



Swindon Town FC Community Foundation
FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY



Swindon Town FC
Community Foundation



A Foundation Centre participant celebrates after scoring a goal on the County Ground pitch.

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STFC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Swindon Town FC is one of 72 clubs in the English Football League with a community programme affiliated to the EFL Trust. We have been working tirelessly for over three decades to deliver sporting and social opportunities to people within our community, regardless of age, race, gender, or background.



Swindon Town FC Community Foundation

Swindon Town Community Foundation was founded in 1991 as 'Swindon Town Football in the Community' by former Swindon Town player Leigh Barnard. The current head of Foundation, Jon Holloway, took over the project with Clive Maguire in 1996, transforming and growing it into the thriving Organisation that it is today.

The Foundation delivers Football and Multi-Sports based programmes within Swindon and the county of Wiltshire, and we endeavor to deliver and increase participation for people from 18 months to 91 years of age, throughout our spectrum of programmes.

Under the guidance of the English Football League Trust, and the Premier League Charitable Fund, we deliver the four key themes of: Sports Participation, Education, Social Inclusion and Health.

The Foundation, with the support of our local partners, continues to engage with over 30,000 participants on an annual basis, and this number is only growing. We have no intention of resting on our laurels however, and we're as excited as our participants to find out what the future holds for us.

OUR CHARTER

Where People Matter

The vision of the Foundation is to strive and endeavor to help people achieve their goals by delivering quality and innovative programmes that focus upon the needs and requirements of its participants.

Our Mission

Swindon Town FC Community Foundation delivers a wide range of programmes in Swindon and the surrounding areas. These programmes are delivered with the aims of **Engaging, Participating and Achieving**.

This is done by increasing sports participation, whilst looking to increase the allegiance between the local community and their local professional football club. The Foundation aims to achieve this whilst meeting the aims and objectives, and themes of the Premier League and Football League Trust, including **Sports Participation, Education, Social Inclusion and Health**.

Swindon Town FC Community Foundation continues to strive to meet the highest professional standards, to enhance and develop our programmes.

Our Core Values

- **Deliver professional, quality, safe and affordable programmes.**
- **Listen to the views of children, young people, adults and our partners.**
- **Provide excellent communication and customer care.**
- **Offer opportunities for all participants to be empowered to achieve their goals.**
- **Invest in and support staff to develop.**
- **Make a difference.**

OUR HEAD OF FOUNDATION

“As Head of Foundation, I am extremely proud to lead a fantastic team of dedicated and professional staff and volunteers, who go above and beyond to make a positive impact in our community. The last couple of years have been difficult for everybody, but we have been proud to serve as a focal point for the community during this time, helping out where we can, and keeping the people of Swindon active and entertained during the lockdowns.

“This brochure will tell you more about the projects and programmes that we are delivering in your community, as we are still as focused as ever on engaging as many people as possible through a wide range of programmes for all ages throughout Swindon and the surrounding areas, regardless of age or ability. We look forward to seeing you on one of our programmes soon”

Jon Holloway,
Head of Foundation



A NOTE FROM SWINDON TOWN



“When I first got involved with Swindon Town FC one of the first things I realised was how important the club was to its community.

The Community Foundation works tirelessly to strengthen the relationship between STFC and the people of Swindon, providing opportunities for people of all ages, and all walks of life.”

Clem Morfuni,
STFC Chairman

“As a lifelong Swindon Town supporter, the club’s position in the community is very important to me, and the work that the Foundation does to strengthen this is fantastic.

Through its work with people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds, they are ensuring that the word of Swindon Town FC is being spread far and wide.”

Rob Angus,
STFC Chief Executive Officer



SPONSORS AND PARTNERS

We wouldn't be afforded the opportunity to do the amazing work that we do without the support of our sponsors and our partners, so we'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the great companies and organisations that support us. We'd also like to give our special thanks to our main sponsor, Intel Corporation, and to Darren Howell, who continue to support us and the people of Swindon.



