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## **£5868 to help Sudbury Gymnastics Club during current COVID-19 pandemic**

SUDBURY GYMNASTICS CLUB in Sudbury Suffolk has been awarded £5868 of National Lottery funding from Sport England's Community Emergency Fund towards Running costs of the Gymnastics Centre during the on-going COVID-19 pandemic.

The outbreak of the virus and the consequent shutdown of businesses as of March 23 has left the sport and physical activity sector facing a period of uncertainty.

In response, on March 31 Sport England announced a £195m package to help the sport and physical activity sector through covid-19. Within the package is a £20m Community Emergency Fund, of National Lottery money to deliver immediate funding to those who have a role in supporting the nation to be active but are experiencing short-term financial hardship or the ceasing of operations due to the impact of coronavirus.

The grant will allow SUDBURY GYMNASTICS CLUB to HELP WITH THE RUNNING COST OF THE FACILITY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN SECURE ITS FUTURE AFTER THE PANDEMIC IS OVER

“Sudbury Gymnastics Club are very grateful to sport England for the grant they have awarded us. It will help in covering every day running costs while we are closed and hopefully help with our recovery once we can get back into delivering our gymnastic classes”  
Said Head Coach Emily O'Neill

**Tim Hollingsworth, Sport England's Chief Executive, said:**

“As the body responsible for the growth of sport and physical activity participation, we want the vital grassroots organisations that make sport and physical activity happen in this country to not just to come through this crisis but to be in a position to thrive again in the future. The £20m Community Emergency fund, made possible by National Lottery players is part of a multimillion pound package of support we are providing to ease the pressure on a huge number of the organisations who are central to the nation's health and wellbeing.

“We are proud to be able to provide vital funding to Sudbury Gymnastics Club to help it through these extremely challenging times.”

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### **Notes to Editors**

For more details about the project please contact Andy Wood MBE 07876 592339

### **About your organisation**

Sudbury Gymnastics Club we provide a safe, fun and friendly environment for children and adults to enjoy gymnastics at all levels. Training for all our gymnasts is provided by our fantastic team of British Gymnastics qualified coaches.

With our purpose-built gymnasium, up-to-date equipment and pit area, we are dedicated to training gymnasts of all ages from 3 to adult, including boys and girls at all levels and abilities. We also run drop-in sessions for babies from ages 0-4.

## **Photography**

### **About the Sport England Community Emergency Fund**

Part of [Sport England's overall £195m support package](#) to help the sport and physical activity sector through COVID-19, the £20m Community Emergency Fund aims to deliver immediate funding to those most in need. It's specifically targeted at organisations, including those not currently supported by us, who have a role in supporting the nation to be active but who are experiencing short term financial hardship or the ceasing of operations due to the ongoing crisis.

Awards will be between £300 and £10,000, and in exceptional circumstances we'll consider awards of more than £10,000. The types of organisations eligible include local sports clubs forced to close at short notice but who are facing ongoing costs around maintenance and utility bills, and voluntary and community sector organisations who deliver or enable sport and physical activity.

This £20 million fund of National Lottery money is designed to complement other sources of funding from the government, such as funds targeted at small businesses.

Further information on the Community Emergency Fund – including seeing if your organisation is eligible and the application process - can be found via <https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/our-funds/community-emergency-fund>.

### **About National Lottery**

National Lottery players raise £30m every week for good causes, funding arts, heritage, sports, voluntary and charity projects around the UK. For more information on good causes in your area go to [www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk](http://www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk)

### **About Sport England**

Sport England is a public body and invests up to £300 million National Lottery and government money each year in projects and programmes that help people get active and play sport.

It wants everyone in England, regardless of age, background, or level of ability, to feel able to engage in sport and physical activity. That's why a lot of its work is specifically focused on helping people who do no, or very little, physical activity and groups who are typically less active - like women, disabled people and people on lower incomes.

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