



**RYEDALE
SCHOOL**

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Dear Sir/Madam,

We would like you to consider our application for the allocation of CIL funds to support our 3G project at Ryedale School, a project which if delivered will benefit Ryedale School pupils, pupils from local schools including Welburn Hall School during school hours, and the wider community outside of school hours. We would like to request £7000 towards our project.

In considering this application for CIL funding, I hope you might also reconfirm the pledge of £2000 the Town Council made towards this project back in June 2019 at the request of Friends of Ryedale School (I understand this was made in the previous council term). The Friends of Ryedale Group was dissolved in 2021 when the Ryedale Learning Trust was established, as the Trust has charitable status in its own right. Therefore, I would ask that this pledge now be made to the Ryedale Learning Trust to fund the 3G project.

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The primary motivation behind the ambition for this project is a wish to develop a top quality, thriving school and community pitch which will improve the quality of life for young people and the whole local community. The project will be focused around: active lifestyle, well-being, community engagement, empowerment and rural inclusion.

Both our own research and wider Sport England research has shown us that people from rural communities face particular barriers to participating in sport, such as reduced choice and transportation issues in getting to and from facilities. We also know that there are specific challenges for organisations (clubs) and communities delivering sport in rural areas, due to declining populations and higher living costs – both of which hinder sustainable local sporting provision.

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training). We are delighted that the Football Foundation have indicated that they will support the project with a grant of up to £500,000.

If built, it will be used to enhance the school's sporting and physical activity provision during school hours, and offered to grassroots clubs and the local community during school holidays, evenings and weekends. Income generated from the use of the pitch will be ring-fenced to support its maintenance, improve other sports facilities at the school, and to form a fund to renew the surface when it needs replacing (approximately every 10 years).

The school has been extremely fortunate in getting outline support from the Football Foundation in the development of this scheme and we have an indication that an application of £500,000 will be accepted.

The school has also launched a local fundraising appeal requesting support from parents, the local community and local businesses and is approaching charitable foundations for support. So far, we have been pledged £100,000.

Please find attached a funding proposal document which outlines the rationale behind the project including the identified need and perceived benefits to the school and local community, alongside the project costs.

We do hope the project is of interest to you and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Domenica Wilkinson
Headteacher



FUNDING PROPOSAL

Summary

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What is the Need?

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Ryedale is in the Yorkshire Region. The current population of the Authority (ONS 2017 Mid-Year Estimate) is 54,311. This is expected to rise to 59,197 by 2039.

Ryedale is ranked 14 out of 21 LAs in the region, and 185 out of 326 LAs nationally on the Indices of Multiple Deprivation (ONS).

Ryedale's ethnic composition is primarily white (99%). This is higher than the national average (85.4%).

The proportion of Ryedale's population represented by the BAME community is 1%. This is below the national average (14.6%).

The Ryedale Sport and Active Lives Strategy (2013-2023) states that by 2023 it will see more people in Ryedale enjoying the benefits associated with a more active lifestyle. This means:

- More people aspiring to take part in sport and active recreation. More people actually taking part in sport and active recreation.
- More people becoming involved as volunteers in sport and active recreation.
- Increased participation amongst people already taking part in sport and active recreation.
- Increased satisfaction with facilities and opportunities for sport and active recreation in the Ryedale area.
- Increased usage across all Ryedale owned leisure facilities.
- In particular, the Council wants to see:
 - A year on year increase in participation in sport and active recreation in Ryedale
 - Increased capacity within the local community to enable the above through support of existing and creation of: new sports clubs, coaches and officials and improved facilities.
 - Engagement of young people, adult males and hard to reach groups such as people with a disability, and older people to encourage and facilitate opportunities for them to remain healthy by being active.
 - Promotion, maintenance and development of quality indoor and outdoor leisure facilities, as well as support for the utilisation of village halls etc as small community sports facilities in the villages and small towns.
 - Development of better levels of public transport, safer roads and walking and cycling infrastructure, encouraging sustainable travel and improved transport to facilities in the principal settlements.

In order to focus on achieving the above, three key themes are identified:

- Activating Change
- Active More Often

- Active Places and Spaces

NB: The local authority does not have a current playing pitch strategy.

