

PRESS RELEASE

Funding approved for refurbishment of the Marton cum Grafton Sports Pavilion.

The local community around the village of Marton cum Grafton, near Boroughbridge, are set to get a much-needed refurbishment of the existing sports pavilion thanks to a £45,000 grant from FCC Communities Foundation and additional part funding from Cobbett Environmental Ltd and the National Lottery Fund.

The money, will be used to breathe new life into the old damp and decayed sports pavilion ensuring that the local cricket, tennis, football and village school teams will have access to changing rooms, catering and toilet facilities at the fantastic sports ground overlooking the Vale of York.

Project Manager, Rory Cunningham, believes the facility will make a huge difference to the lives of people living in the area. He says: "This project will provide a real boost to the local community and should breathe new life into many of our local sports groups which have struggled to retain interest owing to the lack of suitable facilities. We would love to hear from other groups that would like to take advantage of the fantastic location we enjoy here in order to ensure the site retains its use as an outdoor recreation area to be enjoyed by all members of the local community. It's fantastic that FCC Communities Foundation has awarded us this money and we're really looking forward to our pavilion taking shape over the next few months.

FCC Communities Foundation is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community projects through the Landfill Communities Fund.

FCC Communities Foundation spokesperson, Penny Horne says: "We're delighted to be supporting the Marton cum Grafton Sports Pavilion Refurbishment project and pleased our funding will make such a difference to so many groups of people within the village and the surrounding areas. FCC Communities Foundation is always happy to consider grant applications for projects that benefit local communities and we're looking forward to this one having a positive impact very soon."

Rory Cunningham hopes the refurbished facility will be ready to use by June 2020 and that local sports teams and schools who need outdoor space for sports will be attracted by the stunning location and the refreshed amenities.

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- FCC Communities Foundation is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community, conservation and heritage projects from funds donated by FCC

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- FCC Environment is the leading UK waste and resource management company and is part of a global group with a strong heritage in providing services for communities and business. Its vision is to be the environmental company of choice, delivering change for a sustainable future. It employs 2,400 people and operates more than 200 facilities across England, Scotland and Wales. FCC Environment donates the landfill tax credits that are generated by its operations to FCC Communities Foundation, in order to add value to the environmental and social infrastructure of the communities around landfill sites. www.fccenvironment.co.uk

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