



After being awarded £93,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund, Lesley Bowes, Centre Development coordinator for Jubilee Fields 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?

“Our centre has transformed in the last 18 months! The funding from the National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) has contributed primarily towards staffing costs. We have also used the funding from the NLCF to match fund which has given us job security for the next three years at least, while we build our reserves up.”



How did you find the process of applying to the National Lottery?

“Speak to your project manager! Ours was Lynn Stoddart, she was fantastic. Stakeholder input is also absolutely essential - it helps bring the application to life and highlights the realities of what’s actually happening in your area.”



How has Durham Community Action helped you along your journey?

“Isla has acted as a critical friend, reading our applications before we applied for funding. Our application to the NLCF was successful and it fills you with so much confidence and security knowing that your funding streams are going to be supported.”



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

“The funding from the National Lottery Community Fund has allowed us to expand our inclusive activity schedule which has in turn increased footfall. We offer a range of activities such as a ladies and men’s club, playgroup and luncheon club which help to reduce social isolation and build friendships. Jubilee Fields really is a focal point for the community in Shildon!”



Jubilee Fields
Community Centre
Putting the smile
back into Shildon