

WESTFIELD WIND FARM CARDENDEN COMMUNITY FUND



PROJECT 6

BOWHILL UNITED GRANT REQUEST: £2,000

Bowhill United is seeking funding to establish a 2017 age group for children aged 7-8, responding to community need in an area where the current cost of living crisis has made it increasingly difficult for many families to afford grassroots football opportunities. With registered 2016 players already attending weekly sessions and another 10-15 children from the 2017 age group ready to join following a successful taster session that attracted 15 participants, this project will provide twice-weekly training and weekend league matches for approximately 20 children initially, with anticipated growth as the group becomes established and attracts more young people from the local area. The funding will cover essential new kit and age-appropriate equipment including correctly sized goals, balls, and clothing that cannot be shared with the existing 2016 group due to different specifications and concurrent training times, ensuring both age groups can develop safely and effectively. By removing financial barriers and providing proper resources, this project delivers positive physical, mental, and social health outcomes for local children whilst fostering community engagement and creating accessible sporting opportunities.

Established in 2024, Bowhill United provides grassroots football training and youth development from Bowhill Community Centre, with sessions held on weekday evenings and weekends year-round. Founded by coaches whose children played football, the club initially focused on 2016-aged players but quickly expanded following parent requests. Committed to promoting physical health, social inclusion, and skill development, the club now supports approximately 150 individuals annually and is actively establishing a 2017 age group to meet ongoing local demand for affordable, quality grassroots football opportunities.