Thorpe Ventures and Living Sport Partnership

**Key Information**

**Partners:** Thorpe Ventures, Living Sport, British Rowing, British Cycling, six Peterborough Secondary Schools and Fenland Clarion Cycling Club.

**Key Outputs:**
- 1 New Go Ride Cycling club set up, linking to 4 satellite clubs with 64 attendees
- 1 Rowing club launching in Spring 2016.
- 15 Sportivate blocks delivered attracting 292 attendees, with 5 blocks ongoing.

**Level Invested/Resources:** Coach Bursary, Satellite Club Funding, Sportivate funding. Attendance at two Living Sport Club Matters Forums.

**Support provided by Living Sport:**
Provided links to NGB partners, facilitated meetings, wrote and successfully awarded an A4A Deaf Cycling project for £10,000, allocated project funding, networking opportunities, and event support.

**Background:** Thorpe Ventures is a commercial coaching company based in Peterborough, coordinated by Steve Fox. Work started in 2014 to get more non-disabled and disabled young people in Peterborough through rowing and cycling activity. The project has gathered momentum and is now a great example of a successful partnership between a commercial provider and CSP. Involving coach development, networking and funding.

**What’s Happened?** Through Sportivate funding this year, Thorpe Ventures have worked alongside 6 schools in Peterborough to run 15 blocks of activity and have engaged 292 young people in their sessions. 5 blocks are ongoing.

Steve has developed Satellite Clubs at 4 secondary schools in Peterborough this year. 64 young people have attended the clubs which have provided opportunities for young leaders to assist in community sport, and also encouraged entry level competition through inter-satellite tournaments.

**What’s Next?** Steve is aiming to launch a new Rowing Club in Peterborough, following on from his work in schools delivering indoor rowing programme and competition. Living Sport are working with him to develop a sustainable model through partnership funding and partnering expertise in this area, linking to British Rowing.

Cycling will continue to develop via our Satellite Club and Sportivate programmes with the focus on sustainability and longevity.

“The bursary was invaluable to me and the club...the club is always growing and needs qualified coaches in order to continue to grow and develop” Ian Bryant UKCC L2 BC Coach

“It has also been a good way for 2 of our older students (Year 11 boy and year12 girl) to do some volunteering / leading alongside Steve and his coaching team” Mike Good, HoPE Hampton College

“A big thank you to...Living Sport who came along to watch the racing. Without the funding from Living Sport these clubs simply wouldn’t happen. Thanks again!” Steve Fox Thorpe Ventures

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