



Press Release

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Lionesses star Danielle Carter delighted by Oadby and Wigston girls FC's funding success

England Women and Arsenal striker Danielle Carter has praised Grow the Game and Oadby & Wigston girls fc following the award of a £4500 grant from The FA.

The grant, which will provide a boost to grassroots female football in Oadby, Wigston and Blaby districts, has paved the way for Oadby & Wigston girls fc to create at least 3 new girls teams U9, U10 and U11 over the next 3 years sustaining progress and development of our club and support new coach training opportunities for girls.

Danielle said: "I would like to congratulate Oadby & Wigston girls fc on working with the Football Foundation and Leicestershire & Rutland County FA to secure a Grow the Game grant. Playing in an all-female team from a young age was key to my development, so I am delighted that there will be more opportunities for women and girls in the local area and wish Oadby & Wigston girls fc good luck during their debut season!"

Grow the Game is a programme funded by The FA and delivered by the Football Foundation. It awards grants to grassroots football clubs wishing to create new teams, especially amongst under-represented groups.

This year, £1,500 was made available for clubs looking to create new female and disability football teams to help towards the costs of FA coaching courses; FA league affiliation costs; referees' fees; first aid kits; football kit and equipment.

Lesley Batchelor, General Secretary of Oadby & Wigston girls fc said: 'The funding provided by Football Foundation's Grow the Game Scheme has given our club a massive boost. Providing the funding to promote football within our local schools and communities enables greater opportunities for girls in sports within Leicestershire. We cannot thank them enough.

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Notes to editors

About Grow the Game

Grow the Game is delivered by the Football Foundation, the nation's largest sports charity. Last year the scheme supported:

- 2,047 new teams
- 10,016 female footballers
- 18,941 male footballers
- 7,407 new coaching qualifications

Since it was launched in 2010, the Grow the Game scheme has attracted a total of 210,192 new football players into playing regular football.

The FA

The Football Association [The FA] is the not-for-profit governing body of football in England. It is responsible for promoting and developing the game at all levels; from grassroots through to the professional game, The Emirates FA Cup and the England International teams, and has two core assets: Wembley Stadium connected by EE and St George's Park.

About the Football Foundation

As well as delivering Grow the Game, the Football Foundation delivers the Premier League & The FA Facilities Fund on behalf of the Premier League, The FA and the Government, through Sport England. Since 2000, the Foundation has supported over 17,000 grassroots projects worth more than £1.4bn.



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