

GRANT AID FOR CLUBS 2002/03

NEW CLUBS STARTED

One of the objectives of the Sports Council is to encourage and support the development of new clubs and organisations or the formation of junior sections to existing clubs. The following clubs/organisations were assisted this year which will hopefully lead to increased participation in sport:

North Lochs Bowling Club, Sports Harris, Harris Drum Majorettes, Harris Girls Club, Harris Gun Club.

I would like to mention the increase in the number of clubs becoming members of the LHSC from Harris. This is down to the hard work of the committee of Sport Harris. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them.

COACHING EDUCATION

The sport Council views the training of coaches and instructors as being the cornerstone for good club development. Clubs and organisations which have invested time and money improving the knowledge and coaching skills of their coaches are regarded as being in the best position to offer quality experiences to their members. Clubs and organisations which make use of the Sports Councils Coach Education Grant Aid Scheme this year included the following:

Lewis & Harris Youth Clubs Association

Provide their Youth Club Leaders with an SFA D certificate in Football

Lewis & Harris Sub Aqua Club

To send one of their members to the mainland to attend an SSAC course.

An Sulaire Trust

A member of their club to gain his Coastal Skipper Qualification

Stornoway Karate Club

To enable the Club to provide members with a high level instruction with a grading on the final day.

Stornoway Canoe Club

Two members of the Club to attend an SCA course

Sport Harris

Provide an SFA D Certificate in Football for Coaches in Harris

SRAC

To increase the number of UK athletic Level 1 Coaches in Lewis & Harris

SPORTS EVENTS

Donald Riddell

To assist with the cost of attending the Speyside rally in the Elgin Course

Western Isles Amateur Swimming Club

Assistance to send competitors from the Ness branch of the club to a swimming competition in Inverness and also held a swimming gala in Stornoway against Ullapool Swimming Club

EXCELLENCE

Stornoway Canoe Club

To send one of their members to attend the first stage of the land Rover G4 Challenge in England

Lewis & Harris Junior Football Club

Help send 4 players from the junior football league to represent Ross County FC in the SPL Youth League

Stornoway Running & Athletic Club

Send junior athletes to attend the inter-district Championships to represent the North of Scotland Cross Country team, as well as athletes to attend Scottish National Track & field Championships. A senior club member to attend the Vets Championships in England

Lewis & Harris Badminton Club

Assist one of the club members to attend junior training in Inverness as part of the Gael Force 10 training squad.

John Mitchell

Competing in the British Quad Bike Championship events in England and Ireland

Gemma McGee

Assisted with her desire to be part of the dance world at the top level.

DISCRETIONARY

Lewis & Harris Junior Football Association

This was to assist the junior association to create links with a French U14 Club when they paid a visit to Lewis to play match and take part in coaching session.