ARGYLE COMMUNITY TRUST

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IMPACT REPORT **2025/26**

EFL | AWARDS

COMMUNITY CLUB OF THE SEASON

“We are over the moon to win these awards. There are charities and clubs up and down the country doing wonderful work, and **to be named Community Club of the Season is really humbling.**”

Dwain Morgan, Head of Business Development at Argyle Community Trust.

Argyle was named EFL Community Club of the Season at the EFL Awards at a ceremony in London.

The award celebrates an outstanding club, based on its commitment to the community and the impact it has within that community.

Argyle Community Trust supported over 101,000 people aged four months to 100 years during the 2024/25 season, delivering more than one million contact hours.

Programmes such as Mums Stay and Play, ACTing With Children, YEP!, and Argyle 4 Autism expanded the Trust’s reach across high-need communities.

Argyle 4 Autism won the divisional Community Project of the Season award at the EFL Awards at a ceremony at the House of Commons.

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FOREWORD

Mark Lovell

Argyle Community Trust CEO

It is a pleasure to introduce Argyle Community Trust's Impact Report for 2025/26, a year that reflects the strength of our purpose and the scale of our impact across the communities we serve.

Season 2025/26 has been one of real pride and recognition. Being named EFL Community Club of the Season is an outstanding achievement and a powerful endorsement of the commitment, creativity, and passion shown by our staff, volunteers, and partners every day. It was a privilege to be recognised alongside the fantastic work carried out by other club charities across the country.

Receiving recognition for Argyle 4 Autism as League One Project of the Season highlights the passion we have for making a difference to people's lives. These awards belong to everyone who plays a part in our work and to the communities who place their trust in us.

Throughout the year, we have continued to harness the power of football and the badge of Plymouth Argyle to reach people of all ages – from early years provision through to older adults. Our focus has remained clear: to remove barriers, tackle inequality,



and create opportunities where they are needed most. Whether supporting physical and mental wellbeing, reducing loneliness, improving employability prospects, or providing safe, inclusive spaces to connect, our work is rooted firmly in local need and lived experience.

This report captures the breadth of that impact. It reflects thousands of hours of delivery across Plymouth, Devon, and Cornwall, the growth of key facilities such as Foulston Park, and the continued success of flagship initiatives including Project 35. Behind every statistic is a personal story of confidence built, wellbeing improved, or aspiration renewed.

None of this would be possible without our dedicated team, volunteers, partners, and funders, or the continued support of Plymouth Argyle Football Club. Most importantly, it is shaped by those individuals and families who engage with our programmes and inspire us to keep improving.

Tom Cleverley

Plymouth Argyle Head Coach

Welcome to Argyle Community Trust's Impact Report for 2025/26, a year that has seen the Trust go from strength to strength.

As Argyle staff and players, we understand the importance of our charity and its incredible work across Devon and Cornwall. Ever since I joined the club, I have seen first-hand the importance of the community, the fan base, and every area of the football club being aligned and working to impact lives both on and off the pitch.

The work, commitment, and passion I have seen from the Trust's staff, volunteers, and partners meant that it came as no surprise when I heard Argyle had been named EFL Community Club of the Season.

My squad of players has also bought into the work of the Trust with regular visits to projects and schemes throughout the community. None more so than Julio Pleguezuelo and Joe Edwards, who created the Argyle 4 Autism programme, which went on to win the League One Project of the Season award.

This is a scheme that is close to Pleggy's heart for personal



reasons, but epitomises how much the players recognise their role as idols to the local community and how much they can make a difference. I am proud of our squad of players for how they have embraced this responsibility, and proud of Argyle Community Trust for all the amazing work they have delivered throughout the past year.

I want to personally congratulate the Trust's dedicated team of staff, volunteers, partners, and funders for that work and hope people enjoy reading this report to see the impact this work has delivered throughout Devon and Cornwall.

> "Ever since I joined the club, **I have seen first-hand the importance** of the community, the fan base, and every area of the football club being aligned."

A Season of Impact:

THE NUMBERS THAT MATTER

We strive to create opportunities for all, with a focus on supporting those facing the greatest barriers.



454,783

attendances across all Trust sessions and sites, engaging participants from one month to 96 years old – enough to fill Home Park Stadium 26 times!

200

staff and 43 volunteers dedicated to our community work.

14,168

hours of educational and employment support delivered - nearly 19 months of continuous work.

