

Harborough District Sports and Activity Alliance

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Aims

The alliance aims to make sport and active recreation accessible for all people throughout the Harborough District, enabling them to fulfil their potential through sport and physical activity.

What does the sports alliance do?

In a nutshell, due to the reorganisation of Sport England £5,000 is available to invest in local sport and recreation. The sports alliance will also support a number of projects from it's action plan and also consider grant applications up to £250.

Projects

There are five projects in the pipeline for 2006/2007

- **Communication**
- **Active Lifestyle**
- **Community Sports Development**
- **Club/Coach Development**
- **Diversionary Activities**

Communication

- The website is now active and accessed through www.llrsport.co.uk/hdsaa - *Big Issues-Local Sports Alliances-Harborough*.
- Sports Directory 2006/07 – Sports Clubs will be invited to include/update entries to the Harborough Sports Club Directory. Clubs on the existing database will be contacted via letter/e-mail and an editorial article will appear in the Harborough Mail in the next few weeks.

- **Promotional Postcards promoting the Alliance activities will be out by the end of April**

Community Sports Development

- **A day for Clubs to come out into the community is being arranged for Saturday 19th August at Welland Park Market Harborough, the day aims to give members of the community the opportunity to sample a range of sporting activities in a fun, relaxed environment to promote participation & physical activity with the option of continuing at a Club.**

Club/Coach Development

- **Lutterworth Ladies Hockey Club have been successful in gaining £3,400 from the Local Network fund for their junior side.**

YOUNGSTERS ENJOY A MORNING OF INCLUSIVE FOOTBALL

A sunny morning on Wednesday 22nd March saw 40 plus youngsters from Schools in the Blaby & Harborough District area take part in an Inclusive Football session at Harborough Town Football Club.

This was organised through the Harborough Alliance Inclusive Football Partnership. This partnership is part of an overall programme run by the County Football Association working in with Clubs, District Council and Sport through Education to provide Football For All and create pathways from Schools to Clubs for anyone whatever their ability level.

The partnership in the Harborough area brings together three Clubs – Harborough Town FC, Harborough Minis and Borough Alliance together with the District Council represented by Ineke Ward and Education (Partnership Development Manager) Ruth Mann. This is overall managed through the County Football Association in their development programme.

The youngsters under the watchful eye of Lead Coaches – Mary Rudkin, Paul Gibson, David Eassom and Wayne Gudgeon supported by coaches from the three Clubs took part in football skill activities and small sided games. Towards the end of the session a surprise visit was made by Filbert Fox who joined in with the youngsters and was on hand to present medals and certificates at the end.

For many of the youngsters this was one of the first opportunities of being involved in such a session although some obviously play at School and with their Club.

These youngsters will now be invited to Club sessions which are to be run as follows:

- Wednesday 3rd / 10th May (6pm-7.30pm) – Little Bowden Recreation Ground (Hosted by Borough Alliance FC)
- Wednesday 17th / 24th May (6pm-7.30pm) – Northampton Road Ground (Hosted by Harborough Town Juniors FC)

Following these sessions the Clubs will be organising further activities through the Partnership to further develop the skills and playing opportunities of these young players.

A great day to really show that FOOTBALL IS FOR ALL – the smiling faces of the youngsters taking part told that story.

John Ball (Football Development Officer)

24th March 2006

Diversionsary Activities

- **A questionnaire is about to go on line on the Chill Out Zone web site to gain the views of young people on extreme sports.**

School Sports

- **The School Sports Development plan has been approved and each school in the area should now have a three year sports plan.**
- **A basketball league has been launched with the Welland Park family of schools and numbers are up at the Harborough Flyers Basketball Club**

- **Leicester Tigers 'Alliance and Leicester Tag Rugby' completed a successful coaching programme and Tag programme in the Harborough area. It concluded with 16 schools competing in a Tag Rugby tournament at Kibworth Rugby Club on March 8th 2006. Kibworths' own festival is scheduled for May 10th and any primary schools interested should contact the Rugby Community Sports Coach Grant Talbot at granttalbot92179@aol.com**

What happening around the District?

Welland Park Festival

Easter Saturday 15th April

10 am - 4 pm

******* Free Event *******

WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN?

Free Tennis !! Free Food !!

Free Raffles For prizes !! Free Disco !!

Free Equipment Giveaways !! Free Bouncy Castle !!

Free GIANT Air Slide !! Walking Inflatable Clown !!

Egg Hunt & Easter Bunny

Top Tennis Pro's To give Free Lessons

Cameo Appearances by professional Athletes and Surprise Guests

Market Harborough Police equipped with Radar gun for fast serve court and their Beat Bus

Benefiting Rainbows Childrens Hospice , Scouts , Community Sports and Local Schools

Who Can Come ? Anyone !!! All ages welcome

What experience do I need ? Absolutely None !!

What do I need to Bring ? Nothing just Yourself and a BIG Smile :)

10s4all Tennis Camp April 17th - 21st

Tennis Lessons at Welland Park Anytime

call for more information 07737 845331

Courses

Good Practice & Child Protection

Wednesday, 5th April 2006, 6.30—9.30 pm at
Loughborough University, Netball Centre

Equity in your Coaching

Monday, 24th April 2006, 6.30—9.30 pm at
Loughborough University, Netball Centre

Basic 1st Aid plus Sports Module

Saturday, 29th April 2006, 9.00 am—5.00 pm —

Dan Maskell Tennis Centre, Loughborough
University

**For further course details or to book a
place please contact Teresa Dalby on 01
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**We are always keen to hear your views &
suggestions or indeed information to be
circulated through our web-site.**

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