



Kendal Cricket Club

Geographic Details.

County Cricket Board	Cumbria
Project Start Date	2013
Project Completion Date	2015
Funding Stream(s)	Sport England Inspired Facilities Fund
Location (Inner-city/Urban/Rural)	Urban
Applicant / Organisation Status	<i>ECB Clubmark</i>
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Quantitative and Qualitative Detail.

Background.

Kendal Cricket Club's relationship with Fields in Trust has, in more recent years, been turbulent. Kendal Cricket Club is a long-term tenant and managing trustee of a Fields in Trust (National Playing Fields Association)-owned site and have 12 years remaining on a 90-year lease. The ground is held as charitably land and is therefore subject to certain restrictions and conditions of The Charities Act 2011.

In 2009 Fields in Trust was provided with an option for betterment for the community following an offer to purchase the Kendal CC site. This was favourable to Fields in Trust, and in accordance with their policy, with a multi-sport site being made available for the benefit of the Kendal community and sports clubs nearby. One benefit of Fields in Trust's protection is that, in the event a development is proposed on a protected site, Fields in Trust insist that a site is procured and protected that serves the same community with improved facilities and increased size where possible.

The replacement site was identified and the consultation process was ongoing for a period of time before Kendal CC and its members decided, as is their right, to retain management and occupancy of the existing ground, with a view to develop their existing home rather than move to a shared new sporting complex.

Aims and Objectives.

Kendal CC's intention to develop their existing home has been ongoing for a number of years. As an established club, their aim is to sustain the club and its role within the community for many years to come.

The club has successfully applied for a £75,000 Sport England Inspired Facilities Fund grant, enabling significant outdoor and indoor development of the Shap Road site over the next 18 months.

In recent years, Fields in Trust's focus has widened to not only protecting sites for the benefit of communities, but ensuring that they are used to their best potential. Their engagement with partners such as Sport England, The RFU, LTA and now The ECB illustrates a commitment to working in partnership with these bodies to provide the bedrock for sport, play and recreation.

Sports clubs play an integral part in providing participation and performance pathways and, for many, are a central and integral part of their communities. Fields in Trust see their role as supporting sports clubs to achieve their aims on protected land. Kendal CC provide an opportunity for Fields in Trust to demonstrate that willingness to work together and provide further benefits for tenants and landowners of protected sites.

Achievements to date.

Fields in Trust are currently in consultation with Kendal CC to provide further benefits to the club that the club feel will supplement the Sport England funds and enable the club to improve their current provision. Both the club and Fields in Trust are pleased with the improved working relationship and the opportunities that lay ahead that will allow the club to provide even greater stability in the coming years at the existing ground for the cricket community of Kendal.

Pictures.



Main partners involved.

Kendal Cricket Club
The ECB
Fields in Trust
Sport England

Comments from the applicant / organisation.

“Following a number of years of uncertainty Kendal Cricket Club are now actively working towards building for a sustainable future thanks largely to Sport England funding, the enthusiasm of its members and also the invaluable support received from Fields in Trust (FiT). Despite our recent differences the club widely acknowledges the change of focus within FiT and following open and honest dialogue we continue to develop and improve our working partnership. In addition to their help with the Sport England funding FiT are now exploring other areas in which they can support Club to enable further development of the Shap Road ground, yet more evidence of the new working relationship.”

Paul Fearnough, Kendal Cricket Club

Headline Figures and Statistics.

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