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Ryedale School's current facilities (one badminton sized school gym, 6 hardcourt tennis courts, and turf pitches - unplayable November through to April) significantly impact on both the PE curriculum and extracurricular sporting offer. For instance, in winter months, PE groups often have to merge together to use the small school gym due to the lack of an appropriate outdoor facility.

As another example, the school currently has football clubs and teams for boys in all year groups, but there is only a football club for girls in Y7. Existing clubs are unable to take place on a regular basis during the winter months as the grass pitches are unplayable.

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Project Objectives

- Provide excellent community facilities for both traditional (football) and non-traditional activity.
- Improve physical and mental health (young people and adults)
- Increase participation in regular physical activity (young people and adults)
- Raise aspirations and realise potential (with a particular focus on disability sport)
- Broaden rural inclusion
- Provide facilities where local people can access activity, advice, training and support

Social Impact

The project aims to provide facilities and services and improve the quality of life for young people in Trust schools and residents in the wider rural community. Income generated from the use of the pitch will be ring-fenced to support its maintenance, improve other sports facilities and services at the school, and to form a fund to renew the surface when it becomes life-expired.

As a facility for the benefit of the community, all levels of stakeholder involvement are encouraged. Everyone who lives, works or plays a part in the community is welcome to become a member of the project.

Keys to Success

The project aims to make a real difference to the people of the area and surrounding communities. It is believed that the keys to success include:

- Ensuring capital funding (matched funding) is accessed to enable the completion of the

project

- Working in partnership with stakeholders and others across the public, voluntary and private sectors
- Generating sufficient income to reduce reliance on external funding to meet running costs
- Delivering a range of activities that will attract the local community to use the pitch to its maximum potential. A particular focus on women and girls and disability groups.
- Active support from members of the local community, local councillors, local government officers, statutory services, community groups, school(s) and others.

Consultation

It is a key part of the success of this facility, that engagement with and involvement from the local community is not only encouraged but proactively developed. Linking residents and community groups to the site via to maximise participation opportunities without socio-economic barriers is fundamental to looking to address the challenges identified above and will ultimately provide an indication of the success of this project within the wider local community.

In this regard consultations with our parents and local community are constant and are reflected in the broad range of activities that we undertake. Virtually all that we deliver within and outside of school has been developed by talking to our community and partners.

With regard to this specific project we have been, and continue to be, in discussion with a number of local partners and stakeholders such as football clubs, schools and colleges, community groups and others.

On our website we will keep people up to date with developments and all are asked to call us if they wish to learn more.

Future Development

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The benefits to the local community will be significant as the project will enable an increased offer to the community:

- increasing the number of activities that can be delivered in the outdoor environment;
- increasing access to differing forms of sport and recreation, and

- increasing the number of events that can run from the school venue.

The likelihood is that football usage will be concentrated on the winter months, especially for training on dark nights and for matches where grass is unplayable, leaving the community usage for the summer months when such events are more frequent.

- **Increased Sporting Opportunities for people with a disability** – Consultation has begun with North Yorkshire Sport and Yorkshire Coast Ryedale Disability Forum. The project recognises that disabled people are almost twice as likely to be physically inactive (43%) , compared with those without a disability (23%) – so makes a firm commitment to improve these statistics for the Ryedale area.
- **A base to encourage people to “get active”** - it is accepted that physical activity can help reduce risk of heart and circulatory disease. It can also help control your weight, reduce blood pressure and cholesterol and improve mental health – helping people to look and feel great. The facility is of particular importance in this area given the existing levels of activity and the vision to improve the health and wellbeing of residents and visitors. Physical activity is also key to good mental health. Engaging in physical activity boosts mood, reduces anxiety and provides participants with an outlet to engage in social activity, in addition to the linked physical benefits. This is without considering the impact of COVID 19 on the mental health of all members of the community.
- **Improvement of the education offer** – as well as the benefits to Ryedale School facilities discussed above this facility would also be shared with the local special school, Welburn Hall School, as they do not have access to an all-weather facility. Welburn Hall is a generic special school/college (with residential places) for children and young people aged 8 to 19 years with a wide range of educational needs. The facility would be utilised by Welburn Hall students weekly for curricular, extracurricular and evening recreational use.
- **Increased football opportunities** - there will be much more opportunity to give people access to football and play both formally and informally with far more hours available to the whole community, including junior clubs who often struggle to find suitable facilities especially in the winter months and dark evenings. The proposed facility will also provide a facility and new home for several groups without one at present, including facilities for female football and for those with a disability.