1/10

participants declared a disibility and/or mental health condition.

46%

of participants are from some of the most deprived areas nationally.

20%

of our delivery venues are in the most deprived areas nationally. This means we are delivering support in communities that need it the most.

2,368

hours of bringing local people together to overcome isolation and loneliness.



975KG

lost on our weight loss programmes - just over 13 Joe Edwards'.

2,717

hours dedicated to fighting health inequalities - almost four months of continuous time.

92%

of community members said the environment we provide was welcoming and inclusive.

"We aim, together with Argyle, to engage, educate, and inspire people in our communities to improve wellbeing and resilience."

14,683

inclusive sessions delivered to meet local need.

912,932

contact hours across all provisions.

80%

of attendees were satisfied to very satisfied with our session delivery.

1/3

of the people we engage with identify as female.

86%

rated our organisation as good to excellent.

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COMMUNITIES WE PROUDLY SERVE





ACTing With Children

ACTing With Children supports children from birth to 18 years old who are affected by a parent in prison. Research has found that the impacts can include increased mental ill health and emotional trauma, lower academic achievement, and anti-social behaviour. These can also lead to involvement in the criminal justice system and social disadvantage.

Funding enabled us to support 34 children in Cornwall, and we now have funding to deliver in Plymouth schools.



Joy of Moving

Ferrero UK's corporate social responsibility project, the Joy of Moving programme, developed and delivered through a partnership with EFL in the Community, inspires children and young people to lead active, healthy, and happy lives through movement-based learning and play. We engaged 2,409 participants across 31 schools, delivering 344 sessions and supporting improvements in physical activity, confidence, teamwork, and wellbeing.



2

Extra Time

Extra Time supports those aged 50 and over who may be facing loneliness or isolation, or just want the opportunity to meet new people. Impact data showed 86% of participants felt significantly more positive, 90% felt more motivated to look after their physical health, and 100% felt part of a friendly community at sessions.



3

Skills

Newquay Swaps Group was held in February, utilising a partnership between the Trust and Newquay Job Centre. It gave 16 to 24-year-olds who were signed up with the job centre an opportunity to get support and work experience.



5

Ashbury Development Centre

Our player pathway engaged 185 young players each week, providing clear progression opportunities from the Player Development Centre to the North Devon Elite Hub and ultimately the Plymouth Argyle Academy. Participants benefited from 225 competitive fixtures, alongside residential experiences in London and at the Bruges Open, supporting both football development and personal growth.



2

Walking Football

Walking Football is an inclusive, non-contact sport played at walking pace aimed at removing barriers to participation for those who are not as mobile. Alongside our regular sessions, we also introduced a targeted 'Tackling Cancer' session. We supported 80 unique participants across all provisions. Nine in 10 felt more physically active, 100% felt part of a friendly. supportive group, and 91% felt more motivated to stay active outside the session.



4

Education First

Our Education First programme supported international students from France, Spain, Colombia, Sweden, and many more countries to learn the English language through football and basketball.



6

Isles of Scilly Summer Roadshow

The annual visit to the Isles of Scilly was a summer highlight for the Trust and families alike. Each day, 70 boys and girls aged four to 14 took part. The programme brings the whole community together, with parents, local coaches, businesses, and volunteers actively supporting activities. Beyond delivering sport, it creates memories for people experiencing rural isolation.

OUR YEAR IN MOMENTS

JUL
YEOMANS CITROËN DRIVES SOCIAL CHANGE

We were pleased to establish a charity transport partnership with Yeomans Citroën Plymouth. This enabled the Trust to deliver to those who needed it the most across 5,000 miles in the South West, with 8,928 hot meals delivered to children.



AUG
GOLF DAY SUPPORTS BEREAVED YOUNG PEOPLE

The Charity Golf Day, sponsored by SW Law and Finance, saw the coming together of 26 incredible businesses who raised £12,605 for Play Off Grief, a new programme and partnership between the Trust and Jeremiah's Journey to support teenagers and young people navigating the complexities of bereavement.



SEP
POVERTY SUPPORT CONTINUES

Our incredible partnership with principal Project 35 partner Ginsters was renewed for a further two years as we continue tackling poverty in the region.



JAN
COMMUNITY CAFÉ OPENS

Common Ground Café is our newly rebranded and revitalised community café, which is open to all in the heart of Devonport, offering affordable refreshments and food in a comfortable and accessible space.

