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## Debenham Sports & Leisure secures £39,213 from sporting legacy fund

Debenham Sports & Leisure is one of only 310 projects across England to receive Olympic legacy funding from the third round of the *Inspired Facilities* fund. Every sports facility that receives funding will be entitled to carry the London 2012 Inspire mark - celebrating the link to the Games.

The generous grant of just under £40k will enable the centre to upgrade the lighting throughout the complex to LED technology and to utilise smart sensors to further reduce energy use. LED's use less energy and last many times longer than existing fluorescent fittings. The reduction in the lighting bill of about 60 - 80% will enable further improvements to be made to the sporting facilities and activities on offer to the people of Debenham and surrounding villages. It will also benefit the wider community by enabling a big reduction in our carbon footprint.

Suzie Morley, Chairman of Debenham Sports and Leisure, said:

*"If local sports clubs want to provide an attractive and valued service to their community, they need to be able to offer top-quality facilities for our prospective Olympic stars and others. The improvements to Debenham Sports and Leisure facilities will be welcomed by regular users and encourage more members of our community to use this wonderful local centre. We are delighted to have received Lottery funding to make it all happen"*

Sport England invests National Lottery and Exchequer funding in projects that will grow and sustain participation in grassroots sport and create opportunities for people to excel at their chosen sport.



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