unique in its ability to reach out to diverse and often vulnerable members of society, using its popularity as a catalyst for learning, crime prevention and healthier lifestyles.



On top of this, those involved in the game are making great strides in understanding issues such as race, disability and learning difficulties. By playing the game in an environment conducive to

promoting tolerance and understanding, football is helping to break down the barriers that exist between many sections of society, fostering a sense of community between often disparate groups.

Education

PREMIER LEAGUE READING STARS

Leading Premier League players have been recruited to drive a national initiative aimed at encouraging families to read together. Set in local libraries, Premier League Reading Stars will see top players such as Ryan Giggs and David James encourage football fans to read their favourite books.

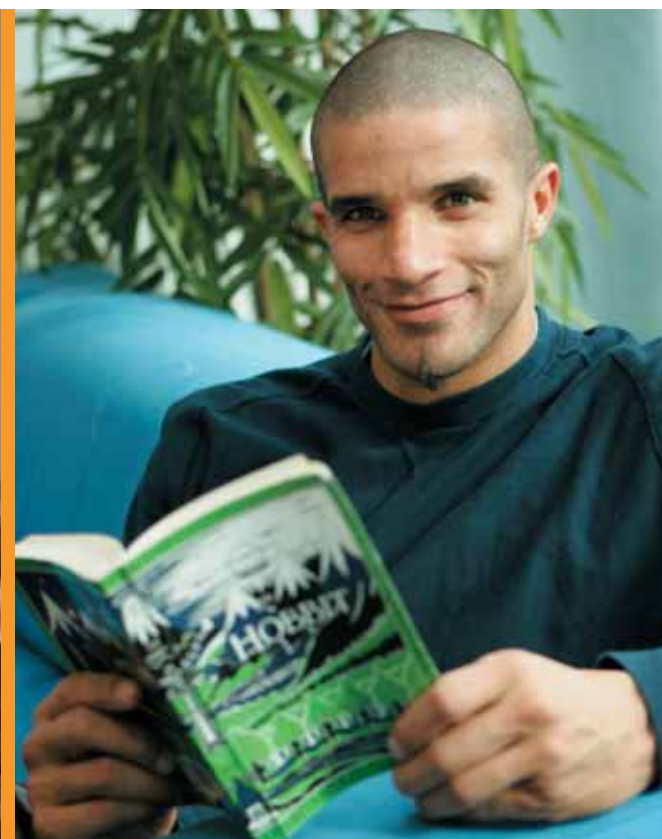
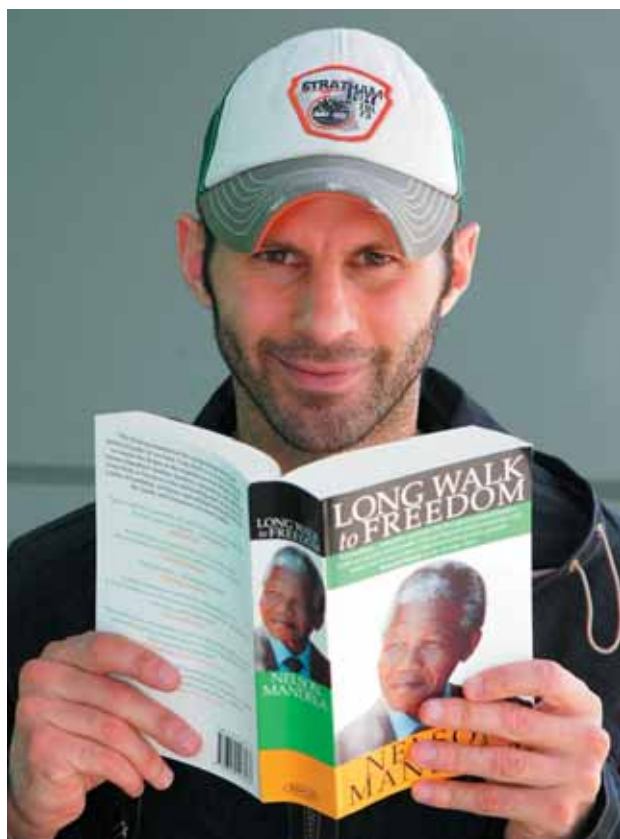
The programme is a partnership between the Football Foundation, the National Literacy Trust and The F.A. Premier League and is also supported by Arts Council England.

