

**Area Board Project – July 2019
Gymnastics equipment for Leisure Centre
Cllr Chris Williams**

1. What is the project?

Gymnastics Sessions to look towards creating a Tidworth Gymnastics Club.
To offer more sporting opportunities to the local community.
To participate in local events, run Gymnastics displays and opportunity for equipment to be hired
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2. Where is the project taking place?

Tidworth Leisure Centre, with potential to expand into community events

3. When will the project take place?

Gymnastics School currently takes place on a Tuesday, potential for local events and community events

4. Background Information

Tidworth Leisure Centre runs a gymnastics school programme on a Tuesday for children between the ages of 2-14 years. We currently run pre-school sessions –both drop in, pay as you go sessions and weekly courses, and also after school sessions for children between 5-14 years. These sessions are inclusive to all, and we can cater to disabled children. We currently have around 40 children enrolled in the weekly courses, and between 10-12 additional children who attend the pre-school drop in.

The equipment currently being used is borrowed and will need to be returned soon. Without our own equipment these gymnastics opportunities could not be offered

5. Who has been involved?

Wiltshire Council Leisure staff at Tidworth Leisure Centre
Sports Development team.
Community Engagement Manager
Users of the equipment

6. What is being proposed

- To purchase replacement and improved gymnastics equipment so as to be able to offer more opportunities to develop a wider range of skills.
- To give children from the local area a chance to take part in physical activity.
- To look at opportunities to take the equipment out into the community for use at Community events, fetes, open days and encourage children who may not have access/confidence to try gymnastics an opportunity to have a go. This will encourage the children from the local area to have an outlet for social inclusion, channelling their energies into a positive activity.

7. What are the community benefits and evidence of need

With additional equipment at the TLC, we can look to expand the offer that we currently have and open up more spaces for local children. The equipment could also be hired out on other days for use by other local groups.

Opportunities to take part in community fun days or fetes and children can be encouraged to have a go in activities that may not normally be open to them

Encouraging children to do physical activities in essential for their mental and physical health. It also increases their confidence and helps them make friends whilst doing a positive activity

8. Who will manage/be responsible for this project?

Lucy Coombes/Jonathan Hargrave – Tidworth Leisure Centre

9. How much funding is being requested

£3,000 towards a £6,000 project