Ryedale has a total of 106 affiliated teams. The North Riding FA is investing to support clubs both on and off the pitch. In addition, the County FA is supporting clubs to create full player pathways from youth to adult teams (with male and female pathways, disability and recreational playing opportunities.)

Over the last ten years there has been a significant national increase in the number of large multi-team football clubs. The main clubs being Kirkbymoorside (11 junior teams), Old Malton St. Marys (10 teams) Thornton le Dale (12 teams) would expect to be main partners in this development. In addition to this Scarborough Ladies (12 teams) currently play their football in Ryedale so the projects would like to include them as a key stakeholder.

The pitch will also provide suitable venues for match play opportunities for central venue leagues – this would potentially include mini soccer (5 v 5 and above) for both male and female players as well as the wider development of game. Recreational leagues and VETs football have also shown a great demand for this type of facility.

The local league (York Youth League) administer competitive opportunities for match play and are keen to explore the opportunity the proposed new site can provide to accommodate additional match play and development of additional inclusive formats of the game.

- **Opportunities for Children and Young People** - NHS guidance in its Change For Life

programme calls for children to exercise at least 60 minutes each and every day. This is difficult at times without appropriate facilities. This facility will be available for use by local schools giving them the opportunity to develop their physical education strategies and delivery. Engagement with post or external curriculum and enrichment programmes utilising the new facilities are paramount to their long term offer to local schools and the wider local community. This is in addition to supporting the education programme of local primary schools during curriculum times to deliver their physical activity and PE sessions.

- **An Enhanced Community Facility and offer** - This would create an enhanced facility which can support many other community and recreational activities that the community may wish to seek to develop.

The Impact the Project will have

We believe the project will have an impact at 2 levels, firstly in supporting not only Ryedale School but community organisations to access facilities that simply aren't available locally.

The project will enable organisations to plan outdoor activities in a safe secure environment.

For individuals the project will help impact on:

- young people will continue to be physically active, improving health/wellbeing by leading a physically active lifestyle
- volunteers will have a sense of purpose & can give something back to the community.
- Regular exercise will contribute to reducing levels of obesity

In addition, the following benefits can be realised:

- Improved educational attainment; engagement in sport helps facilitate an improved educational focus
- Reduced anti-social behaviour through providing diversionary activities. Improved community cohesion through intergenerational activities and improved understanding.
- Sustained and increased number of opportunities for local people to become physically active
- Improved health and wellbeing of the local community
- Improved self-esteem and confidence of participants

Outline timetable

The preferred timeline for the development of the facility is:

- July 2022 - Funding appeal launched
- January 2023 - Funding appeal closes
- January 2023 - results of Funding applications known
- April 2023 - Football Foundation confirmation of grant
- July 2023 - Building work commences
- September 2023 - Facility opens to school and the community.

Budget

The budget for this programme of improvements is £750,000

This will be made up as follows:

Site Clearance, Excavation & Groundworks - £25480

Drainage Works - £21858

Pitch Foundations & Base - £181928

Contract / Site Preliminaries - £55829

Artificial Grass Surface - £161549

Perimeter Fencing - £61871

Sports Equipment & Site Furniture - £23464

Floodlighting - £69024

Hard Standing Areas - £33314

Reinstatement - £4777

O & M Manuals - £237

Maintenance Equipment - £21777

Other - £25215

Fundraising Appeal and success to date

The school has also launched a local fundraising appeal requesting support from parents, the local community and local businesses and is approaching charitable foundations for support. So far, we have been pledged **£100,000**.

Ryedale School- 3G Supporter Club **A Game Changer for the School and Community**

From early discussions with potential supporters, alongside our fundraising page [Ryedale School 3G Funding Appeal](#) we are going to have a 'Ryedale School- 3G Supporter Club'. Any business, company, family or individual who supports this project to the sum of a £1000 or more, will, if they wish, have their name on the 'Ryedale School- 3G Supporter Club' board which will be displayed on the 3G facility for 10 years from its opening, and in all promotional materials for the 3G facility.

For more information on the 'Ryedale School- 3G Supporter Club', please email 3G@ryedale-rlt.co.uk or call 01439 772610