The café will provide the perfect location for further support for Project 35, Argyle's social impact initiative in partnership with Ginsters.



FEB
CORPORATE FOOTBALL FOR POVERTY

Our annual corporate five-a-side tournament was supported by 14 local businesses, with £2,800 raised for Project 35, in partnership with Ginsters.



MAR
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE HUB

We celebrated a year of supporting the communities of Devonport and beyond through The Hub at Foulston Park. We facilitated over 18,000 hours of community provision to support the health and wellbeing of local people.



OCT

CULTURE EVENT CELEBRATES DIVERSITY

Students and staff at Ivybridge Community College celebrated diversity and inclusion at the third annual Culture Fest, delivered with local partners. The event empowered young people to share lived experiences and promoted understanding of identity, bias, and respect.



APR

A MARATHON EFFORT FROM CURLY GAZ

Local food influencer Curly Gaz took on the London Marathon, raising £2,499 for Project 35 to support the Manadon Food Larder and Community Allotment.



NOV

GREEN ARMY RUN FOR POVERTY

The Green Army 5K Fun Run saw a record 318 participants cross the finish line inside Home Park Stadium, raising £11,476.88 for Project 35, in partnership with Ginsters.



MAY

MEMORIES MADE AT HOME PARK

The annual Babcock Community Cup saw 96 teams and 1,032 young footballers compete on the hallowed turf at the Theatre of Greens. An amazing 620 goals were scored over 3,216 minutes of football.



DEC

BABCOCK CHRISTMAS HAMPERS SUPPORTING FAMILIES IN NEED

A total of 250 Christmas hampers were delivered to families in need across the city.



JUN

ENRICHMENT FOR YOUNG LOCAL FOOTBALLERS

Enrichment days provided six secondary schools with coaching sessions, tournaments, matches, and a tour of Home Park Stadium, as well as supporting four primary schools to hold their sports days at Home Park.





CREATING SPACE FOR CHANGE

The Hub at Foulston Park

INSIGHT	COMMUNITY NEED	WHAT WE DID
High levels of deprivation	Safe, low-cost spaces	Free wellbeing sessions and warm spaces delivered.
Widespread isolation and loneliness	Spaces to meet, talk, and feel connected	Sessions provided for vulnerable groups including veterans, new mums, and over-65s.
Young people disengaging	Youth friendly spaces	Facilitated regular education and employment provisions.

Understanding Our Impact on Users

We used data to better understand Devonport and the surrounding communities. This empowered us to enhance the support and opportunities we provide, and remove barriers that may have been preventing wider engagement. Hub users reported many positive outcomes, suggesting that current services are meeting community needs effectively.

- A welcoming atmosphere
- High levels of cleanliness
- Supportive staff
- Feeling comfortable using the space
- Good variety and quality of gym and classes
- Good value for money
- Strong accessibility
- High quality of sessions
- Improved mental and physical health, and social connection
- Satisfaction with improvements

AT A GLANCE

- The Hub at Foulston Park won two awards recognising its service and impact on the community.
- The site continues to grow, with sensory areas, outdoor pitches, and a rebranded café.
- Inclusive sessions continue to support those facing issues with health and wellbeing, loneliness, isolation, and bereavement.

HUMAN IMPACT

18,000 hours of community provision facilitated

50% of hub users travel less than one mile to the facility

40% of users identify as female

7 in 10 users are from the most deprived areas nationally

THE HUB ROUND-UP

OUR SITE IS GROWING

We launched a FIFA Quality and World Rugby compliant 3G Community Pitch, the Titan Recruitment Solutions Community Cage - a 60x40m all-weather 3G, and Plymouth's first-ever Football Foundation PlayZone.

WELLBEING HUB

The Hub developed into a Wellbeing and Family Hub, creating a welcoming and accessible space where children, adults, and their families can receive the support they need.

COMMON GROUND CAFÉ

Our community café was rebranded as Common Ground Café - a warm and welcoming space that brings people together while supporting the aims of Project 35, Argyle's award-winning social impact initiative aimed at tackling poverty in partnership with Ginsters.



SENSORY SOFT PLAY

Our newly renovated sensory soft play area, funded by Samworth Brothers, was a welcome addition to our existing soft play, offering a calm and accessible space for children and young people with sensory needs.