56

**SESSIONS
RUN EVERY
WEEK**

12



**PLAYERS
PATHWAYED
INTO THE STFC
ACADEMY IN
THE LAST YEAR**

**PLAYER
AGES RANGE
BETWEEN
18
MONTHS
AND
16 YEARS
OLD**

962

**GIRLS AND
BOYS ENROLLED
IN OUR PLAYER
PATHWAY**

PLAYER PATHWAY

We've worked tirelessly to develop our player pathway, starting at the age of eighteen months. Our Foundation Centres are designed to create a fun and safe environment, where players can develop their skill, and we can potentially identify talented youngsters for the pathway to our Elite and Advanced programmes.



Our Foundation Centres are comprised of sessions devised to improve your child's football skills. This is all through the fun of football, and other structured games and activities.

The programme gives many children their very first experience of participating within a professional football coaching session, and the emphasis is on the children learning and developing within a safe and fun environment. Our aim is to provide our participants with a 'foundation' upon which to build their own pathway whether that leads to a career in sport, or just a healthy adult lifestyle.

At the Swindon Town FC Community Foundation, we provide a wide variety of Foundation Centres hosted at Foundation Park, and other locations in Swindon, tailored for children from the ages of 18 months to 16 years. These centres provide an opportunity to have fun, meet people and keep fit, and also serve as stepping stones on the pathway to progressing football skills and ability. For some, the end goal of this pathway is a professional football contract and although we are very proud of those who make it to Swindon Town FC, we are just as proud of it leading to an appreciation of a healthy active lifestyle.



Mini Foundation (18 months–4 Years)

Our Mini Foundation sessions give children their first taste of a structured football session, in a safe and fun environment, in which parents and carers can join in as well. The emphasis is on improving listening and concentration skills, balance and co-ordination. These sessions help develop an early love of sport and exercise.

Junior Foundation (4–6 Years)

A natural progression from the Mini Foundation, the Junior Foundation allows players to continue with their football and personal development. Building on what they have learnt, our coaches create a fun and safe environment for young players to work on their team work, communication and football skills.



Youth Foundation and Foundation Goalkeepers (6–14 Years)

These aim to focus on and develop players' skill and technique at a crucial period of the pathway. Designed to supplement and work alongside membership of a grass roots football team, these sessions also serve to enable us to identify players of particular talent to trial for our invitational sessions.



Girls' Youth Foundation (6–16 Years)

Although we actively encourage both boys and girls to attend our Youth Foundation centres, we recognise that some girls would rather play in a girls-only environment. These sessions contain all of the benefits that come from the Youth Foundation centres, with focused training and friendly match experience in a girls only environment.





Youth Foundation Invitational

When we identify a player of particular talent with the right attitude in our Foundation Centres we may invite them to join our boys' invitational sessions. These sessions are also available to members of our Advanced and Elite Boys' teams, in addition to their training within those programmes.

Boys' Advanced Teams

Players that stand out in our invitational centres, may be invited to trial for our Boys' Advanced Team. Coaches and players work closely to develop key skills on and off the ball. The coaches are also able to focus more closely on tactics and game-play in preparation for their regularly scheduled competitive fixtures.



Boys' Elite Teams

The final step on the player pathway before the academy, our Boys' Elite Programmes represent the best of our Foundation Centres. Our Elite teams compete in the Elite Professional Club Programme and play in scheduled fixtures, as well as getting the opportunity to take part in international tournaments across Europe.

Girls' Emerging Talent Centre



GIRLS' EMERGING TALENT CENTRE
PART OF ENGLAND FOOTBALL

After a review of the current player pathway to support talented girls, the FA is changing the landscape across England for girls' and women's football. Part of this is Emerging Talent Centres (ETCs) replacing FA Advanced Coaching Centres.



We are delighted that Swindon Town FC Community Foundation was chosen to be awarded the FA Emerging Talent Centre license for Wiltshire, allowing us to grow opportunities for girls in the county to access elite level coaching. We will work together with the Wilts County FA to provide a solid framework to improve inclusivity and accessibility for girls in Wiltshire who wish to reach the top of the game.



