

Local club bowled over by support from Building Society

Durham County Bowling Association has scooped £5,000 from the Newcastle Building Society Fund at the Community Foundation serving Tyne & Wear and Northumberland.

The Club has used the funds to invest in new uniforms, including shirts and showerproof jackets, for their three teams. It will also be spent on transport to away fixtures and to start a youth development scheme to attract more younger people into the sport.

Members were able to show off their new uniforms at the last match of the season against Northumberland County at Stockton Bowling Club on Saturday 4 August. Manager of Newcastle Building Society's Durham branch, Julie Anderson, was delighted to be invited along and said:

“It was a pleasure to see the team decked out – and with current weather conditions, the showerproof jackets are a great investment! It's encouraging to see so much enthusiasm for the sport and I hope our donation will help grow this even more. The Society is proud to pledge its support to clubs such as this that enrich the local community.”

Club secretary Mr Johnson said:

“We are delighted to have been chosen by Newcastle Building Society to receive this grant from their Community Fund. It will help existing and future county teams and also help county champions to attend championships around the country. ”

Crown green bowling is one of the most popular and fastest growing sports in the country. It is one of the few sports where anyone can play, the basics of the game are simple to pick up and it's a great way to get fit.

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About Newcastle Building Society

The Newcastle Building Society Community Fund was set up in 1992 and since then has given away over £600,000 to over 600 groups. It focuses on projects that help to nurture new talent, improve the community and help with children's education in the areas where it has a branch presence. As a further step forward, the Society has launched its Members Fund, which allows members to make an annual donation from one of their savings accounts. The criteria for this fund is chosen by the members and previously grants have been awarded to projects which aid children's education, improved adult literacy and numeracy and provided IT schemes for the over 55's.

About the Community Foundation

The Community Foundation provides a service to individuals, families and companies who want to help the local community. Funds set up by donors at the Community Foundation are invested to produce an annual income to support a wide range of carefully chosen voluntary groups in Tyne & Wear and Northumberland. The aim of the Foundation is to make it easier and more rewarding for

successful people and organisations to serve the community. Last year, the Community Foundation, who now manages more than 140 funds in Tyne & Wear and Northumberland, awarded grants of almost £7.8 million on behalf of its donors to almost 1,700 community groups.