



Saddleworth and Lees District Executive Funding Application 2014/2015

SECTION A

Please note that this section of the application will be made part of the District Executive's public reports and be available on our website at www.oldham.gov.uk

NAME OF ORGANISATION REQUESTING FUNDING (must be same as on Section B):
Dobcross Band & Social Club

PROJECT TITLE (must be same as on Section B):
New Floodlighting for Dobcross Band & Social Club Bowling Green

The existing floodlights at the club are past their useful life. They only provide limited light. We have had to make emergency repairs to ensure the wiring is safe. The lights are on old posts and the only way to replace bulbs is by climbing up them, which is dangerous. Modern lights are hinged and much easier to maintain, and use less power.

The project is the replacement of the floodlights with modern lights. If the floodlights can not be renewed then the ability of the club to play evening fixtures would be restricted.

The club and bowling activities facility will benefit the area due to the lack of other local. We will provide strong social and health benefits for the community in an area without easy access to town centre facilities. It is a strong social focus in the area, particularly amongst retired people. It is an inexpensive hobby (£2 per match to play for the club and free to visitors, resting team members and spectators) which keeps people in the community fit and in social contact.

The project will work to address some of our local needs such as health and well-being (adult and young people), crime and ASB, as well as increasing footfall into the club itself to help sustain and develop ourselves over the coming years. We are now looking to engage with local Primary Schools and the community further to increase participation levels and also further use of the facility in general.

Estimated number of people to benefit – the club has 11 teams competing in leagues plus social bowlers. Each team has 10 to 12 members (some people are members of more than one team). There are approximately 80 members who bowl regularly each week. Some bowl on several occasions each week. Matches all involve visiting teams of 10 to 12 members, who come from the Oldham/Tameside areas to play against Dobcross. The green is also used by a neutral cup venue for visiting teams, this being a requirement of our league membership. The green is also used by other organisations for social bowling events, e.g. Saddleworth Male Voice Choir. The funding would therefore benefit upwards of 1000 people each year.

We are hopeful that new floodlights would last at least 30 years at their current usage levels.

Total Project Cost	£6100
Amount requested from the District Executive	£5500

Please check that you have included all the necessary enclosures and return this form to your District Co-ordinator

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