



“Target air and laser rifles and pistols are not subject to the same constraints as small bore cartridge rifles, enabling people who may otherwise be unable to participate to experience shooting in a safe environment.”

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Project:

Community outreach

Subject:

Health, well-being and sports

Location:

Whitby, North Yorkshire

Overview:

Whitby and District Rifle Club is a community amateur sports club providing instruction, practice, competition and safe usage coaching in a variety of shooting disciplines.

£4925 was awarded to establish an outreach project to provide mobile facilities to present opportunities to schools, sports halls, community centres and other community events. This funded the purchase of target air rifles and pistols, an air filling kit, targets and transport cases, a laser pistol, target training system and dedicated laptop computer to control the equipment, as well as the production of promotional material, advertising and media to promote the project aims, facilities and recognise sponsors.

This has opened up the sport to the wider community and has enabled people who may find shooting difficult to shoot – such as young people, older people and the physically impaired – to take part. Shooting is known to improve mental and physical wellbeing and has helped to provide a sense of achievement and inclusiveness for its new members. The club's new laser target shooting has allowed the provision of shooting where a range would otherwise be unsuitable.