

Bowling Club awarded 'Be Active Wales' funding

Pentyrch Bowling Club has received a small share of £4m funding aimed at protecting grassroots sports clubs through the COVID-19 crisis.

The bowling club was awarded £645 by Sport Wales' Be Active Wales Fund to help them guard against the on-going problems associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the money will make an important contribution to the club's annual insurance, utility and bowling green costs.

Thanks to the Welsh Government and repurposed money from the National Lottery, the Be Active Wales Fund enables clubs to apply for grants of between £300 and £50,000.

Some clubs need the funding to help them stay afloat, while other clubs are using the money to make any adaptations required to ensure their activities are safe once they are given the green light by Welsh Government for their sport to restart.

Brian Ilbery, Club Secretary, said "This funding will make an important difference for our club. Like so many other clubs, the COVID-19 crisis has hit us hard, so this funding is very welcome. It is helping us to survive so that whenever we are given the opportunity to play again, we will be ready. We would like to thank Sport Wales, Welsh Government and the National Lottery".

Sport Wales Chief Executive Sarah Powell said "Our grassroots clubs and groups are crucial in keeping the people of Wales active. If they don't stay afloat or they cannot reopen safely, we can expect another crisis - that of inactivity and ill-health. We must not let this happen".

To find out more about the Be Active Wales Fund, please visit www.sport.wales/beactivewalesfund.

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