



Taunton



£11,000



Community
FSM
Girls, SEND



Informal
activity

Project Overview

Bishop Foxes were funded to:

- Engage students who might not normally be engaged in activity the opportunity through informal physical activity delivered after school
- Develop wider partnerships with community clubs and organisations to increase the quantity and quality of facilities available to the community.

The school delivered this through creating an informal, accessible atmosphere for after school activity and community use on their sports pitches. They employ someone to manage the facility, and help embed the informal friendly atmosphere.



"I enjoy playing with my family, Dad used to play sport but mum never used to do anything but now we all love being in the same team. Although we all try our best, we don't really mind if we win or lose"

"We have now developed very fruitful and positive relationships with some community clubs and organisations, meaning that they have been able to flourish and expand. In general the school has concentrated on "low key, social and inclusive" activities meaning that the majority of participants do not access activity anywhere else!"

Impact

Increased community use

Positive relationships with community clubs

Enjoying physical activity in an informal way

Getting the most inactive, active

Increased family use

"Everyone benefits: pupils, the school, the community"

Recommendations for other schools

- 1. Provide the facility and people will use it!** Just opening up your facility is a great first step to getting the community using it.
- 2. Make it accessible and welcoming:** If the atmosphere and facility is accessible and welcoming, people will feel they have an investment in the site, and they will respect and value it.
- 3. Offer a free trial period:** Clubs were offered a free trial period, followed by a reduced rate whilst they established, and will move on to a full (but realistic and affordable) rate once established.