

## CASE STUDY

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<p><b>EVERY CHILD MATTERS THEME</b></p>	<p><b>Being Healthy Staying Safe Enjoying and Achieving</b></p>
<p><b>CASE STUDY</b></p>	<p><b>INCLUSION:</b> After a number of terms work in special schools across the county it was recognised how limited the sport and physical activity provision for disabled children was. Through our specialist community coach and the school sport partnerships 3 inclusion after school clubs were organised and staffed by SASP in Taunton, Yeovil and Bridgwater. Each site was at a main stream community provision (usually a non special school) and open to both disabled and non disabled participants.</p> <p>The link between SASP work in the special schools and the clubs has meant that parents have been confident to send their children to the clubs which are thriving in all 3 areas. They offer a multi activity / sport experience (inc dance) with one of them now offering swimming too. Numbers participating in the 3 clubs are around 40 children each week.</p> <p>On the back of the huge need that was identified 3 weeks of inclusive holiday camps were set up in the 3 areas. All but one day of the 3 weeks is full with some days being very over subscribed. Over 100 different disabled children with various needs will be participating over the 3 weeks.</p> <p>The focus we have set with inclusive opportunities in sport and physical activity has meant that a number of young people are ready for sports specific provision and work is on going with individual clubs to help them offer the provision that these individuals need. Already Yeovil and Taunton athletics and Shepton Mallet Table Tennis clubs are starting to include identified young people. We are presently working with outdoor adventurous activity provision as an out of school club in the Bridgwater area.</p> <p><b>Partners offering staff time and coordination :</b> SASP, Schools, Children’s Services, Somerset Supporters, Fiveways Inclusion Supporters</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To increase the number of regular inclusive community</li> </ul>

<b>IMPACT</b>	<p>opportunities for disabled school aged children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To Influence the activity, fitness and general health levels of 5 to 16 year old disabled children in Somerset.</li> <li>• To increase the numbers of clubs able to offer a quality coaching service to disabled young people who show an interest in their sport. and offer a performance pathway where applicable.</li> <li>• To increase the confidence and independence of the disabled young people involved.</li> <li>• Increase the number of SASP coaches that have the skills to coach disabled young people regardless of disability.</li> </ul>
<b>MEASURING SUCCESS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numbers of young people involved has steadily increased.</li> <li>• School teachers have articulated the degree in which the children have benefited from the physical activity and sport input.</li> <li>• Number of SASP coaches confident to lead sessions with disabled young people has increased from 2% to 20% in the past year.</li> </ul>
<b>THEMES</b>	Allowing disabled children to enjoy and/or achieve.
<b>SUSTAINABILITY</b>	Partnership funding required to cover cost of Special Needs Community Coach.