

SPICEBALL LEISURE CENTRE

Easington Football Club

Background and Community Role:
Easington Football Club is a large, well-established grassroots organisation dedicated to providing football coaching and competitive play for all ages within the local community. The club serves as a vital community hub, fostering physical health, teamwork, and long-term social bonds among its members. One of their standout youth teams, whose players have been playing together since they were six or seven years old, recently achieved their long-term goal of being promoted to the highly competitive A League of the Oxford Youth Football League (OYFL).



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The Challenge:
As the youth team progressed to the top tier of the OYFL, the demands on their training and development naturally increased. To remain competitive in the A League and continue developing the players' skills, the coaching staff identified a pressing need to upgrade their training equipment. The team currently trains once a week but is actively looking to expand to twice-weekly sessions to meet the higher standards of their new league. Securing the funds for this essential equipment upgrade was a necessary hurdle ahead of the new season.

The Impact of Legacy Leisure Funding:
The funding awarded by Legacy Leisure was immediately allocated to purchasing new, high-quality training equipment just in time for the start of the new season.

The tangible benefits to the local community users include:

- **Enhanced Player Development:** Upgraded equipment allows coaches to run more dynamic, challenging, and effective training sessions, directly supporting the physical and technical development of local youth.



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- **Sustained Youth Engagement:** By alleviating financial pressure on the club, the grant ensures that a highly cohesive group of young athletes, who have relied on this club for years can continue their journey together at a higher competitive level.

- **Increased Activity Levels:** The new equipment has provided the foundation and capability for the club to explore increasing their training frequency from once to twice a week, directly driving higher participation and activity hours in the community.

A Word from the Coaches:
"Being in the A League means everything to these boys, many of whom have been together since they were just 6 or 7 years old. They've worked incredibly hard to achieve this goal, and reaching the A League has always been their focus point. With Legacy Leisure's support in improving our training equipment, we as coaches can continue pushing the boys to be their very best."



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