

Saltash United Juniors Football Club
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From our original request because some items were not available we amended the ball totals and we have increased the number of small bibs required and we are awaiting delivery of those which will be in line with the £88 left of the grant.

The photos I hope demonstrate how important the community chest contribution is to the work of the club and for each activity. We have almost 200 young people in the Saltash area being involved in football and are members of the club, and a team of about 30 registered volunteers who take courses and provide of their time football related activities including competitive football in Plymouth based and cornish leagues. This is not to mention a whole host of parents and grand parents who attend matches and bring their children and grand children to training and to the matches.

An important outlay is footballs which are size related and linked to specific age groups. So, for example the youngest groups start with size 3, every year. These are seen in the photo and were recently purchased with the grant. To encourage good play and skill, as we do not encourage too much tackling at this age there should be a ball for each player. Since the grant we are having new players join every week and we will have a new under 5 intake in September. Footballs do not last as long as we would like and there is need to resupply. The grant has enabled us to do this across our whole age group range.

There is no question that footballs popularity amongst girls and boys will continue to grow. The very high media profile of the sport and increasingly with girls will see greater levels of interest and of course the health of young people will benefit. The community chest application allows us to offset costs to families who do pay a subscription but it is one of the lowest of the affiliated clubs to the Football Association.

This grant enabled us to invest in two specific pieces of equipment the rebound boards which enable players to hit against it and have it returned as it has a specially integrated spring. This will allow players to develop the skill of passing and ball control. This has enhanced enjoyment and enabled players to progress quickly and avoid the frustrations of not getting the ball back from a pass to another player.

As you can also see in the photograph we have invested in 4 portable mini goals. These are sturdy, easily moved and can be used for any of our age groups. Young players, especially have a real sense of scoring in a goal commensurate with their size. They love them and they have been an excellent investment. Thank you for your support of this return to football project, which has got numbers increasing and has enabled us to challenge, encourage and support our young people in these challenging times.

Chairman Saltash United Juniors