What this means in real terms is that we are able to offer our participants the opportunity to play against girls of the highest calibre across the country, in front of national scouts, and we are very excited to take our place as an important stepping stone on the national pathway.



"We are very proud to have been awarded the opportunity to deliver the FA Emerging Talent Centre for girls in Wiltshire and therefore be able to create an environment for talented female players to reach their potential. We are looking forward to continuing to work with Wiltshire FA to support and grow the female opportunities within the county."

-Alice Telling, Community Development Officer



Girls' Invitation Only

These sessions run parallel to our boys' invitational sessions, and are available to young female participants of our sessions, such as our Girls' Youth Foundation. These sessions provide an extra challenge for participants and allow us to focus on more advanced techniques and concepts than we might do in our mixed-ability sessions. These are also available as an additional training opportunity for our Centre of Excellence and ETC participants.

Girls' Centre of Excellence (U9s, U11s, U13s, U15s)

Our Girls' Centre of Excellence programme runs for the age-groups between the years of the ETCs. These age groups receive the same high quality coaching as the ETC but play their competitive fixtures on a regional level, rather than national. We are still able to offer our Centre of Excellence participants fantastic opportunities, and the support they need to prepare them for when they phase into the next year's ETC programme.



Girls' Emerging Talent Centre (U10s, U12s, U14, U16s)

STFC Community Foundation's ETC programme ensures that all girls in Swindon and Wiltshire have opportunity to access the FA's national talent system. We are currently licensed for U10s, U12s, U14s, and U16s and the girls in this age group will receive the same high class coaching they have been receiving in the Centre of Excellence, with additional support from the FA, and the opportunity to play in the highest tiers of girls' football within the country.



OVER
230

**PARTICIPANTS
PER DAY ON
OUR HOLIDAY
DEVELOPMENT
FUN WEEKS**

**SWINDON
TOWN
FOOTBALL
IN THE
COMMUNITY
WAS
FOUNDED IN**



1991

**AND BECAME SWINDON
TOWN FC COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION IN 2019**

1000+

**PEOPLE INVOLVED
IN THE MATCHDAY
EXPERIENCE EVERY
SEASON THROUGH
OUR SATURDAY
TEAM CLUB**



19+

**OPPORTUNITIES
FOR
MATCH-DAY
BIRTHDAY
PARTIES EVERY
SEASON**

COURSES AND PACKAGES

Our courses and packages offer our community a number of different opportunities to feel a part of their local football club. Whether that's celebrating your birthday at the County Ground, joining us for a match-day experience with the Saturday Team Club, or spending the school holidays with us on our Holiday Development Courses.



Beyond our Foundation Centres, there are a host of ways for people to get involved. Since the Swindon Town Community Foundation was founded over three decades ago, a key aim of ours has been to help the people of Swindon engage with their local football club. Both the town and STFC have a proud heritage and history, and we're privileged to be able to share that with the people of Swindon.



Holiday Development Courses

Our holiday courses are one of the core components of our commitment to provide everyone with access to professional level coaching.

Three days of football at Foundation Park with an emphasis on fun, as well as the development of technique and skill. Split into a number of age groups, it affords young players the chance to play with others of varying abilities, spend lots of time on the ball, and get invaluable game experience. At the end of the week, each participant receives a goodie bag, and has the chance to win trophies in the competitions, special prizes in the Rockin' Robin Raffle, and the coveted 'Kid of the week award'.

There are **three** main types of holiday courses that we run:



Mainstream...

Our primary offering is a chance for players from all over Swindon and Wiltshire, of all abilities, to play together in a friendly environment. The week consists of lots of fun activities, skills development, a chance to play on one of our inflatable pitches, and a tournament on the final day, to implement everything they've learned.



Girls Only...

Girls are more than welcome on our mainstream course, but for those who prefer a girls only environment, this provides all the benefits and features of our mainstream course. Having the opportunity to play in this setting helps to build confidence in girls and allows them to indulge their love of football on their own terms.



Goalkeepers...

