



ACCESS SPORT OXFORDSHIRE



End of Year 1 Report **(April 2022 – March 2023)**

We are proud to share some of the achievements of Access Sport Oxfordshire within its first year!

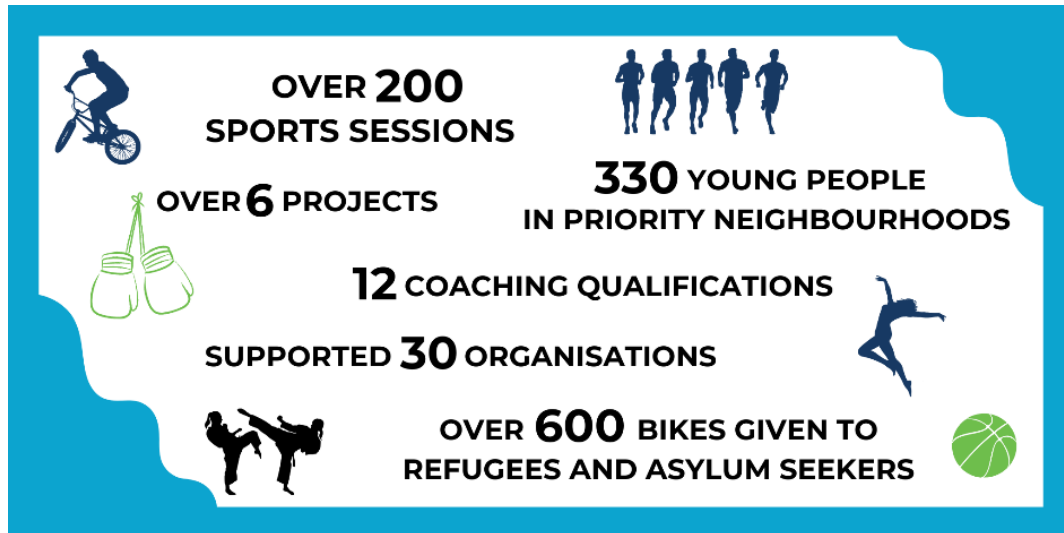
Access Sport Oxfordshire launched in April 2022 to increase access to inclusive sports across the county for children and young people. Access Sport has been supporting children and young people to be more active in Oxford City since 2014, but thanks to generous support from Mark Beard, High Sheriff of Oxfordshire 2022-23 and many other donors, we were delighted to be able to expand provision across the whole county.

What does Access Sport Oxfordshire aim to do?

1. Widen access to sport for young people facing barriers to accessing opportunities for sport and physical activity.
2. Create a new generation of diverse sports coaches and leaders.
3. Give disabled children and young people opportunities to access sport and physical activity.

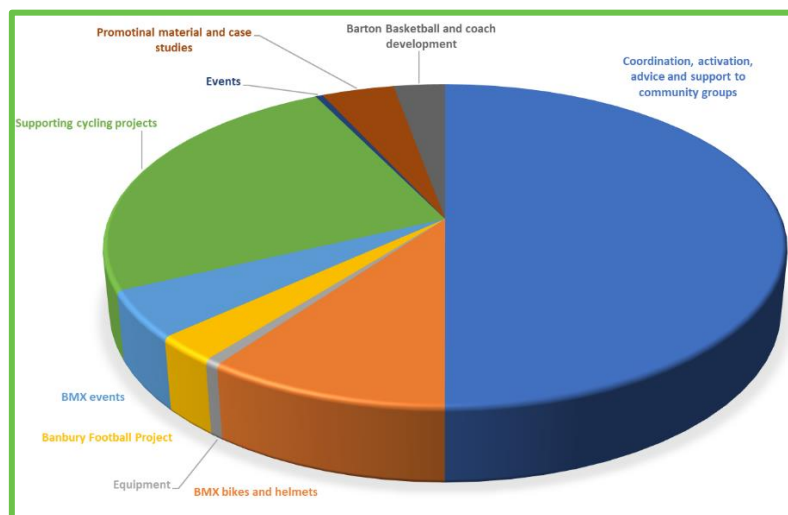
Highlights of the first full year of Access Sport Oxfordshire

During the first full year, we've been proud to work with sports clubs, residents, and communities to make sure children facing barriers can enjoy the huge benefits brought by sport and physical activity.



How have we used our funding?

We spent approximately £50,000 over the last year, for the coordination, activation, and running of Access Sport Oxfordshire, as well as directly on activities in the community:



Who has Access Sport Oxfordshire supported?

We're proud to have supported the delivery of over 200 sports session to over 330 young people in Oxfordshire, supported 12 young people from our priority neighbourhoods to obtain coaching qualifications, and worked with 30 organisations:

Roller Derby Sunrae Dance Gosford All Blacks The Story Museum
Wallingford Sports Park Oxford Hub Wallingford Wolves
Parasol Barton Community Association Oxford Asian Women's Voice
African Families in the UK Farringdon Cricket Wantage Lawn Tennis Rotherfield
Football club Foundation Henley YMCA Active Leaders Chipping Norton Lido
Windrush Bike Project Banbury United Football Club Cyclability Joyriders

Case Studies

Lifts and Sprints Athletics Academy

Lifts and Sprints Athletics Academy provides athletics sessions for those aged 8 – 16 twice per week, and more recently a Monday session for those over 16. The funding we have provided has allowed the academy to subsidise memberships, purchase kit and equipment for members, and secure a venue for the new sessions.



64 young people have been taking part in the athletics sessions, with between 10 and 30 participants attending each week.

Diversity Football – East Oxford

The Diversity Football League, organised and coached by Hassan Abrie, aims to bring together ethnically diverse communities. It became clear that there was a need for a space place for young people and adults to play football with the financial implications that being in a league can often entail. The club has a good quality 3G pitch, which the participants are proud to be able to play on.

“ If I was a child now, I would love to play on this pitch. It helps these young people feel like they are worth something, like they are worth the quality facility instead of second best as they can no longer afford to play in a league.

By having these free sessions, it's a constant for them, they know they can turn up and play for 2 hours, no questions asked.



Banbury Mosque

Banbury Mosque, situated in one of our priority neighbourhoods, has been running boys' football on Wednesday evenings, for boys and young people aged 8 – 16.

Access Sport Oxfordshire has supported Banbury Mosque since April 2022, giving access to £5,000 worth of funding from Angus Irvine Playing Fields Fund.

In total, so far 112 young people have taken part in the football sessions, with 75 participants having attended at least 4 sessions.



Coaching Qualifications

The volunteers running the sessions wanted to run more structured sessions, and 4 volunteers from the club undertook FA Level 1 qualifications.

One of the volunteers from the club who undertook the coaching qualification was Mohammed, who was playing for Abingdon Football Club. He shadowed the Oxford United in the Community coaches, who'd also been delivering the sessions at Banbury Mosque, and has since obtained paid work in coaching football!



“ I have always had a passion and love for football as I started playing it from a young age. As I got older, I realised there are not many players or coaches of my background. I wanted to make a change and help others develop a love and interest in football and also sport as a whole. ”

He's currently studying sport at Pro Direct Academy, and later this year will continue his coaching journey by completing his UEFA Level C. His goal is to continue developing as a coach and work at a competitive level.



His confidence has grown as a result of his coaching career so far and his academic studies.

Excitingly, Banbury Mosque is now in a position to continue their sessions independently, with Mohammed leading alongside support of the other coaches who have completed their qualifications.

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