Each Premier League Club has nominated a Reading Champion, who has selected his favourite book in order to create a reading list for families taking part in the project.

The Clubs have adopted 40 local libraries. Reading groups, made up of children and adults, meet at the libraries on a regular basis to talk about their heroes' recommendations.

The scheme has shown outstanding results:

Children on the scheme read a total of 460 books (an average of four per child) and 96% want to read more as a result. Adults on the scheme read a total of 170 books (an average of two per person) and, as a result of the course, 93% want to read more.



Ryan Giggs, whose choice was Long Walk to Freedom by Nelson Mandela, welcomed the scheme and explained his selection:
"Reading about Mandela is an inspiration to everyone, what he went through was horrendous, yet he is still a man of compassion and his love for his people is heart warming."

Manchester City's Reading Champion, David James, who selected The Hobbit by JRR Tolkien as his favourite read added:
"I believe that footballers have a responsibility to act as positive role models through schemes like Premier League Reading Stars. By showing supporters that Premiership footballers have an interest in reading, hopefully I, and the other Reading Champions, can inspire people to pick up a book. Using football as a motivating force to learn, this project will attempt to break down barriers that may have stopped people reading before. Through the creation of reading groups, we can show what a fun, interesting and sociable place your local library can be."

THE POMPEY STUDY CENTRE

Young Portsmouth fans are now using the power of football to get connected to the web and boost their education, with the backing of a £61,816 grant from the Foundation.

The funding package has established a state of the art interactive computer library at the Pompey Study Centre, for local kids to polish up on their literacy, numeracy and IT skills. The library is the first of its kind in the country.

3,500 young people from 73 schools in the Portsmouth area are already using the centre. Qualified teachers are also on hand for expert advice and the centre has hosted guest lectures by authors and poets to inspire the budding writers.

Clare Martin, Head of the Centre said:

"The library at Pompey has grown phenomenally since its conception in December 2003. An ongoing programme of visits by authors, journalists and personalities associated with football has proved extremely popular with schools and workshops are continually over subscribed. Hundreds of youngsters attended to hear the celebrated children's writers and football supporters speak about their support for their football team. The evening also featured readings from their work, performance poetry, and a bookshop."



Disability



SOUTH LONDON SPECIAL LEAGUE

One of London's leading schemes to provide sport for children with learning difficulties kicked off their new season with a £122,191 Foundation grant.

Former Chelsea star, Paul Elliott and FA Director of Football Development, Sir Trevor Brooking, joined Foundation President, Lord Pendry and young players from the South London Special League to commemorate the funding. The programme is working with boys and girls from under-12 to under-19 level with both severe and moderate learning difficulties. The programme is now also providing a broad range of disability awareness training for coaches, trainers, volunteers and helpers to work alongside the scheme.

Sharon Brokenshire, the organiser of the project said:
"Organising competitive football for young people with special needs is the most rewarding work I have ever done. I feel a sense of burning pleasure watching these youngsters really enjoying this game, their game. At whatever level they play we can celebrate their achievements, and often learn from their honest dedication. The South London Special League is succeeding thanks to the support it receives from the Football Foundation and all those people in the community who are committed to enabling these youngsters to play the game."

EVERTON DISABILITY FOOTBALL PROGRAMME

Disabled footballers in Merseyside are now enjoying more opportunities to play the game, thanks to a partnership between Everton FC and the Football Foundation.

The Foundation provided the Everton FC Football in the Community Scheme with a £124,140 funding boost to expand their disability football project over the next four years. The award follows an earlier £22,950 Foundation grant to set up the scheme in 2003, which has quickly established itself as one of the best in the country.

The project is successfully using the power of football as a tool to empower disabled peoples' lives, integrating them into society and tackling such issues as improving confidence and self-esteem.

