



Fishburn
Youth & Community Centre



COMMUNITY
FUND

After being awarded £181,590 from the National Lottery Community Fund, Lynne Watson, centre manager at Fishburn Youth and Community Centre chatted to Durham Community Action about the impact the funding had made.

How has the National Lottery Community Fund helped make an impact for your centre?

“Fishburn Youth and Community Centre is a real institution in the area and the National Lottery Community Fund have been fabulous supporters of us. The latest funding covers staff salaries for a manger, two cooks and a cleaner. It also helps us with business sustainability and job security.”



What tips would you give to other groups who are looking to apply to the National Lottery?

“Have a clear idea, know exactly what you want the money for. Meet with your local grants officer and discuss your proposal. Research their funding priorities and create your application around them.”





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How has Durham Community Action helped you along your journey?

“I’ve worked mainly with Isla and Tracy, they’re fabulous! They have acted as a critical friend, reading through applications. The Meet the Funder events and Share and Learn Networks have also been really helpful to meet other people in the same position as yourself.”

How has the funding helped make an impact to your local community?

“The funding from the National Lottery Community Fund has also allowed us to make refurbishments to the centre which has included an extension and improvements to our energy efficiency. This has helped to increase footfall and improve social isolation. We now also offer meals on wheels 3 days a week too, further amplifying how much of an impact we make in the community.”

