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TYNEDALE

Supporting Sport in Tynedale

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To: All Parish Councils in West Northumberland

### **Request for Support in 2020/21**

I am writing on behalf of Sport Tynedale to ask you to contribute towards our work in supporting voluntary sport in the Tyne valley and Ponteland areas in West Northumberland.

These are extraordinary and difficult times for us all, and sport will not have been at the top of people's minds. But it has been great to see how sports clubs have found all sorts of ways to keep in touch, and have continued to inspire and enthuse their members during "lockdown".

As we begin to return to organised sport in a limited way, we believe that sport will be more important than ever in the months to come, helping to reconnect people and communities in a positive way.

As well as our normal activities, we plan to use our funds to help sport get back on its feet and are consulting local sports clubs about that – any suggestions from Town and Parish Councils would be very welcome.

Our main activities have been:

- Providing financial assistance to athletes and teams, both adult and of school age, who are achieving excellence and gaining representative honours
- Supporting volunteer coaches who are seeking new qualifications to coach sport in our local clubs
- Organising an annual awards evening which celebrates all aspects of sport in our area

We have been helping sports clubs obtain some of the funding currently available to clubs (especially those which own premises) – the best summary is at <https://www.sportenglandclubmatters.com>. Sports Governing Bodies have good information specific to their sports, and Kathie Keady at Active Northumberland will also be pleased to help, email her at [kathie.keady@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:kathie.keady@northumberland.gov.uk).

More details of Sport Tynedale are given below, and we will be pleased to supply any further information you may require.

Sport Tynedale is a voluntary body that seeks to support and champion sporting activity throughout West Northumberland, and works for people of all ages and abilities.

At our annual Awards Evening 2019, over 100 clubs, teams, school teams and individuals were recognised for the contribution they make to sporting life in West Northumberland. With

sponsorship of the event from Egger (UK), we are looking forward to another very successful awards night this year.

Clubs and groups who subscribe to us are eligible, as are their members, to apply to our Sport Development Fund and Coaching Development Fund which exist to assist the development of sports people and coaches of all ages by offering financial support. Application forms are available for download from the Sport Tynedale website: <https://www.sport-tynedale.co.uk> or can be requested from Kathie Keady at [kathie.keady@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:kathie.keady@northumberland.gov.uk).

We have assisted individuals from all parts of West Northumberland in recent years. The funding can enable a person to attend a coaching qualification course, or buy that piece of essential equipment. In the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 we've been able to award £4,050 in grants to individuals.

It is highly likely that someone from your locality has been assisted or recognised by Sport Tynedale in recent years.

Sport Tynedale receives no direct funding and relies solely on grants from local councils, subscriptions from sports clubs and schools, and sponsorship of our awards evening and some of our awards. We are grateful for any donation that you are able to make to us. Last year we were supported by over 50 organisations; all money received in this way goes directly to support sports people, with no administrative costs. Previous donations have ranged between £50 and £350 depending on the size of the local council.

Cheques payable to 'Sport Tynedale' should be forwarded to Cliff Thornton (Treasurer, Sport Tynedale) at Cliff Thornton, 17 Springfield, Ovington, Northumberland, NE42 6EQ. Alternatively payment can be made by bank transfer. The information needed is: Barclays, Sort code: 20 40 09, Account: 70896195. If an acknowledgement is required then please request this by post or by email (from [cliff.thornton@btinternet.com](mailto:cliff.thornton@btinternet.com)).

I look forward to hearing from you and very much hope that your club will be able to support us.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with John Maude (01434 632485 or 07791 590814, [johnmaude100@gmail.com](mailto:johnmaude100@gmail.com)) or with me if you would like any further information.

Yours sincerely



Edward Heslop (Chair, Sport Tynedale)