PLAY OFF GRIEF

We were delighted to partner with Jeremiah's Journey to launch a pioneering project to support teenagers and young people navigating the complexities of bereavement. "Play Off Grief" provides free, participant-led multi-activity space for those facing the extreme difficulties of the death of a loved one. Whilst the young people are engaged in activities, experienced grief practitioners offer a space for parents and carers in the on-site café, which provides a peer-to-peer support network.





IMPACT STORY

VETERAN SUPPORT FOR NICK MARTIN FOLLOWING TRAUMA

Royal Navy veteran Nick Martin needed support after a traumatic brain injury, a heart attack, and a diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). A former teaching assistant of 17 years and a dedicated volunteer who is always first to step in for others, this time it was Nick who needed a helping hand.

"My confidence and self-esteem have improved thanks to my participation in several veteran-based activities, but it began with attending the Friday brew and banter sessions."

AWARDS

Foulston Park was recognised on the national stage as part of a major award win for Plymouth City Council at the Local Government Chronicle (LGC) Awards. 'Plymouth City Council – Together we do better – Foulston Park Project Plymouth' was named winner of the 'Place Shaping' award.

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Foulston Park was also named Community Facility of the Year at the Devon Football Family Awards, recognising facilities that go above and beyond to support their local communities.

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CHANGING LIVES THROUGH MOVEMENT

AT A GLANCE

- Walking Football continues to provide opportunities and remove barriers to participation, including for those living with or recovering from cancer.
- The Trust continues to support older adults living in care homes.
- Active Through Football celebrated five years of supporting those facing the greatest barriers to participation.
- Argyle FIT continues to support weight loss.
- Active Devonport removes barriers to fitness for those with long-term health conditions.

IMPACT STORY

MARTIN HUGGINS

When Argyle season ticket holder and Plymouth resident Martin Huggins received a devastating cancer diagnosis in 2023, he felt isolated and struggled with his physical and mental recovery following treatment. Seeking a lifeline, Martin found vital support and friendship through Tackle Cancer Walking Football.

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PROJECT FOCUS

Walking Football

Our Walking Football programme continued to provide a welcoming and active space for older adults, removing barriers to participation for those wishing to be involved in a slower-paced version of the beautiful game. We are proud to run a targeted Tackle Cancer Walking Football session, thanks to the generous support of Classic Builders and Beehive Homes.

In June, Argyle first-team player Brendan Wiredu attended a session to engage with participants and learn more about the Trust's community work. His visit was warmly received by the group, many of whom are lifelong Argyle supporters, and provided a memorable experience, strengthening the connection between the Club and its community.



HUMAN IMPACT

82
players supported across weekly sessions

88%
said sessions helped improve mental wellbeing

90%
felt more physically active because of the programme

Active Through Football Celebration Event

All clubs and club charities running Active Through Football came together at Molineux, home of Wolverhampton Wanderers, to celebrate five years of funding from the Football Foundation.

Active Through Football aims to increase physical activity levels amongst males and females over 18 in various areas across Plymouth who face the biggest barriers to participation.



HUMAN IMPACT

302 local people supported

616 health and wellbeing sessions delivered

1,021 hours of delivery

6,115 total attendances

Bringing Joy and Connection to the Elderly

Our care home sessions in Plymouth continued to make a real difference to older adults, bringing joy and meaningful social connection.

Through gentle physical and cognitive stimulation, residents were supported with their wellbeing, movement, and inclusion. Many have a wide range of needs, including living with dementia.



HUMAN IMPACT

203 sessions delivered

116 residents supported

PROJECT FOCUS

Active Devonport

Active Devonport provided fitness and nutrition advice to those who may face barriers to entering a gym environment and are living with long-term health conditions.

"The good thing about the group session is I probably wouldn't have worked that hard on my own."

HUMAN IMPACT

50% felt more optimistic about the future

50% are eating more fruit and vegetables

33% reported having fewer takeaways a week

65% have increased time spent walking

85% have spent more hours on weekly sport and fitness

50% attended from a PL1 postcode

PROJECT FOCUS

Argyle FIT Cornwall

Argyle FIT Cornwall, delivered in partnership with Cornwall Council and Healthy Cornwall, delivered a football-based weight management programme, bringing a competitive, fun, and accountable approach to weight loss.

