

Annual Report
2014/15

Preston Athletic Youth Football Club
East Lothian Indoor Bowling Club
Longniddry Villa Football Club
Preston Village Cricket Club
Longniddry Tennis Club
Preston Lodge High School
Active Schools Prestonpans
Cockenzie Star Football Club
Saltire Team Gymnastics Club
East Lothian Sports Development
City of Edinburgh Trampoline Club

Prestonpans & District Community Sport Hub is at the forefront of developing community led sport and activity in East Lothian. With a number of proactive clubs focused on providing high quality activity for our community we share a combined vision to build a strong network of clubs working together for the benefit of all. It is through the sharing of good practice locally and an improved cohesion between member clubs that we are starting to see growth, new opportunities and external investment supporting our community. Through developing this combined vision we will continue to be more than just sports clubs but a lasting asset to our communities.

Across
The Hub
35

New Coaches

451

New Participants

8 Clubs
6 Sports
1399 Members

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Snapshot on 2014/15

More than Just Volunteering

We harness the energies, experiences and expertise of local clubs and the community to help address issues, improve collaborative working and enhance levels of participation and quality of provision. Importantly, the Hub empowers our local community to affect change in wider community planning and ensure resources are allocated to the best effect.

Following a successful pilot Prestonpans & District Community Sport Hub have secured an additional 3 years funding from the Robertsons Trust to continue focussing on the development of volunteers. The programme has seen 84 newly recruited volunteers, 47 volunteers through additional training, and 18 new volunteers directly supporting our community clubs.



330% ↑

Youth members in East Lothian Indoor Bowling club after linking with Active Schools

Influencing local area planning

When East Lothian Council announced its new approach to community planning we recognised the importance of being part of this process right from the start. It was unanimously agreed that the group represents an important role in sport and activity. We see this as a huge step in the right direction to make sure sport has a voice in the right place at the right time. We are now settling into getting our plans for the next year in place to make sure sport is accessible and open to the wider community. In this way we can provide sport for all at any level and help create a healthier community.

A picture says a thousand words



There have been tennis courts in Longniddry since the 1930s however, in 2013 the courts were in a sorry state and desperately in need of some love and attention. Longniddry Tennis Club leased the courts off East Lothian Council but the club had become dormant and the courts were nearly unplayable. The community was keen to see the courts revitalised and at the end of 2013 they started a fundraising campaign to refurbish the courts and restarted the local club, working with the council to ensure the courts were swept and lined for the start of the 2014 season.

The 2014 season was kickstarted with an 'Open Day' and an impromptu visit by Judy Murray who tweeted:

"Longniddry's 2 public courts resurrected 2day. Lumpy, bumpy tarmac. Not full length. Spray-on lines. 80 people. Making it work. Gr8 start x"

Jump forward to 2015 and after a huge community effort and some successful funding campaigns the club has brand new all weather courts that are accessible to all and the club continues to build. We are increasing the coaching on offer and are expanding our pool of coaches. We have entered a team into the East Lothian league and we have continued to increase our membership, which now stands at 206 members. A great story of what a community can do with the right support in place.



A partnership between local Sports Clubs, East Lothian Council and sportscotland bringing together all the key people developing sport in our community

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