For all young and up and coming Goalkeepers, this is an opportunity to be offered professional, personal and expert advice to help improve your performance within this specialist position. This course offers a week focused on improving the technical basics in young keepers, such as handling, different save types, and distribution.

Saturday Team Club and Birthdays

The STFC Community Foundation offers the opportunity for Junior football teams and local youth groups to be a part of the English Football season, with a Swindon Town Football Club match-day experience.

Available every home game, this includes a professional coaching session, lunch of Domino's Pizza, tickets and parking for the game, and the possibility of a photo of your team or group in the match-day programme.

We start taking bookings for this experience as soon as the fixtures are released for the upcoming season with certain matches, such as local derbys, booking up very quickly.

Both players and parents/carers are invited to take in the atmosphere and be a part of a home game here at the County Ground, experiencing a special day as a treat for your team or youth group.

This experience can also be booked as a birthday party, and we will be able to discuss how we might tailor the experience to ensure it's a birthday to remember!

We are also happy that we're able to offer this experience to the participants of some of our other programmes on selected dates. In the past we have been very proud to secure funding to allow participants from some of our vulnerable or disadvantaged groups to take part in the experience for free, giving many of them the chance to watch their first Swindon game.





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**PRIMARY AGE
CHILDREN COACHED
IN SCHOOLS EVERY
WEEK**

90

**PRIMARY
SCHOOL
TEACHERS
RECEIVING
MENTORING
THROUGH THE
PREMIER LEAGUE
PRIMARY STARS
PROGRAMME**

21

**SCHOLARSHIP
PLACES OFFERED TO
OUR TRAILBLAZER
GRADUATES**

72

**FULL-TIME
STUDENTS
ENROLLED
ON OUR C6
FURTHER
EDUCATION
PROGRAMME**



SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION

Education is a cornerstone of the Foundation, and we aim to use football as a tool for inspiring inside and outside the classroom; whether through the Premier League Primary Stars programme, offering sports education for teachers and students, our work within our partner schools, or our C6 programme for further education students.



There are a number of ways that our community can engage with us through their schools- as a parent, teacher, or pupil. We deliver in the majority of schools across Swindon through our in-school coaching and PPA, or the Premier League Primary Stars programme. We also deliver our After-School Clubs in a large number of schools in Swindon, which can offer children a great chance to experience playing a sport outside of a PE lesson, but still in a fun supportive environment.

Our C6 programme has enabled us to take our commitment to education beyond secondary school age, and since it launched in 2016 we've been enabling the girls and boys on the programme to increase their potential, gain work experience, and earn coaching qualifications alongside their A-Levels and vocational qualifications. All whilst training with the STFC Community Foundation coaches, and playing in competitive league matches.

We're proud to work with such great schools, teachers, and students, across the entire spectrum of education, and we're striving to continue with our record of inspiring fantastic results – both on and off the pitch.



Premier League Primary Stars

Premier League Primary Stars

Using the appeal of professional football, we deliver the Premier League Primary Stars programme in schools to inspire primary school children to reach their potential in PE, Maths, English and PSHE. We work closely with teachers, supporting them to develop their knowledge and confidence to deliver high quality PE, and use these skills across the entire curriculum.

After School Clubs

Our After-School Club programme is one of the largest of its kind in the South-West, and we run our clubs in a number of schools throughout Swindon and North Wiltshire. The clubs run once a week during term-time and offer children the chance to engage in fun, structured, coaching sessions directly at the end of a school day.



Barnardo's Project Me

The Project Me programme supports children with mild to moderate mental health conditions, such as social anxiety or behavioural disorders. Through topics such as Trust, Self-Awareness, and Resilience; the programme uses sport and activity to support positive mental health in children, and encourage social inclusion and participation both in and out of school hours.

PPA and In Schools Coaching

We can offer local schools in Swindon and surrounds the possibility of regular PPA cover or one off sessions of in-schools coaching. This can help alleviate staffing pressures within schools, and ensure that teachers are able to utilise their essential PPA time. It also adds a new dynamic to the children's day, framing subjects, such as PSHE, in a new and fun way.



