

Great Clifton Community Youth Group
Annual Report 2023 (220401 - 230331)

Background.

Great Clifton is an ex-mining village with a population of 1100 and very little community life. Most of the time since 2018, the Youth Group has provided weekly football sessions, and, on most years, made a major contribution to the annual village Fun Day.

Equipment.

Football is played on the ground of the defunct village rugby club and on winter evenings this requires use of the floodlights. The kiosk protecting the switchbox was derelict; a new kiosk was bought and installed with voluntary help from a village plant hire business and two professional electricians.

A pair of cheap plastic goalposts have been left on the football pitch. They are used almost daily and, to our satisfaction, have not been intentionally wrecked. Another pair were bought to provide replacement parts.

Activities

Until December 2022, weekly informal football sessions were provided for children in two age groups: 6-12 and 12-18. Each session typically attracted about 30 children on the pitch, and others came to socialise. Our charismatic trainer then stopped because he had moved some twenty miles from the village. Until summer, we continued to turn on the floodlights one evening a week and children organized their own games.

The Youth Group led the planning and organization of the village Fun Day on 20 August 2022.

Finance

A grant of £2,000 made available from a compensation fund for a local windfarm covered about two thirds of the expenditure.

Great Clifton Community Youth Group, Registered Charity 1181409.
Accounts 01 April 2020 to 31 March 2021

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