



# SPORTING CAPITAL

## KEY FACTS:

£100,000 loan

12-month repayment  
holiday

Investment to  
refurbish the  
clubhouse into a  
community hub

Funding for:

- Capital works
- Cash flow

We've invested into Norton Sports Charity which operates a 55 acre facility providing archery, athletics, bowls, cricket, football, hockey, orienteering, squash, snooker, walking and tennis for their local community.

The charity has a focus on providing access to sport for all, with a particular focus on the young, the old, the infirm, those with disabilities and those in need of support.

NSC became a charity in 1947 and then a Charitable Company in 2014 consistently with the objective of improving quality of life through promotion of physical and mental well-being. They currently have a major push on improving provision for parasports and have recently become established as a registered parasports hub. Support for social activities is provided from the community clubhouse.

Many organisations from the local community are involved in activities including the eight 'Hosted Sports Clubs'. Multi-sport agreements are in place with local schools (using sport facilities, classroom space and the community forest) and a local autism respite centre, Daisy Chain who makes extensive use of the community forest. The clubhouse is a true community hub. The building is also the home for various groups including Norton BoxFit, Norton Sports Golf Society, a weight-loss group and a snooker players group as well as many other organisations from the local community such as a bereavement support group. The charity has recently become a collection point for the local food bank.

The investment was provided to support the refurbishment of the clubhouse to ensure it is fit for purpose to act as a true community hub. A clubhouse with a better environment, flexible layout and more hospitality services will mean the CIC (trading arm which operates the clubhouse) will be able to donate a surplus up to twice the size of current levels to the charity. This will support their mission to support physical activity, sport and community cohesion for the community of Stockton on Tees and be a sustainable organisation over the long term.

Sporting Capital have provided a loan of £100,000 to support the capital renovation costs of the facility. The investment was supported with a grant from Sport England that covered the costs of the loan (interest and fees). This grant was available as part of a pilot, with Norton Sports Charity being the first recipient of the support.

The pilot has been established to support more sport and physical activity focused organisations to consider taking on loan finance for the first time, removing a key barrier to repayable finance, the cost of finance. The pilot is currently fully allocated.

“The investment from Sporting Capital is truly transformative in allowing us re-develop our community clubhouse. Without it and the associated support from Sport England we simply could not have completed the project which is essential to our being able to continue to provide superb sporting and social facilities for the community. This truly is game-changing and a huge boost to our sustainability into the future particularly given the most challenging of circumstances currently posed by the pandemic”

Peter Frost  
Chairman, Norton Sports Charity



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