

## **Haslemere Town Council Grant Application Form Questions**

See below the answers to the questions within the application that say 'please see attached PDF file'.

### ***'What aspect of the project will grant money be used for. Please Be as specific as possible'***

The Specsavers Surrey Youth Games is the largest annual youth sports festival in the county, with more than 2,000 competitors taking part every year. The event is suitable for anyone between the ages of 7 to 16 who wants to learn a new sport or develop skills with qualified local coaches.

The main aim of the games is to encourage young people to develop their sporting skills and promote physical activity and fair play in sport. In 2018 we had nearly 300 registrations from young people in Waverley who attended our training sessions. More than 120 of those participants were selected to represent Team Waverley during the weekend competition.

The games focus on the introduction of sports to children who are beginners, meaning worries around experience levels are removed, as the majority will also be a similar level. The games also allow young people to come together and socialise through sport, meeting new people and creating friendships within the community.

Using established local coaches connected to clubs provides pathways encouraging integration into those local clubs. Creating a sustainable physical activity habit is important within this age group as this is a period where there is a high rate of drop out. Another limiting factor combated throughout the games is cost. Often families are not able to afford costings that are associated with certain sports, such as coaching fees. The Specsavers Surrey Youth Games combats these factors by providing free training and in some sports, loaning equipment.

The funding required is vital to enable that the training and weekend event can be provided to the participants free of charge. Funding will be spent on coaching/training costs and promotion of the games to maximise the number of young people given the opportunity to access the training.

### ***'What benefits for the Haslemere community do you expect will result from the project?'***

The participants of the project would see:

- An increase in their physical activity levels.
- Access to try a new sport in a comfortable and accessible environment.
- The ability to try competitive sport through the competition weekend.
- The opportunity to make new friends within the local community through the training sessions.
- Provide opportunities and activities for the local children which help improve their skills. Which 219 participants took advantage of in 2018.

The Surrey Youth Games will benefit the local community as:

- The games use local coaches to provide the training. As a result there are accessible pathways to local clubs, if the participants wish to carry on the sport.

- Promotion of the local sports clubs.
- Participants from other areas of district attending the training sessions potentially will visit Haslemere.

***'What are the aims and objectives if the organisation?'***

**Aims**

- To increase physical activity levels throughout the Borough.
- To decrease the number of inactivity children throughout the Borough.

**Objectives**

- Increase the physical activity levels across the borough including within Haslemere by providing 7 weeks of free coaching within the area.
- To have children attend the free weekly sessions.
- To attract and sustain currently inactivity children into physical activity. Either through the participants joining a local club or playing recreationally.
- Submit at least 1 team for each sport into the Specsavers Surrey Youth Games competition weekend.