



Stockport County FC Community Foundation

Goalz **Partner Supporting Statement** **2020**

Programme Title: Goalz 2019

Dave Longbone (High Peak MBC)

Please find below a statement from Dave Longbone from High Peak MBC and the value of the project to them and the local community:

“We are delighted with the partnership we have with the Stockport County Community Foundation team and the opportunities we are giving the young people of the High Peak on a weekly basis. The weekly football project has made an incredible difference to not only the young people attending and playing football but also giving them a pathway to a higher standard of football or the opportunity to carry their work placement out as part of this programme. This gives them a great sense of understanding from not just the player point of view but also the coaches/staff side and allows them to start to think and appreciate different aspects such as planning each session and behaviour management. I am also aware that a number of past players now come back as assist in the coaching and another fantastic outcome for the project.

Through the sessions, the players are able to create friendships, be active and grow in confidence both with other players and within the wider community.

It's not just about football; the sessions allow players a sense of identity with the training tops they are wearing and this gives everyone a sense of being a team.

The importance and magnitude of the project is truly shown by how the numbers have continued to increase and we are delighted to be playing such an important part in supporting this project for young people in the area.

Dave Longbone – High Peak Council

