

## street games case study



### **Report Subject:** **Chorley North & Chorley Town DSCs**

### **Title:** **Delivering a vibrant and varied (VIVA) sporting offer & Making an Impact on Wider Social Outcomes**

The Doorstep Sport Clubs (DSCs), which were set up in October 2013 are led by the Community Team at Chorley Council. They take place on a Friday evening at Clayton Green Sports Centre and on a Saturday evening at All Seasons Leisure Centre, both running 7pm-9pm.

The Clubs have worked hard to create a Vibrant and Varied offer of activities for the young people. Core staff offer a range of different activities on a weekly basis including basketball, football, badminton and squash. This offer has been further strengthened through partnerships developed with local sports clubs who also provide taster sessions - these have included 4-6 week blocks of activity, as well as one off tasters in activities such as free running, gymnastics, trampolining, fencing, korf ball, rugby league and a mobile skate park!

In addition to the weekly sport sessions, the DSCs have also provided participants with a variety of opportunities to take part in other activities, as a means of providing

participants with a vibrant and varied offer throughout the year.

This has included taking part in wider StreetGames Network events such as the Mass Participation and Regional Festivals, Football Fives tournament and Pop Up Clubs which further adds to the VIVA offer, increasing retention of the young people, who are already asking when the next Festival is that they can attend.

It has also included the delivery of a DSC celebration event on Saturday 26th April at All Seasons Leisure Centre. The event brought together local sports clubs and partners to offer activities such as fencing, trampolining, aquatics, human bar football, rugby league challenge, boxing, badminton, table tennis, basketball, graffiti art and even inflatable sumo wrestling!

The Mayor of Chorley Cllr John Walker attended, as did Chorley's DSC Ambassador - two time paralympian silver



# Background Facts for Doorstep Sport

medallist Rik Waddon, along with his wife Natalie Jones, multiple Paralympic medallist in Swimming. The event engaged 181 young people from the local area, and as a result the participation within the Saturday evening DSC has dramatically increased.

The Clubs also have a strong Social Outcomes focus. The Community team have partnered with the Young People Service at Chorley Council, who now have a regular presence at the DSCs. The Young People Service will provide diversionary activities to support the sport delivery within the DSC. Staff engage with particularly challenging young people who are accessing the session. The engagement of hard-to reach young people within the DSC has had a positive effect on rates of antisocial behaviour within the area, which has been noted by the local police.

As a result of the success of the partnerships built here, the Community Team will be partnering with the Youth Service and local PCSOs creating a multi-agency approach in the delivery of Doorstep Sport activities to run throughout the summer.

The success of the DSCs are largely down to the passion of the staff involved, who work tenaciously to drive both clubs forwards. They ensure the sessions are participant led, as well as ensuring the sessions are fun and varied. Staff build a fantastic rapport with the participants which keeps them coming back each week. To date 196 participants have been engaged across both DSCs, with over a third of participants being women and girls.

## StreetGames

StreetGames is a national partner of Sport England and a centre of expertise for developing doorstep sport in disadvantaged communities.

The charity supports community based sports projects that deliver sport and volunteering opportunities to young people living in the 20% most deprived wards in the UK.

StreetGames works with National Governing Bodies of Sport to establish and develop links between community and mainstream sport. Recognised by the London 2012 Olympic & Paralympic Games Inspire Mark, StreetGames is creating a lasting legacy of doorstep sport in the UK.

