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**Press Release**

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**Club/Organisation awarded funding to revamp football facilities**

People living in area are set to benefit from fresh investment into local football facilities. Club/Organisation have been awarded a grant from the Premier League, The FA and Government’s Football Foundation, to install/upgrade their facility.

The Football Foundation is the UK’s largest sports charity and exists to improve the experience of playing football for everyone, by championing fair access to quality facilities.

This grant will enable Club/Organisation, which plays at Step X in the League/which gives XX [number of players] the chance to play football each week (delete/fill in as appropriate), to improve their XX[type of facility e.g. pitch/clubhouse/changing room] facilities.

Players will be able to enjoy better quality pitches/the renovated clubhouse/[other] [delete/fill as appropriate], which will represent a significant improvement on the existing XX [type of facility e.g. pitch, clubhouse/changing room], which is e.g. prone to waterlogging, in need of renovation etc.

Club/Organisation worked with the Football Foundation and the County FA to secure a £amount grant towards the project.

Name, Position Club/Organisation, said: **“Football makes a huge difference to the players, coaches/teachers and community here. We see first-hand the impact on players’ confidence, physical health and mental focus. To receive this funding from the Premier League, The FA and the Government through the Football Foundation means a lot to us, as it will help us to improve grassroots sport in the area and get even more people involved in the nation’s favourite game.”**

Paul Thorogood, Chief Executive of the Football Foundation, said: **“We’re dedicated to improving grassroots football facilities because we want to encourage more people to get involved in our nation’s favourite game, regardless of their background, age or ability. That’s why I’m delighted that this funding will support insert club/organisation name in developing insert work being done or what the facility is for the local community.**

**“Made possible by investment from the Premier League, The FA and the Government, via Sport England, the Football Foundation is supporting the grassroots game by improving access to high-quality football facilities across the country. We believe in the power of pitches to transform lives and strengthen communities and so we’ll be investing £1bn across the country over the next 10 years.”**

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**Notes to editors:**

Founded in 2000, the Football Foundation is the largest sports charity in the UK funded by the Premier League, The FA and Government, via Sport England. It develops new and refurbished grassroots sports facilities in order to improve the quality and experience of playing sport at the grassroots level. Since it was launched in 2000, the Foundation has awarded over 17,377 grants worth more than £684m towards improving grassroots sport, which it has used to attract additional partnership funding of £870m – totalling over £1.5bn of investment into the grassroots game.

By providing more high-quality facilities, coupled with coaching at the appropriate age group, the Football Foundation aims to improve the experience for regular players as well as attracting new players to the game. Many of the new state-of-the-art facilities will serve to strengthen the connection between professional football clubs and their local communities, particularly in the most deprived areas of the country, through the professional clubs’ community trusts’ outreach work.

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