The C6 Programme

The C6 programme was launched in September 2016, as a Year 12 programme, with the educational element being delivered at Commonweal's brand new, state of the art sixth form centre in the heart of Swindon.

Alongside a full range of A-Level and Vocational qualifications, students are offered the opportunity to train, gain coaching qualifications, and compete against other professional football clubs from around the country. The teams play their fixtures once a week, averaging about 25 games per season, against teams such as Bristol City, Brentford and Millwall.

In addition to this, all students on the programme will be able to access the pastoral support, enrichment activities, and careers' opportunities available to all students at Commonweal Sixth Form. This is an opportunity for the young people of Swindon to embrace a new type of further education, that has led previous members to University Placements, apprenticeships and work with STFC Community Foundation, and scholarships in the USA.



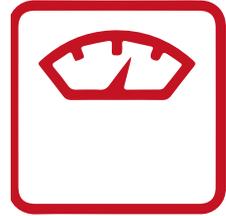
STFC6



“Being able to play football alongside my A-levels gave me the best two years of my life. C6 has made me so much more confident in both my football, and my studies.” -Briony Hurd, C6 Graduate

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**KG LOST
SO FAR
BY OUR
FOOTBALL
FANS IN
TRAINING**



**OUR OLDEST
PARTICIPANT IS**

91

YEARS YOUNG

**OVER
6000
MILES WALKED
PER YEAR BY
OUR WALKING
FOOTBALL
TEAMS**



50

**DIFFERENT
ACTIVITIES
ENJOYED BY
OUR EXTRA
TIME PROJECT**

HEALTH AND FITNESS

STFC Community Foundation are proud to be able to deliver world class health, fitness, and nutritional education to our community. This ranges from helping people improve their health and fitness through the Football Fans in Training programme or staying active in their later years with our Extra Time programme.



We understand that health and fitness can sometimes slide down the priorities list, so we want to help make it as easy as possible to remain aware of and maintain this essential aspect of life. With the support of Swindon Borough Council and Public Health Swindon; since 2014 we've been offering our 'Football Fans in Training programme', for men over 35 with a waist measurement of over 38". This has since expanded to include our women's group, and even a non-football fans group, as well as an 18-35 year old group. However, we're constantly striving to improve how we serve our community, so we will be continuing to roll out health and fitness opportunities for all sectors of our community in the future.

Health and Fitness awareness is not limited to those looking to lose weight of course. We've also got our Walking Football League, which provides a competitive arena for people who might not be able to participate in regular football due to injury or age, to stay connected to the sport they love.

We've also been running our Extra Time Programme for over a decade now, providing an opportunity for older people to remain social and active, in a fun environment, taking part in a host of different activities every week.

Walking Football

Walking Football reopens the door to players who might have previously retired from competing in the sport, as playing the game at a walking pace reduces the chance of falls and injury, but is still a fantastic way to keep fit, and meet new and like-minded people.

In 2020 our weekly walking football sessions evolved into the launch of the Foundation Park Walking Football League. This league of Walking Football teams meet each week to play competitive fixtures, competing for the title of FPWFL Champions. Despite the walking pace of the game, these fixtures are always hotly contested and highly competitive, with all the excitement of a regular game of football.



Extra Time

The Extra Time project initially started in 2008 and now has 50 retired and semi-retired men and women meeting on a weekly basis to get exercise, socialise and take part in different sports and activities.

Some of the activities that we have offered to our participants include:

- Golf
- Bowls
- Croquet
- Water polo
- Rowing
- Orienteering

We always have a great time, and it's a great opportunity for people to stay social and active in their later years.

Football Fans in Training

With the support of Swindon Borough Council, and Public Health Swindon, Football Fans in Training has now expanded to include our ladies, and 18-35 programmes, which offer the same amazing fitness and nutritional information, but tailored for these new audiences.

The course lasts for 12 weeks, and covers topics such as nutrition, meal planning, and exercise. The focus is not simply on achieving an ideal fitness level, but maintaining it once you get there. We take a different approach from other purely calorie counting 'weight-loss' programmes. The fact that so many people that take part in the programme continue to stay active and maintain their new level of fitness is a testament to this approach.

