

WESTFIELD WIND FARM CARDENDEN COMMUNITY FUND



PROJECT 3

BOWHILL KARATE CLUB GRANT REQUEST: £1,857.19

This project will provide two club-branded training tops and a hooded sweatshirt for every student currently training for the upcoming club competition, ensuring all participants are uniformly equipped and fostering a sense of belonging for all members, promoting equity across the club's 30 members. Many families are struggling to afford equipment and apparel during the current cost of living crisis, creating barriers to full participation in club activities. Additionally, the project will replace worn training pads that have deteriorated over years of use, ensuring younger students have access to safe, adequate equipment for their development in the sport. By removing financial barriers to participation, this project ensures that every student can fully engage with training and competition without worrying about additional costs, ensuring talent and dedication, rather than household income, determine participation opportunities.

Established in 2013, Bowhill Karate Club has provided accessible martial arts training to young people for over a decade, welcoming children from age 3 upwards at affordable rates. Operating from Corrie Community Centre in Cardenden, the club offers regular classes teaching fitness, self-defence, traditional techniques, sparring, and competition preparation. Through its structured programme, the club promotes physical fitness, self-discipline, confidence, and community engagement among approximately 30 participants, creating a supportive environment where young people develop martial arts skills and valuable life qualities.