

Moredon Sporting Hub Update

1. Swindon Academy Primary School Sports Day

On 17th June, Moredon Sporting Hub hosted Swindon Academy Primary School's Sports Day, welcoming approximately 320 pupils for a day of sport and physical activity between 9:00am and 3:00pm. The Hub was provided free to use as, with both the school and Moredon Sporting Hub keen to make this an annual event.

Despite challenging weather conditions, pupils took part in 10 activity stations, including football, cycling and a variety of other sporting challenges, ensuring every child had the opportunity to get active and try something new.

One of the standout successes of the day was the cycling station, where numerous children rode a bicycle for the very first time. With support and encouragement, many volunteers, making this a memorable and rewarding experience.

2. FC Abbey Meads Community Sessions 2025

Moredon Sporting Hub continues to play a key role in supporting grassroots football by providing its facilities free of charge for our partner club, FC Abbey Meads' community football programmes. These sessions offer children of all ages and abilities the opportunity to develop their skills, build confidence, and enjoy being active in a safe and welcoming environment.

- **Mini Meads** continues to attract an average of 25 children each week. This introductory football programme for children aged 4–6 takes place every Saturday from 9:00am to 10:00am, providing a fun and engaging first experience of the game.
- **Wildcats** welcomes an average of 20 girls each week. Running every Monday from 5:00pm to 6:00pm, the programme is designed for girls aged 5–11, encouraging participation, improving football skills, and inspiring more girls to get involved in the sport.
- **Comets** attracts an average of 8 participants each week. Held every Friday from 6:00pm to 7:00pm, this inclusive football session is designed for players with disabilities aged 8–12, while also welcoming their friends and family to take part in a supportive and enjoyable environment.

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2. SPLAT Messy Play

Moredon Sporting Hub is pleased to welcome SPLAT Messy Play for two exciting trial sessions on 19th July and 23th August, running from 10:00am to 11:00am. These sessions are designed to provide young children with a fun, creative environment where they can explore, play and learn through a variety of messy sensory activities, encouraging creativity, confidence and early development.

To ensure the sessions are accessible to local families, I have secured three free community places for each session. Any Councillors who are aware of families who would benefit from attending are encouraged to speak to me so these places can be allocated.

As part of the booking process, all participants will be asked to complete a disclaimer, including relevant health information and allergy details, to ensure the sessions are delivered safely.

3. Couch to 100km

The Couch to 100km cycling programme has successfully come to an end, marking the completion of an inspiring 10-week journey.

Moredon Sporting Hub proudly supported the programme by providing the cycling track free of charge initially as a safe environment for coaches to develop participants.

A total of 43 riders completed the programme, collectively cycling an incredible 11,400 miles. Perhaps most impressively, four participants did not even own a bicycle when they started, demonstrating the programme's ability to remove barriers to participation and inspire people to take up cycling for the first time.

4. Swindon & District Football League Football Festival

On 30th May, Moredon Sporting Hub proudly hosted the Swindon & District Football League Football Festival, an exciting event designed to help 16–18 year olds take the next step into adult grassroots football by connecting them with local clubs.

The festival brought together eight local football clubs, all looking to recruit for the upcoming season, and attracted more than 80 young players. The event provided an excellent opportunity for participants to showcase their abilities, meet club representatives and explore a range of playing opportunities within the local football community.

Following positive feedback from both clubs and players, the festival has now been established as an annual event, with the next edition already confirmed for 27 June 2027.

5. Nova Hreod Bike Maintenance Session

On 13th July, Moredon Sporting Hub was pleased to support Nova Hreod School by hosting a free bike maintenance session for students ahead of the summer holidays.

The session was delivered by Adrian Rogers, who has volunteered his time and expertise to help young people understand the importance of bicycle safety and basic maintenance. Students received practical guidance on checking their bikes, carrying out simple repairs and ensuring they were safe and roadworthy before spending more time cycling over the summer break.

The initiative not only promotes safer cycling but also encouraged young people to become more independent and confident in maintaining their own bikes.

7. Nova Hreod Girls' Cycle Session

Moredon Sporting Hub have commenced a young girls cycle session for pupils attending Nova Hreod on a Tuesday after school.

The sessions are currently attracting an average of 12 girls each week, providing a fun, inclusive and supportive environment where participants can develop their cycle skills, build confidence and enjoy being physically active.

Becky continues to work closely with the school, staff and pupils to encourage participation and create positive opportunities for girls to engage in sport.