Our past participants have lost a collective 4762kg, and some have gone on to join local sports teams, participate in the RunVember challenge, compete in the FP Walking Football League, and even complete the London Marathon.



"It really has been life changing. I have enjoyed every minute of the course and will really miss our Thursday get-togethers, but I'm looking forward to continuing friendships with a great group of lads and spurring each other on to levels of fitness we've not seen for some years now! I'm so glad I did it."

- Rhys Dudding, Lost 2st 7lb

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**YOUNG
PEOPLE OF ALL
BACKGROUNDS
ENGAGED
THROUGH
THE PREMIER
LEAGUE KICKS
PROGRAMME**

**OUR DOWN'S
SYNDROME
GROUP WAS
FOUNDED OVER**

21

**AMAZING
YEARS AGO**

221

**CHILDREN
AND ADULTS
WITH
DISABILITIES
ENGAGED
EACH WEEK**



600

**ELDERLY SWINDON
FANS KEPT IN
CONTACT THROUGH
THE STAYING
CONNECTED
PROGRAMME**

SOCIAL INCLUSION AND DISABILITY

One of the most amazing things about sport is its ability to bring people together, regardless of their situation. Our Social Inclusion and Disability programme aims to ensure that everyone in our community has a place to feel supported, whilst staying active, and having fun, regardless of background or ability.



We aim to ensure that everyone has a place on one of our programmes, so we engage with participants from every walk of life, whether that is someone who is living with cerebral palsy, or someone who finds it difficult to engage in school. Through initiatives such as our Premier League Kicks programme, we aim to offer all people of Swindon the opportunity to play football in a safe and supportive environment.





Project Me: After School Sessions

The Project Me: After School Sessions are an extension of our Barnardo's Project Me programme, taking place at Foundation Park in the evening. Partner schools refer children aged 11-14 that are disengaged within school, low in confidence, and need support to help them fulfil their potential. The ten weekly sessions are football based, and encourage participants to see situations differently, setting realistic targets to help develop their confidence.

Pan-Disability Sessions

This weekly session for children, aged 5-16 with SEN and Physical disabilities ranging from cerebral palsy to ADHD, helps to develop social, mental and physical ability – as well as offering a respite facility for parents and carers who have children with special needs. The children attend on a weekly basis, and are encouraged to engage within the session, which delivers the opportunity to play sports such as football, unihoc, and basketball. Three-day Multi-Sports Holiday courses are also delivered during a number of school holidays throughout the year.



Wheelchair Football

Since 2016, we have been delivering wheelchair football sessions at the Robert Le Kyng primary school. The children all experience mobility problems, many of them having Cerebral Palsy, but engage in the weekly session using their powered wheelchairs, and specifically adapted equipment, exercising vital skills such as movement and teamwork.



DS Active

Our Down Syndrome sessions have been running since 2000, and through DS Active since 2011. Children and young people with DS engage with the sport they love each week, and all children and young adults with DS are welcome. Additionally, the team plays other clubs, attends the DS Active festival each year, and has played on the County Ground pitch.

Refugee Sessions

Supported by Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, we deliver free weekly football sessions for the refugees and displaced people that now call Swindon home. These sessions are predominantly for teenagers and young adults, although in the past we have offered the sessions to older participants. In addition to the weekly coaching and matches, we also try to offer additional opportunities, such as entry into tournaments and festivals, and arranging fixtures against some of our other groups and programmes.



Physical Health and Wellbeing

In partnership with Threshold and Nationwide, we have launched the physical health & wellbeing sports activities programme for participants from Swindon and Wiltshire Threshold's resettlement projects and individuals in emergency accommodation. Sessions are delivered on a weekly basis with an emphasis on physical activity and ensuring participants are receiving the necessary nourishment through nutritional guidance and provision of fruits and vegetables.



Super Robins and LD Football

The Super Robins are our team for able-bodied adults who have found it hard to find acceptance in mainstream football, due to ongoing mental health challenges. The team trains once a week at Foundation Park, and plays in a local Leisure League. In addition to this, we also run a weekly LD Football session for adults with learning disabilities. The projects seek to reduce the social isolation and stigma often associated with unseen disabilities, whilst improving physical and mental health.

