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House of Commons  
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Dear James,

### **Government investment in grassroots sport facilities in South Suffolk**

Millions of people across the country play, watch and enjoy sport every day - it is central to our national identity. We all know that being active and playing sport has the power to change lives for the better. Quite simply, an active life is a happier, healthier and more prosperous life, which is why the Government has set out our ambitious Get Active strategy to get over 3.5 million more people active by 2030, including 1 million young people.

To achieve this, we are working with local communities to improve access to high quality grassroots sport facilities, levelling up facilities across the whole of the UK supported by an historic level of investment.

Between 2021 and 2025, the Government will have invested over £400 million into a wide range of grassroots sports facilities to provide people with much needed spaces to get active. The Government's direct investment is delivered mainly through three major programmes:

- The £327 million Multi-Sport Grassroots Facilities Programme, which provides funding to create and upgrade up to 8,000 football and multi-sport facilities across the UK.
- The £21.9 million Park Tennis Court Renovation Programme, which aims to renovate over 3,000 public park tennis courts to a playable standard, across Scotland, England and Wales
- The £60.8 million Swimming Pool Support Fund, which supports public swimming pool providers in England with immediate cost pressures (in Phase I), and provides investment to make facilities sustainable in the longer-term (in Phase II).

As of January 2024, this includes a total of **£191,115** in **South Suffolk**, allocated to the following projects:

Multi-Sport Grassroots Facilities Programme

*Totalling £75,495, including partner funding from the English Football Association and Premier League*

Facility name	Grant award	Facility type
CAPEL ST MARY PLAYING FIELDS	£25,000.00	Changing pavilion and clubhouse upgrade
GANDISH ROAD PLAYING FIELD	£13,950.00	Changing Pavilion upgrade
COPDOCK & WASHBROOK RECREATION GROUND	£1,023.00	Goalposts
KING GEORGES FIELD (RAYDON)	£4,563.00	New Floodlights
CAPEL ST MARY PLAYING FIELDS	£25,000.00	Changing rooms upgrade
KING GEORGES FIELD (RAYDON)	£965.00	Goalposts
LAVENHAM RECREATION GROUND	£1,085.00	Goalposts
KING GEORGES FIELD (RAYDON)	£1,344.00	Goalposts
TATTINGSTONE VILLAGE PLAYING FIELD	£2,565.00	New Floodlights

Projects are delivered through our delivery partners in each part of the UK. If you would like more information on how projects in your constituency can benefit from the Multi-Sport Grassroots Facilities Programme, potential applicants should contact the relevant delivery partner below:

- England - [Football Foundation](#) on [enquiries@footballfoundation.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@footballfoundation.org.uk)
- Wales - [Cymru Football Foundation](#) on [info@cff.cymru](mailto:info@cff.cymru)
- Scotland - [Scottish Football Association](#) or [clubservices@scottishfa.co.uk](mailto:clubservices@scottishfa.co.uk)
- Northern Ireland - [Irish Football Association](#) on [dcms.funding@irishfa.com](mailto:dcms.funding@irishfa.com)

A list of all Multi-Sport Grassroots Facilities Programme projects funded since 2021 is available [here](#)

Swimming Pool Support Fund

*Totalling £115,620, protecting an estimated 34,819 visits per year.*

Facility name	Grant award
HADLEIGH POOL & LEISURE	£115,620.00

A list of all funded Swimming Pool Support Fund projects in Phase I in 2023/24 is available [here](#). The full list of Phase II funded projects will be published before the end of March.

Separately, Sport England has invested over £400 million of Government support into grassroots sport over the same time period. You can find details of all such investment since 2009 at <https://www.sportengland.org/about-us#campaignsandourwork-17900>.

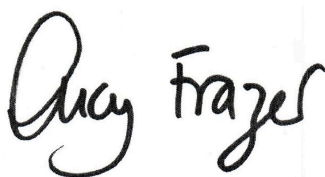
More information on what Sport England funds may be available to your constituents can be found on their website: <https://www.sportengland.org/funds-and-campaigns/our-funds>

You, or potential applicants, can contact them via their website to discuss opportunities.

I hope you will share our enthusiasm for grassroots facilities and agree that this insight to the Government's investment in your local area is a powerful demonstration for our long-term commitment in this area, as we look to transform access to sport and physical activity across the nation.

I will keep you updated as we continue to build on this work, inspiring future generations of sporting talent, increasing participation in physical activity, and levelling up facilities in every part of the UK.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lucy Frazer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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