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Police and Sporting Futures team up to secure an additional two years of free sports sessions for Mastin Moor youngsters.

The Mastin Moor Action Group has secured funding from the People's Health Trust to enable the multi-sports sessions to continue for a further

two years.

The group applied for additional funding following the success of the yearlong sports project funded by Sporting Futures.

PCSO Sue Cooke from the Staveley Safer Neighbourhood Team said: "We have around 50 youngsters who attend the weekly sports sessions regularly, and since the launch of the project, we have received fewer calls for anti-social behaviour in the community.

"These sessions help to provide the youngsters with somewhere to meet their friends in a safe environment where they can try out new sports without causing a disturbance to local residents.

"The funding will allow us to run the sessions for a further two years, by securing hall hire, purchasing new equipment and arranging a number of education trips for the youngsters."

Community Sports Development Officer, Alex Fraser, of Sporting Futures said: "The sessions are really positive and the funding has helped us have a sustained presence and really help to develop the young people over a longer term.

"We hope to continue the sessions and develop some young people into volunteers and coaches."

The free sessions are held every Tuesday night from 6pm until 8pm and are open for all youngsters aged 11 to 19-years-old to attend.

Over the winter months, the sessions will be held at the Netherthorpe School Hall on Ralph Road, Staveley, and on Lansbury Avenue Park in Mastin Moor during the summer.

PCSO Cooke added: "Due to the funding, we are able to keep these sessions free. I have arranged an educational trip for the sports group which will see us taking the kids along to the Manchester United stadium and museum tour at Old Trafford.

"The spaces on the trip will be awarded to those who regularly attend the sessions."

To find out more about the sports sessions or to speak to the Staveley Safer Neighbourhood Team call 101, the non-emergency number for Derbyshire police.

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