



Saddleworth and Lees District Executive Funding Application 2014/2015

SECTION A

Please note that this section of the application will be made part of the District Executive's public reports and be available on our website at www.oldham.gov.uk

NAME OF ORGANISATION REQUESTING FUNDING (must be same as on Section B):
UPPERMILL FOOTBALL CLUB

PROJECT TITLE (must be same as on Section B):
ENHANCED FACILITIES AT CHURCHILL PLAYING FIELDS

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT REQUIRING FUNDING setting out: what the project will deliver. Who will benefit, and how? How many people will benefit etc. Please provide as much detail as possible and continue on a separate sheet if required.

ENHANCED FACILITIES AT CHURCHILL PLAYING FIELDS

Uppermill Football Club (since 1914) has been an official FA Charter Standard Community Club since 2006 and provides opportunities for both social and competitive games for boys, girls, open age male and female participants, being one of the first ten clubs in the country to achieve the highest accreditation awarded by The FA. Uppermill FC has many volunteers and fully adheres to CRB/DBS checks, Child Protection and policies outlined by The FA with all coaches being fully FA qualified and FA Licensed. Uppermill FC has been recognised as Oldham Sports Club of the Year 2007, with both the club itself and many individuals collecting FA awards, plus the Oldham and Greater Manchester Sports Awards over the years as well as much success by many of the junior and senior teams. The club plays a huge part in community life throughout the Saddleworth & Lees district. Uppermill FC is the flagship club of West Riding County FA.

Churchill Playing Fields, adjacent to the Satellite building are now first class playing facilities. Uppermill Football Club was pivotal in securing a significant amount of funding from the FA Football Foundation (£240K) plus additional fund raising of £6K, saw the £500K plus project come to fruition in September 2013 with an official opening event. This was a fine example of co-operative working with local Sports Clubs, Oldham Council and Saddleworth & Lees District Partnership all putting in a tremendous amount of time and effort to ensure the success of the project.

The site is now fantastic and engages hundreds of people as players, coaches, spectators and parents in sporting activities on a weekly basis.

Uppermill FC is looking for funding to further enhance the facilities at Churchill Playing Fields and to meet the ground grading criteria of the FBT Manchester League and the Greater Manchester Women's League.

The club is looking to further develop the facilities with :

- 1. A Spectator Barrier around the main premier pitch.**
- 2. Box Net Goals**
- 3. Dugouts for both home and away teams.**

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All of these items will be removable out of the football season as they are simply socketed into the ground.

The club requires these items in place to remain in the FBT Manchester League and meet their ground grading criteria, which is a high standard as Step 7 in the FA Football Pyramid (The Premier League being Step 1). The league stipulates there must be a perimeter spectator fence around the pitch, dug outs and technical areas for players/staff for both home and away teams. The pitch also needs some replacement goal posts to meet the league's ground grading criteria, as the old ones are inadequate.

This enhancement of the facilities at Churchill will still allow other community events to take place on Churchill Playing Fields and also allow for maintenance work to be carried out over the Summer months.

By having these items, this will enable Uppermill FC to progress over time as a club and have a team to compare to clubs such as Chadderton FC/Mossley FC who play in the North West Counties League (Step 6) in the FA Football Pyramid. This would also raise the profile of sport, particularly football in the Saddleworth & Lees district.

Uppermill Football club offers both fun and competitive football opportunities for boys and girls from the age of 4 years all the way through to U18's with a pathway into the open age male, female and veteran's teams. The club engages around 800 people on a weekly basis.

We hope that the District Partnership are willing to support Uppermill Football Club and enable the club to meet the FBT Manchester League's ground grading criteria and develop even more as an overall community club.

The club is continually raising money in various ways including fund raising events from all the age group teams plus nominal support from Sport England and the Football Foundation. The club currently has an annual running cost of around £80K each year.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind regards

Total Project Cost	£ 27160.69
Amount requested from the District Executive	£ 8,000.00

Please check that you have included all the necessary enclosures and return this form to your District Co-ordinator

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