

Press Release -

Camrowers awarded £75,000 of funding from Sport England

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Camrowers is among 148 local sports projects to secure a share of £10 million of National Lottery funding from Sport England's Inspired Facilities fund.

The maximum grant of £75,000 will contribute to Camrowers' project for a new Community Boathouse. The unique Cambridge rowing club for older people has over 90 members mostly in their 60s, 70s and 80s and most have learnt to row with the club. Camrowers has never had a permanent home and this project will provide it with changing rooms, disabled facilities and indoor boat storage for the very first time.

Sport England Property Director, Charles Johnston, said: "The Inspired Facilities Fund has had a huge impact on grassroots sport across the country. Since 2011, we've invested £94 million into more than 1,800 projects to improve and refurbish sports facilities. It's great to see Camrowers join the long list of successful clubs to benefit from this fund."

Club Captain, Simon Merrington, said "We are delighted to have got this funding, which means that at last we can provide a boathouse for Camrowers. We have managed with borrowed facilities for many years and we are tremendously grateful to all the boat-clubs who have helped us, and continue to help us, to keep going. The new boathouse, however, will be a dream come true. We need £300,000 for the project and Sport England's investment brings our total up to over £200,000. We are well on the way to raising the remainder and are aiming for work to start in the spring of next year."

Local M.P. Daniel Zeichner added his congratulations. "Camrowers has a marvellous record of enabling older people to row. I am very pleased that this award will help them at last get proper facilities, which will mean that many more older people will benefit in the future. All the evidence shows that exercise helps older people stay fit and healthy and Camrowers are the living proof."

Many more communities are set to benefit from the hugely popular Inspired Facilities fund. A further £20 million is available in the next round, which is now open to community and voluntary organisations, councils and schools, to help provide inspiring community sports facilities. To find out more and bid, visit www.sportengland.org/inspiredfacilities.

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Camrowers

Camrowers is working in partnership with the Cambridge Rowing Association to provide a £600k building, which will house boathouses for Camrowers and for the CRA. The project is to be sited next to the Combined Colleges new Boathouse at Logan's Way, CB4 1EQ.

Camrowers' is currently rowing from the CRA Boathouse, Kimberley Road, CB4 1HQ
Press visitors are most welcome to join us at our rowing sessions from 9.15am on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Camrowers Website - <http://camrowers.com/>

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Sport England, Inspired Facilities fund

At least 70 per cent of the funding will go to community and voluntary organisations, through grants of between £20,000 and £75,000. The remaining funding will be open to a wider group of organisations, including councils and schools, with grants of up to £150,000 available.

To make sure the technical elements of the application process do not put off groups with good projects, Sport England has created a catalogue of typical facilities developments and costs, based on what sports clubs have told us they need.

Sport England is focused on helping people and communities across the country create a sporting habit for life. We will invest over £1 billion of National Lottery and Exchequer funding between 2012 and 2017 in organisations and projects that will:

- Help more people have a sporting habit for life
- Create more opportunities for young people to play sport
- Nurture and develop talent
- Provide the right facilities in the right places
- Support local authorities and unlock local funding
- Ensure real opportunities for communities.

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