

Supplementary Information for Small Grants Application on Behalf of AFC Newbiggin Juniors.

Our small grants application money, if awarded, could be managed within our club finances in such a way that we could give assurances that Ashington Town Council money would 100% be used on solely Ashington residents. We at the club can formulate a mechanism whereby the children of Ashington would benefit from any support and match funding from our central funding pot would be used for the children of Newbiggin.

In terms of the possible investment from the Council AFC Newbiggin are an extremely good organisation to help. This is because around 30 children are resident in Ashington and with this in mind will promote their quality of life and wellbeing. Also the club show a pay back into the area of Ashington through half the junior section teams being housed at Hirst Welfare as their winter training facility. Also a significant percentage of the club currently or will do in the coming years attend the Dukes school in Ashington. Again bringing a social and physical benefit to our young people with a view to future sporting successes and the prestige that inevitably follows.

Following on it is difficult to put a specific percentage on children choosing to come to AFC Newbiggin because they are unable to get into Ashington clubs. By the very nature of children activities this can fluctuate drastically. However I would like to see the situation as a mutual support opportunity for both Ashington and Newbiggin teams.

There are many reasons why children will join us e.g teams folding, comparison of club fees, locations and facilities etc. From this as our club goes from strength to strength in terms of the investment within our home ground facilities at Newbiggin Sports and Community Hub we can only envisage large increases of new participants. Again a major proportion of these new players will be from Ashington and adjoining areas.

Newbiggin Town Council also support our club and we as a club would like to see Ashington Town Council's support so that a harmonious approach can be achieved for the betterment of both council residents and our mutual communities.