



LLantwit Major Leisure Centre

LLantwit Cavaliers

Background

Operating as both a competitive cricket team and a vital social hub for the past 51 years, the Llantwit Cavaliers represent the heart of their local community. The club currently supports a diverse, multicultural squad of approximately 30 players. They maintain an active schedule, competing in the South Wales Cricket Association League on Saturdays, while hosting friendly fixtures across South Wales on Wednesdays and Sundays.

Despite their rich history, the club has faced significant operational hurdles in recent years. Following the COVID-19 pandemic, the Cavaliers experienced a sharp decline in junior engagement. Furthermore, the club shares its playing ground with the local football team, which heavily restricts the installation of permanent cricket infrastructure and limits overall training capabilities.



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The Solution

To address the constraints of a shared sports ground and the need for elevated training standards, the community grant funding was directly allocated to the purchase of **mobile cricket nets**.

This strategic investment allows the Llantwit Cavaliers to seamlessly adapt their training setup around the football club's schedule. The portability of the nets ensures high-quality training infrastructure can be deployed and removed without impacting the multi-use nature of the community field.

"The overarching goal is to ensure sports are accessible, encouraging individuals to get outdoors, stay active, and enjoy a shared sense of community."

Tangible Community Benefits

The introduction of the new mobile nets has transformed the club's capacity to serve the local area, resulting in several immediate and measurable impacts:

- **Accessible Community Training:** The upgraded facilities have enabled the launch of an "Open Training" initiative. Held every Thursday evening from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, these sessions are entirely open to the public, inviting anyone of any skill level to participate.



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- **Youth Re-engagement:** The improved, professional-grade training environment serves as a major draw for younger demographics, directly combating the post-pandemic drop in junior participation.
- **Multicultural Integration:** As an already diverse team, the open-door policy facilitated by the new equipment accelerates community integration, bringing together individuals from various backgrounds through a shared love of sport.
- **Health and Well-being:** By removing barriers to entry, the club successfully promotes outdoor physical activity, significantly contributing to the physical and mental well-being of local residents.

Summary

The strategic funding provided to the Llantwit Cavaliers is a prime example of how targeted community grants can overcome localized logistical challenges. By investing in adaptable infrastructure, the grant has not only safeguarded a 51-year-old community institution but has actively transformed it into an inclusive, accessible hub for health, sport, and social integration across South Wales.



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