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LEISURE CENTRE



# BYFIELD CRICKET CLUB

## COMMUNITY GRANT FUND



Working in Partnership with your Local Authority

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# BACKGROUND

**There aren't too many better sites and atmospheres than the sun beaming down in the evening on a local cricket club, with young children finding the love for a British game.**

Byfield Cricket Club, based in the South Northants, operates two adult teams as well as offering junior cricket to children from 5 up to 16 yrs old.

The club currently has over 100 children actively playing various forms of cricket. The club hosts two coaching nights each week where adults and children have the opportunity to play games and practice in the nets under the supervision of volunteer coaches.

A vital part of cricket clubs training sessions are cricket nets. Not only are they a safety feature, so that balls stay in a confined area, but they allow for better coaching opportunities. Coaches can watch players from close by to assess their technique without the fear of being hit by one a ball.

The grant from Legacy Leisure has allowed the club to purchase a portable cricket net. The fact that the net is portable is a huge advantage, in that it is easily transportable to the wicket from the storage space.

Both adults and children can now practice and develop their skills in a safe environment without taking any extra safety precautions, after the risk of loose balls being eliminated.