The scheme has delivered significant benefits and opportunities to a broad range of disabled people and has successfully encouraged disabled young people to play football at all levels of the game.

Everton's community scheme has already provided specialist coaching programmes to 20 special schools, providing 400 children with learning disabilities and sensory or physical impairments, regular opportunities to take up the game, as well as compete in mini tournaments and festivals within school curriculum time. This work is also repeated through their groundbreaking work with hundreds of wheelchair users; the blind; amputees; and a wide range of disabled junior and adult footballers.





Anti-Racism

KICKING RACISM INTO TOUCH: FOOTBALL 1 RACISM 0 - THE KICK IT OUT WEEK OF ACTION



In addition to the football family's ongoing support for the Kick It Out campaign, the Foundation has also been celebrating the diversity in the game through a series of Community Chest grants.

Coinciding with the Kick It Out week of action, Black History Month and Ramadan, 40 community groups received funding of up to £1,000 to highlight the positive impact of a culturally diverse game.

One of the innovative and engaging projects that received funding was the City Life for Education and Action for Refugees (CLEAR) project in Southampton (pictured above with Southampton Chairman Rupert Lowe). The CLEAR group held an intercultural football tournament inviting teams from Southampton Institute University, Southampton FC Supporter's Association and refugee and asylum seeking communities to participate.

The tournament has helped to break down negative stereotypes about refugee and asylum seeking communities and build ongoing relationships within the local community.

In the three years the Community Chests grants have been available, they have helped to increase community involvement in the annual anti-racism week of action; encourage the participation of groups that are currently under represented in football, such as women and

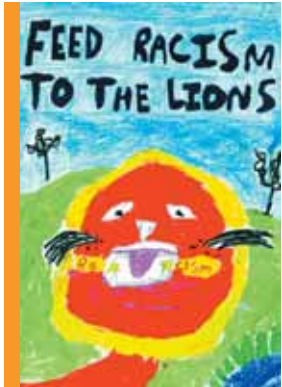
refugees; build partnerships with organisations that help develop community based football projects; and introduced and encouraged groups to engage with issues such as diversity, equality and racism.

Kick It Out Director, Piara Powar, underlined the importance of the Community Chest grants to the week of action:

"Community involvement is a crucial part of the week of action. The co-financing of the Community Chest grants scheme by the Football Foundation is making a qualitative difference each year, allowing groups at the grass roots to stand alongside the football family, sends out a clear message.

The quality and range of applications to the scheme shows the appetite that exists amongst communities to develop new and innovative ideas that use football to deliver projects that engage and tackle exclusion."

The Kick It Out national anti-racism week of action has become a firm fixture in the sporting calendar and the Community Chest grants are an integral part to the continued success of the symbolic week, where the football family unify to underline its commitment to kicking racism into touch.



SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

Young people throughout the North East are now playing their part in tackling racism, thanks to a new partnership between Show Racism the Red Card and the Football Foundation.

The Foundation has provided a grant of £92,250 to the anti-racism education charity to provide a series of education workshops in hundreds of schools throughout the region. The sessions raised awareness about the dangers of and issues surrounding racism and increased over 2,000 young people's understanding of diversity in a multi-racial society.

Newcastle's Jemaine Jenas used the launch of the project to deliver the message that racism has no place in the game or in our communities.

Sarah Soyei, North East Area Schools Work Co-ordinator said:

"Football is a great way to get the anti-racist message across, as it is such a multi-cultural game. There are players of many different nationalities and colours in every major football team in this country."

"By going into schools and coaching football I can help to get the message across that all discrimination is wrong, be it about colour, religion, asylum seekers, disability or anything else. Our schools work in the North East has been extremely successful. We saw over 1,000 young people in the first four months and, since then, it has just gone from strength to strength" *said Gary Bennett, Project Co-ordinator.*



When asked about the campaign, young participants were very positive:

"Football can have a positive influence on society."

"Racism is mean and uncaring, don't do it."

"I think that it is good because you hear people's life stories and it can stop you from making racist comments and give people a different view on racism."