Staying Connected

The Staying Connected project was founded during the pandemic, as a way to support our hundreds of elderly supporters. We have now expanded this programme to offer a weekly coffee morning at Foundation park, with activities and games, and guest speakers such as current and former STFC players and club staff.



Memory Cafe

Following on from the successful Sporting Memories events that we have run in the past, we are proud to launch our memory cafe sessions here at Foundation Park. Aimed at our elderly fans with dementia, these coffee morning sessions use conversation, storytelling, and visual and audio aids to help trigger memories, and promote socialisation and communication. Through their love of Swindon Town FC we hope to provide these fans with another resource for maintaining a sense of self and identity in their later years.

Premier League Kicks

Joint funded by the Premier League and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) the Premier League Kicks programme works with those aged 8-18 to deliver community activities, workshops and football sessions.

The programme is designed to inspire young people to develop positive, supportive relationships with one another and the authorities. The Foundation working with the OPCC aim to reduce the risk of youths being exploited or caught up in crime, as well as improve community safety.

Children and young people who live within 10 miles of Swindon can get involved with sessions running in the evenings and after school in multiple locations across the town.

“Activities that support the personal development of children and young people from all backgrounds can only be a good thing in reducing their vulnerability and keeping our communities safe and I’m pleased that funding from the OPCC is helping Swindon Town FC Community Foundation to run these sessions.”

-Kieran Kilgallen, OPCC Chief Executive



Premier League
Kicks

Wiltshire and Swindon

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EVENTS AT HOME

The STFC Community Foundation aim to organise a number of events in the Swindon area throughout the year, to bring people together to celebrate our community. We aim to make these as accessible to as many people as we can, regardless of age or ability.

One key event in our calendar is our six-a-side Festival, which takes place at the end of the season on the pitch at the County Ground and gives local teams the chance to play on the hallowed turf. Another is our SEN festival, which takes place in the spring and brings together SEN students from schools all over Wiltshire, for a day of football and fun.

We've got events taking place locally all throughout the year, so be sure to check our website and social media for announcements and updates.



EVENTS AWAY

We are proud to be able to offer a number of our participants the opportunity to be able to play in some of the biggest tournaments in the world. We are also committed to ensuring that our girls teams receive the same opportunities as our boys' teams.



We've taken teams to residential tournaments within the UK, as well as tournaments further afield, such as Spain, USA, Holland, and the world's biggest youth tournament- the Gothia Cup in Sweden.

The Gothia Cup has been held since 1975 and sees around 1700 teams from 80 countries taking part, we've had some success in the past, and we feel it is one of the greatest experiences that we can offer our participants.

THE FOUNDATION IN ZAMBIA

Since 2007, STFC Community Foundation have been travelling to Zambia to deliver coach education workshops and disability coaching projects, which gives the opportunity of match experience, coaching, and tutoring for the area's young players, coaches, and referees.



In addition to the work we do when we are in the country, we annually send over kit and boots for the local teams, and in the past, we've also been proud to install solar lighting in local schools, giving children the ability to study for longer hours during the day. During our time in Zambia, our coaching team have worked with hundreds of youngsters and Livingstone Coaching Association, with the word of Swindon Town Football Club being spread far and wide.





FOUNDATION PARK

“We are incredibly proud to have created a facility that the people of Swindon can be proud of.”

After years of planning, we were finally able to move into our new purpose-built home in the shadow of the County Ground, featuring home and away changing-rooms (that will also be utilised by our partners, the Swindon Harriers Athletic Club), multi-use function rooms, offices, a café, and a full-size 4G pitch.

This facility allows us to host even more projects and activities and allow us to continue to grow as a Foundation. We're excited to be able to offer the people of Swindon a new sporting hub for the community, and we hope this can allow us to bring even more people together in the name of Swindon Town Football Club.



A Staying Connected participant poses on his doorstep with the EFL League 2 Trophy.



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