

**Club / Organisation Name: Craig Paterson  
Archery Focus Groups**

**Project Name: Sustainable**

**Please give an overview of the project or initiative you are proposing to deliver?**

This initiative will deliver funded archery sessions specifically for young carers, care-experienced young people, and their families and any additional groups where targeted interventions are required. These sessions will be delivered in partnership Active Schools, who will provide the booking and lets. Active Schools and Thriving Communities have the appropriate network of organisations to identify and target groups ensuring we engage those who would benefit most.

Through these Come and Try sessions, we will identify individuals who show interest and commitment, and offer those interested a fully funded place on a Beginners' Course therefore eliminating financial barriers to engaging with the sport at club level and beyond. Upon successful completion of a Beginners Course, participants will have the opportunity to progress into the sport by joining any Archery GB registered club across the UK, supporting long-term participation and inclusion.

The initiative can be adapted to focus different targeted groups due to the inclusive nature of the sport. Currently we support several disabled archers in the club. Sessions will be held either in Riverside Sports Arena or at our outdoor facility Pebble Park, Annbank with the support of our community partner Annbank Football Club.

**How will this project demonstrate alignment with the objectives of the Summer of Sport Funding?  
(Targeting those at higher risk of poverty)**

**Please include which groups your project will benefit and expected number of participants.**

This project aligns with the **Summer of Sport** objectives through strong partnership working with Active Schools, Thriving Communities, and Community Sports Hub partners. This coordinated approach will maximise resources, reduce duplication, and ensure targeted engagement with children, young people, and families most in need.

A co-creation model will place participants at the centre of delivery, shaping sessions around their needs and experiences. This inclusive, person-centred approach will support engagement from priority groups, including young carers and care-experienced young people, while remaining flexible to respond to wider community need.

Building on established archery provision, the project will enhance existing services, address local gaps, and create clear, sustainable pathways into regular participation. Identified participants will be supported to progress into fully funded Beginners' Courses and onward into Archery GB clubs, ensuring long-term involvement beyond the funded period.

Delivery will consider rural access needs, with flexible locations and transport considerations to reduce barriers to participation. Currently we work closely with Annbank Community Football Club and the Community Council supporting the local area and surrounding villages.

Overall, the project will deliver inclusive, targeted opportunities that increase participation, improve wellbeing, and create lasting connections to sport within the community.

**How much are you applying for?**

**£3000**

**How can the club or organisation maintain the project's sustainability once the summer period ends?**

Eg – Community Club / Active Communities session / Free club membership etc

Investment in beginner equipment will create a sustainable loan system that extends beyond initial courses, enabling new archers to continue participating without the immediate cost of purchasing their own equipment. This reduces financial barriers, particularly for those in areas of deprivation, and supports retention within the sport.

Over time, this approach will build a shared equipment library, ensuring long-term access, maximising the value of the investment, and creating a lasting resource that benefits future participants and strengthens ongoing community provision.

Working with Active Schools and Thriving Communities who can support the club by providing the lets on Saturdays at Riverside the club will continue to support blocks of sessions into 2027 and beyond.

**Total cost of idea**

**£3230**

**Are you a constituted group/organisation?**      **Yes**

**Please detail what approaches your Summer of Sport project meets?**

Summer of Sport approaches listed above.

- **Effective Partnerships** – Work closely with Community Sports Hub Officers, Active Schools coordinators relevant partners to ensure provision is coordinated.
  
- **Co-creation -**  
The provision is based around the UNCRC Right of the Child, focusing on
  - Right 2 – No Discrimination
  - Right 3 – Best Interest of the child
  - Right 20 Children Without Families
  - Right 23 Children with Disabilities
  - Right 26 Social and Economic Help
  - Right 31 Rest, Play, Culture, Arts
  - Right 29 Recovery and Regeneration

We will adopt a person-centred approach, actively involving participants from target groups in shaping delivery to ensure support is relevant, accessible, and reaches those who would benefit most. An intersectional lens will be applied throughout, recognising and responding to the diverse and overlapping needs of individuals, with co-design ensuring inclusive and equitable provision.

- **Build on existing services, assets and knowledge of what works –**

This project will build on existing services, assets, and local knowledge to enhance and extend current provision. By utilising established partnerships, facilities, equipment, and coaching experience, we will deliver a coordinated programme that reflects what is already proven to work within the community.

The funding will enable us to strengthen and connect existing opportunities, address identified gaps, and create clear pathways into sustained participation. This approach ensures efficient use of resources, adds value to current provision, and supports long-term engagement in sport and physical activity beyond the life of the project.

- **Rurality**

Delivery will be flexible and responsive to local need, with sessions held in accessible community locations to support participation across rural areas. Consideration will be given to travel and accessibility, ensuring opportunities are inclusive and reachable for those in more remote communities.

- **Target Groups**

The project will provide an inclusive, universal offer while prioritising engagement with children, young people, and families most at risk of poverty. Target groups will be identified and reached through partnership working with Active Schools, community organisations, and local networks, ensuring support is directed to those who would benefit most. Delivery will remain flexible to respond to local need and remove barriers to participation.