

PRESS RELEASE

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£50,000 awarded to Cliftonville FC to install a new 3G pitch

Cliftonville FC have been awarded £50,000 from the Whitemountain Programme to install a new 3G pitch.

Over the next decade, this project will provide sporting facilities that removes financial barriers to accessing leisure facilities, provides a safe haven for the local community and will divert local young people away from antisocial behaviour. Cliftonville Football Club are located in North Belfast and they manage a well established community and sporting facility at Solitude. Cliftonville FC's Solitude pitch is used by a variety of groups in their local community including charities, local residents groups and local primary and secondary schools.

The Whitemountain Programme was established by Whitemountain who are part of the Breedon Group, and are a leading Contracting and Materials Business operating throughout the UK and Ireland, specialising in Highway Maintenance, Civil Engineering, Airfield Construction, Quarry Materials, Bitumen Importation and Distribution, Waste Management and Green Energy.

Since its beginnings in 2008, the Whitemountain Programme has distributed over £8 million of funding to 260 fantastic community and biodiversity projects. This funding helps groups to achieve their plans for positive change in their community.

QUOTES

Cliftonville FC do fantastic work in their local community in North Belfast and through this funding, they will continue to provide access to sport and leisure in one of the most deprived communities in Northern Ireland.

Shannon Downey, Communities Lead
Groundwork Northern Ireland

We are delighted to be recipients of the grant from the Whitemountain Programme. The support of the programme has assisted us in enabling the continuance of the use of our facility by hundreds of children and other groups each week by ensuring a facility that enhances what is available to the local community

David Begley
Cliftonville FC

It is a privilege to support large community projects such as Cliftonville FC. Funding for the 3G pitch over the next 10 years will help numerous groups from charities to schools in the local area, supporting people in accessing leisure facilities regardless of their background.

Russell Drew
Whitemountain

NOTES TO THE EDITOR

Groundwork Northern Ireland manages the Whitemountain Programme on behalf of Whitemountain. Groundwork NI is a charity that empowers local communities grown from the ground up, that are sustainable, happy and healthy places to live, work and play. One of our services is to help other organisations to distribute grant funding, ensuring money gets to where it is most needed. Throughout the years, we have distributed over £10 million in grants to community projects.

Cliftonville FC is a Northern Ireland association football club and they manage a community and sport facility at Solitude in North Belfast. Their facilities provide access to sport and leisure for the local community from elite sports groups to local primary schools.

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HOW TO APPLY

If you have a great community or biodiversity focused project which lies within the 15 mile radius of Mullaghglass landfill site near Lisburn (and within 10 miles of a licensed landfill site), then why not apply? Applications to the Whitemountain Programme are open. To find out more visit our website www.groundwork.org.uk/whitemountain or contact us at whitemountainprogramme@groundworkni.co.uk

OTHER PROJECTS FUNDED RECENTLY

Grants of up to £50,000 are available for projects making a positive impact at ground level, either developing facilities for community use or encouraging biodiversity and environmental improvements.

The funding is available under two strands:

- Whitemountain Programme Small Grants (up to £5K)
- Whitemountain Programme Main Grants (£5K - £25K)

Below you can find some of the more recently funded projects:

Small Grants - 2021

Benview Community Centre	£6,120
CIYMS Cricket Club	£9,756
Irish Football Network	£7,395

Main Grants - 2021

Cliftonville FC	£50,000
Include Youth	£49,935
L'Arche	£50,000
New Life City Church	£48,796

TOTAL	£222,002
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