Small Grants Scheme

One of our most successful new initiatives has undoubtedly been the Community and Education Small Grants Scheme.

The programme was established to target voluntary groups, charities and community organisations to introduce new activity, increase participation and provide training for volunteers to support grass roots football. The take-up of the scheme has been nothing short of phenomenal. So far over 360 groups have claimed funding totalling £2.1m for a variety of coaching schemes, club development programmes or community initiatives.



REDHILL JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

With the backing of a £6,983 grant, Redhill Junior Football Club in Surrey has expanded their club and developed a new range of coaching initiatives for local youngsters. By offering training sessions three days a week using facilities at local schools at weekends and after school, the club now has over 100 young footballers regularly attending and has established three new Mini-Soccer teams for junior players, aiding physical development and exercise and fostering what team manager, Martin Brownjohn, describes as “a great sense of team spirit”.

NORMANTON ATHLETIC JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

A £2,440 grant enabled Yorkshire team Normanton Athletic Junior Football Club to establish a series of free training initiatives at three venues around the town. Over 120 young players now regularly attend and sessions are provided four days of the week by eight newly qualified coaches. The rise in availability of professional coaching in a safe environment has stimulated a growth in community participation in football throughout the town, particularly amongst females. To meet this increase, the club has formed four new teams including one under-11s girls squad.

By working in partnership with local schools, the club is now playing a leading role as a provider of coaching initiatives for pupils after school, helping to promote activity and creating healthier lifestyles for school children.





Junior Kit Scheme

Perhaps the initiative that has made the biggest direct impact on junior clubs and schools throughout the country has been our unique Junior Kit Scheme. Almost 100,000 junior players at clubs, schools and local teams have now taken advantage of our free kit and equipment vouchers.

Our revamped scheme means that we have been able to increase the total value of the vouchers, which now provide up to £400 of Nike strips, training equipment, balls and coaching aids. We have also increased the number of groups eligible for the scheme by raising the age limit to 18.

In addition, clubs with both boys and girls teams can submit applications for two kits, and clubs with disabled adult squads are also now eligible to apply.



Barclays Spaces for Sports

In their first season as sponsors of the Premier League, Barclays launched their new £30m community sports programme, Barclays Spaces for Sports – a partnership between Barclays, the Football Foundation and Groundwork, an environmental regeneration charity.

Over three years the scheme will create and improve sports facilities in local communities across the UK. Every site will be supplied with sports equipment and development funding to support and help the community get the most out of the new facilities.

Nic Gault, Barclays Group Sponsorship Director, said:

“The Barclays Premiership is the most exciting league in the world, but it is equally important that we support grass roots level sport as well. Barclays Spaces for Sports will have a lasting impact on communities across the UK for many years to come.”



FLAGSHIP SITES

Seven 'flagship' sites per year will be created with matched financial backing for the capital funding from the Football Foundation. These will be the scheme's largest sports based regeneration projects and will be linked closely with Barclays Premiership clubs. The first flagship site, Liverpool's Anfield Youth Club (AYC), was launched at the site with local school children by the Chancellor Rt Hon Gordon Brown, Minister for Sport Richard Caborn, Liverpool FC manager Rafael Benitez and home grown Liverpool FC football stars Steven Gerrard and Jamie Carragher:

"The Government is proud to be a funding partner of the Football Foundation, which alongside The F.A. Premier League and The FA has provided investment for more than 1,100 community/grass roots projects worth almost £300m. The Football Foundation by working in partnership with commercial organisations like Barclays is an excellent example of a public/private partnership working for the benefit of our communities.

This programme in the city of Liverpool, with its distinguished football history, highlights the role that sport can play within communities. Not only can sport help support more active lifestyles but it can also act as an effective vehicle to combat crime, drug abuse, racism and anti-social behaviour."

Rt Hon Gordon Brown MP

"Having played in the local Edgehill Junior League I know how important it is to have good facilities available locally. I started my playing career around the corner in Britannic Park, so I'd love to see the renewed AYC become a breeding ground for the next generation of Liverpool players."