HUMAN IMPACT

595 players supported in their weight loss journey

68% lost weight

17% maintained weight

70% live in areas of high deprivation

Participants have gone on to complete endurance events, and form independent activity groups

IMPACT STORY

TIM

Tim joined Argyle FIT following serious spinal surgery and ongoing health challenges. He was determined to improve his fitness despite being told he might never run again.

Over 12 weeks, he lost 7.3kg and reduced his BMI, demonstrating significant physical progress alongside the motivational impact of the programme's supportive, social environment.

IMPACT STORY

BECKY

Becky lost 2.5kg, reduced body fat, increased muscle mass, and reported "drastic improvement" in her mental health. Her family also noticed positive changes, including increased happiness and activity levels.



HELPING COMMUNITIES THRIVE

IMPACT STORY

TRUST SUPERSTAR FAYE HARDIE SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY AT MANADON

"My eyes have been opened to the challenges that people face, especially older adults. I have learnt a new level of patience and empathy, and I see people differently now knowing their lives and circumstances.

"It pushes me to do my job to the best of my abilities because I want to be the change that makes a difference to them."



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Our facilities continue to strengthen local connections and welcome new users by tailoring support to community need. The Manadon Christmas meal, supported by Classic Builders, Beehive Homes, and Bright Solicitors, was attended by 60 vulnerable older adults, bringing together members of our Welcoming Spaces, Extra Time, veterans' sessions, and Compassionate Café.

PROJECT FOCUS

Project 35

Project 35, Argyle's flagship and award-winning social impact project delivered with Principal Partner Ginsters, entered its fourth year. The project aims to reduce poverty through education, food provision, and community outreach, using the power of sport to reach those most in need.







AT A GLANCE

- Facilities continue to support vulnerable groups.
- Project 35's impact supporting those facing poverty continues into its fourth year, alongside Principal Partner Ginsters.
- Loneliness and isolation support continues for those most in need in the city.

HUMAN IMPACT

20,400 items of food and tonnes of fruit and vegetables distributed to those in need at the Manadon Food Larder

5,000 miles travelled to deliver food to those most in need

£8,716 & 3.21 tonnes donated through our dedicated fan appeals



Community-Led Planting Using the Power of Partnerships

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We welcomed staff from Principal Project 35 Partner Ginsters to Manadon Sports and Community Hub for a special volunteering day to create a community allotment.

The volunteers built large wooden planters and planted a variety of fruit and vegetables to create an accessible, community-led growing space to increase the Hub's ability to provide fresh local produce, while also encouraging wellbeing, learning, and community engagement through food growing.



"It was fantastic to bring colleagues together and see everyone put in such dedicated effort to increase access to fresh, locally grown food for families in our community."

CARYS BARRIBALL, GINSTERS SENIOR BRAND MANAGER.

PROJECT FOCUS

Combatting Loneliness and Isolation

Welcoming Spaces, funded by Plymouth City Council, supported those most vulnerable or isolated at Manadon Sports and Community Hub and The Hub at Foulston Park.

Friendly conversation over a cuppa is paired with chair-based exercises to support participants' mental and physical wellbeing.



WHERE LEARNING COMES TO LIFE

AT A GLANCE

- Argyle first-team players inspire the next generation of sports professionals.
- Post-16 Football and Education teams crowned league champions.
- Plymouth Marjon University partnership continues to be recognised for its excellence.
- Overseas residentials continue to give our learners unique experiences.

PROJECT FOCUS

Inspiring the Next Generation

Students on our Post-16 Football and Education programme were given a unique opportunity to learn from Argyle first-team winger Xavier Amaechi during a special visit to The Hub at Foulston Park.

Xavier shared insights from his journey in professional football, offering advice on confidence, resilience, and overcoming challenges. The visit provided valuable inspiration for young people pursuing careers in sport.

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HUMAN IMPACT

240 students supported across Plymouth, Newton Abbot, and Camborne

95% student retention rate achieved

100% pass rate across all programmes

73% finished above their target grade



Post-16 Success

Our Post-16 teams continued their incredible footballing success, with our league champions being honoured on the pitch at Wembley Stadium!