Steven Gerrard

"The Barclays Spaces for Sports programme is an excellent example of how a private/public sector partnership can benefit communities across the UK and one which I see as a blueprint for the future sports investment."

Minister of Sport, Rt Hon Richard Caborn MP



LOCAL SITES

Local sites for communities across the country will also be funded offering opportunities for sports such as basketball, netball, and tennis through to skateboard and BMX tracks. These community spaces will give local people the opportunity to exercise and have fun.

COACHING KIT & EQUIPMENT AWARDS

During the course of the programme, over 3,000 coaching kit and equipment packs will be awarded to community groups and clubs across the country. This will ensure teams, particularly in areas of deprivation, will get the support they need.



LOCAL HERO AWARD

This is a unique award designed to celebrate the unsung heroes of community sport. Clubs and associations are invited to nominate an individual from their local area who deserves recognition for their inspiring contribution to sport. The winners are presented with the award and a cheque for £1,000 for their charitable organisation.

The first winner was Mick Northword (*pictured below*) of Long Lane Junior FC, Kidbrooke, South East London, whose dedication to the club has seen the club grow to its current size, running 38 teams with more than 400 players. He has supported over 5,000 local children in the last 22 years and developed pitches and facilities to match. Long Lane J.F.C. is now the third biggest junior club in the UK.

Said Mick: "We've received remarkable support from the local community, we could not have achieved a fraction of our success without all their support. We're extremely proud of our past and our present and there are a lot of unsung heroes at Long Lane Football Club - this Award is a testament to everybody's effort."

www.barclays.co.uk/spacesforsports

Ambassadors Scheme

Enlisting the support of some of the biggest names in the Premier League has proved a vital addition in raising awareness, within communities, of how clubs, schools and organisations can benefit from funding from the Football Foundation. The clubs and the players themselves have proved to be some of the biggest supporters of the grass roots game in the world of football, giving up their time to meet young participants at programmes throughout the country.



Photo by Roy Smiljanic-BCFC

Kicked off by Middlesbrough captain, Gareth Southgate, the scheme will see every club in The F.A. Premier League nominate their own Football Foundation Ambassador to promote the work of the Foundation within their communities.

Jermaine Jenas joined pupils at the Prudhoe Community High School to see their new football centre funded with a Foundation award of £750,285.

Wes Brown went along to meet young players at the Copley Recreation Centre to see at first hand, their artificial pitch funded with a £656,991 Foundation grant.

Darren Purse met junior footballers at the West Brom Football in the Community soccer camp at Willingsworth High School, for a kick around on the Foundation funded artificial pitch.

David Prutton formally launched the CHILL project, funded with a £196,200 Football Foundation grant, which is delivering football coaching, healthy lifestyle information and awareness sessions in the Outer Shirley Regeneration area of Southampton.

Lee Carsley was on hand to meet the players on the outstanding Everton Disability Football Scheme, to celebrate the news of a massive £124,140 Foundation grant to expand the disability football programme over the next four years. The award follows a previous £22,950 Foundation grant to establish the scheme in 2003.

Mario Melchiot also took part in a question-and-answer session with young participants on a Positive Futures programme, a unique scheme funded by the Home Office, Sport England the Football Foundation, using sport to provide education training and football opportunities for young people at risk of offending.

Aspirations for the Future

With the continued support of our partners, we can now look to build on the successes of the last four years.

The next period of the Football Foundation's history will see us making an even deeper impact within communities throughout the country. Our new website will soon allow applicants the ease of applying online as well as providing our new series of guidance and data sheets, simplifying the entire process, reducing bureaucracy and cutting the amount of time it takes to get a decision.

The invaluable work undertaken by the County FAs and the network of Local Football Partnerships encouraging local organisations to apply to the Foundation, has proved essential in delivering funding to the areas most in need. The next year will, no doubt, develop these relationships even further, strengthening the framework of facilities available to encourage community participation in grass roots football.