- Women's Southern Premier League 2 champions
- South West 2 CEFA League champions
- South West 1 CEFA League champions
- Six students offered scholarships to study in the USA next year

PROJECT FOCUS

Higher Education with Plymouth Marjon University

199 quality academic hours delivered

585 specialist football coaching hours delivered

90 football or futsal players supported



Plymouth Marjon and Argyle Partnership Recognised Nationally for Developing the Future Sport Workforce

Plymouth Marjon University, in partnership with Argyle Community Trust, won a national workforce development award at the BUCS Football and Futsal Awards, recognising its outstanding contribution to developing the future sport workforce.

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Not Your Average College Programme

Our Post-16 programme is not your average college programme. Students are given once-in-a-lifetime residentials, including an incredible visit to Tampa, Florida, and an opportunity to play in the MIC Cup in Barcelona.





Raising Employment Aspirations

PROJECT FOCUS

Apprenticeships

We are proud to be one of the highest-performing apprenticeship providers in the country, offering education, sport, and health apprenticeships across Devon and Cornwall.

HUMAN IMPACT

64 apprentices provided with expert training and support

85% achievement rate

84 quality sessions delivered

IMPACT STORY

EMILY ELLIOTT – HOW THE ARGYLE EDUCATION AND EMPLOYABILITY PATHWAY LAUNCHED A CAREER IN SPORTS COACHING



Emily Elliott's journey with Argyle Community Trust began with the Post-16 Football and Education programme, where she studied for a BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sports Development and Coaching.

In September 2024, Emily transitioned into employment through the Trust's apprenticeship pathway. Demonstrating rapid professional growth, she has since progressed to the Level 4 Sports Coaching Apprenticeship, with a physical education specialism.

FOR MORE ON THIS STORY CLICK TO VIEW

PROJECT FOCUS

Skills

171 adults supported through employability programmes

47 local people gained a qualification to support their future career

34 young people engaged through the newly established Youth Employment Hub at The Hub at Foulston Park

20 local people gained the confidence to attend a job interview

PROJECT FOCUS

Skills Builder Employability Programme

Delivered in partnership with City College Plymouth, the Skills Builder Employability Programme helped adults aged 19 and over build confidence, develop workplace skills, and take positive steps towards employment. Through mentoring, interview preparation, wellbeing support, and practical training, participants improved their job readiness, with several progressing to interviews and employment opportunities.

PROJECT FOCUS

Youth Employment Hub

Our new Youth Employment Hub, in partnership with the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), provided tailored support to young people aged 16 to 24 in Plymouth at The Hub at Foulston Park. The specialist hub helps local young people overcome barriers to employment, education, and training through one-to-one mentoring, employability workshops, and wellbeing support.

PROJECT FOCUS

Youth Engagement Programme (YEP!)

Now in its third year, the Youth Engagement Programme continues to support young people aged 16 to 24 through personalised mentoring and Functional Skills development. To date, 85 young people have been supported to gain recognised qualifications, improve literacy and numeracy skills, and build the confidence needed to progress into further education, training, or employment. The programme provides vital support for those facing barriers, helping them unlock their potential and achieve positive outcomes.

IMPACT STORY

HOW FOULSTON PARK'S NEW YOUTH EMPLOYMENT HUB SUPPORTED AJAY INTO EMPLOYMENT

Ajay was referred to the new Youth Employment Hub by a work coach at the local Jobcentre to give him the support he needed for his future.

As a result of this tailored support, Ajay has successfully secured employment, and the programme has delivered a profound personal transformation.

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IMPACT STORY

FROM DETERMINATION TO SUCCESS: HOW OSCAR FOUND THEIR PATH THROUGH YEP!

When Oscar first joined Youth Engagement Programme (YEP!) in summer 2025, they were looking for more than just a job; they were looking for a future.



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PLANTING THE SEEDS FOR GREAT FUTURES

AT A GLANCE

- Premier League funded programmes continued to honour, inspire, and support young people.
- Trust's vital Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (ED&I) work continued with anti-bias and discrimination workshops.
- New partnerships continued to promote the next generation of female footballers.

PROJECT FOCUS

Healthy Relationships

The Healthy Relationships programme explored what influences boys' understanding of relationships and supported them to develop respectful, safe behaviours and communication skills. It recognised the role of parents, peers, professionals, and communities in shaping these behaviours, while actively involving young men in the design and delivery of the programme to ensure it stayed relevant, engaging, and impactful.

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ARGYLE COMMUNITY TRUST SUPERSTAR PAIGE STEVENS CROWNED PREMIER LEAGUE COMMUNITY CAPTAIN

Argyle Community Trust proudly announced Paige Stevens as the Community Captain as part of the Premier League's 'More Than a Game' campaign.

The prestigious award is in recognition of Paige's extraordinary journey from local participant to vital community member in Premier League programmes, including Premier League Inspires, and Premier League Kicks which celebrated its 20th anniversary.

Premier League Kicks on Tour

Thanks to our charity transport partnership with Yeomans Citroën, we travelled across the country to give young people on our Premier League Kicks programme the opportunity to play in regional tournaments.

Our boys' and girls' teams travelled to Swindon for the Premier League Kicks Regionals, with the boys reaching the semi-finals. For many of the participants, it was their first experience travelling away from Plymouth to represent Argyle in a tournament.

One particularly proud moment for the Trust was seeing a young person travel with us to take part in the tournament who had been struggling with anxiety and low confidence. This had affected his school attendance and involvement in activities. Trust staff had been working one-to-one with him for seven months to support him. We are incredibly proud of the progress he has made.

We also took a boys' team to a South West tournament at Rodney Parade, home to Newport County. Playing on a professional pitch was a fantastic experience for the young people involved.



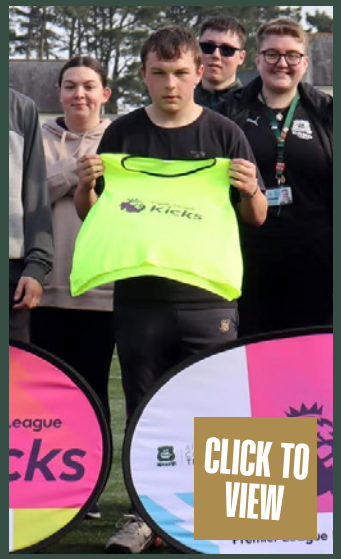
IMPACT STORY

FROM DISENGAGEMENT TO THE ROYAL NAVY

"The bond between me, Scott, and Tallan was great. They were so relatable, you could have a laugh with them, and they are relaxed but know when to take things seriously.

"Argyle was the hook. Seeing the badge and seeing that sense of community."

Read how Conner Luscombe used the power of Argyle and the Premier League to re-engage with life and start a career in the Royal Navy.





No Room for Racism

Plymouth Argyle players Brendan Wiredu and Matty Sorinola visited Keyham Barton Primary School to deliver a dedicated anti-racism session as part of the Premier League's 'No Room for Racism' campaign.

Tackling Bias and Discrimination

Argyle Community Trust collaborated with Plymouth City Council to deliver a high-impact anti-bias and discrimination workshop, empowering the Council's leadership to foster a more inclusive workplace and better serve the community. Trust Premier League Kicks Targeted Officer Kadus Smith was invited by the Council to lead the bespoke training session at the Council House. The workshop was specifically designed for managers and leaders, positioning them to be positive influencers of change in creating an equitable environment.



HUMAN IMPACT

Premier League Primary Stars

Premier League Primary Stars is the Premier League's primary school education programme, encouraging children aged five-to-11 to be active and develop essential skills.

100% felt included, with a sense of belonging

100% felt inspired and engaged

80% improved their confidence and self-esteem

75% improved their interpersonal relationships

Argyle Community Trust Partners with Young Women's Football Academy to Strengthen Female Player Pathway

We were delighted to announce a new working partnership with the Young Women's Football Academy (YWFA), Plymouth's first independent all-female football academy. This strategic affiliation significantly strengthened the Trust's player pathway, providing enhanced opportunities for young female footballers in Plymouth.

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HUMAN IMPACT

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players signed contracts with Plymouth Argyle Academy	players were offered trials	players were invited to an Emerging Talent Event	player is currently training in the pre-academy

No room for racism · Premier League Kicks · Premier League Inspires · Premier League Primary Stars

PARTNERS

The impact showcased in this report would not have been possible without the support of our national and local partners. We are grateful for their contributions through funding, volunteering, in-kind support, workforce engagement, networking, and advocacy.

We thank all our partners for their continued collaboration and shared commitment to strengthening our communities.

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Premier League Foundation
Sport England
Football Foundation
Plymouth Argyle F.C.
Clarion Housing Group
age UK
Rank Foundation
switch Car Rental
Youth Investment Fund
Community Ownership Fund support programme
Funded by UK Government
Head Safe Football
King's Trust
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