Our Ambassadors scheme underlines the commitment to reach out to communities. Already more than half of The F.A. Premier League clubs have a Football Foundation Ambassador, promoting participation in football within society and encouraging more clubs, schools and pitch operators to make the most of the Foundation's unique funding programmes. The scheme is something that emphasises how important role models are for children and is an initiative we would like to expand to involve all professional clubs.

Our monitoring and evaluation process continues to reveal the significant impact of our funding and we will continue to develop this over the forthcoming year.



Financial Summary

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 May 2004

These summarised financial statements may not contain sufficient information to allow a full understanding of the financial affairs of the Foundation. For further information the full annual financial statements, the auditors' report on those financial statements and Trustees' Annual Report should be consulted; copies of these can be obtained from the Director of Finance, 25 Soho Square, London W1D 4FF.

The full annual financial statements, from which these summary financial statements are derived and on which the auditors gave an unqualified opinion, were approved by the Trustees on 8 December 2004, and have been delivered to the Charity Commission and to the Registrar of Companies.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees



David Richards
Chairman
8 December 2004

Independent auditors' statement to the members of The Football Foundation

We have examined the summary financial statement of The Football Foundation set out on page 27.

Respective responsibilities of directors, trustees and auditors

The directors and trustees are responsible for preparing the summarised annual report in accordance with applicable law. Our responsibility is to report to you our opinion on the consistency of the summary financial statement within the Annual Review, with the annual financial statements and trustees' report and its compliance with the relevant requirements of Section 251 of the United Kingdom Compliance Act 1985 and the regulations made thereunder. We also read the other information contained in the Annual Review and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the summary financial statement.

This statement, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Section 251 of the Companies Act 1985 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our work in accordance with Bulletin 1999/6, 'The auditors' statement on the summary financial statement' issued by the Auditing Practices Board for use in the United Kingdom.

Opinion

In our opinion the summary financial statement is consistent with the annual financial statements of The Football Foundation for the year ended 31 May 2004 and complies with the applicable requirements of Section 251 of the Companies Act 1985, and the regulations made thereunder.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
London

Consolidated statement of financial activities

Year ended 31 May 2004

	Restricted funds 2004 £'000	Unrestricted funds 2004 £'000	Total funds 2004 £'000	Total funds 2003 £'000
Incoming resources				
Donations	13,858	39,385	53,243	24,551
Activities for generating funds:				
Trading income	–	482	482	546
Interest Income	–	1,839	1,839	1,632
Total incoming resources	13,858	41,706	55,564	26,729
Resources expended				
Cost of generating funds				
Trading costs in subsidiary company	–	(114)	(114)	(165)
Cost of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects:				
Grants payable	(13,858)	(31,158)	(45,016)	(30,006)
Management and administration	–	(2,632)	(2,632)	(2,217)
	(13,858)	(33,790)	(47,648)	(32,223)
Total resources expended	(13,858)	(33,904)	(47,762)	(32,388)
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	–	7,802	7,802	(5,659)
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of investment assets	–	155	155	(83)
Net movement in funds	–	7,957	7,957	(5,742)
Fund balances brought forward	–	18,470	18,470	24,212
Fund balances carried forward	–	26,427	26,427	18,470

Balance sheets

At 31 May 2004

	Group		Charity	
	2004 £'000	2003 £'000	2004 £'000	2003 £'000
Fixed assets				
Intangible assets	–	86	–	86
Tangible assets	2,149	2,573	327	421
Investments	–	2,917	–	2,917
	2,149	5,576	327	3,424
Current assets				
Investment	3,072	2,000	3,072	2,000
Debtors	15,587	4,294	15,698	4,931
Cash on deposit	59,729	43,385	59,396	42,714
	78,388	49,679	78,166	49,645
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(54,110)	(36,785)	(53,856)	(36,723)
Net current assets	24,278	12,894	24,310	12,922
Net assets	26,427	18,470	24,637	16,346
Capital and reserves				
Trading subsidiary reserves	1,790	2,124	–	–
Restricted fund	–	–	–	–
Unrestricted funds	24,637	16,346	24,637	16,346
Total funds	26,427	18,470	24,637	16,346

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