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CRANLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL AND CRANLEIGH YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB SCORE WITH NEW GOALPOSTS FROM THE FOOTBALL FOUNDATION AND SURREY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Cranleigh Parish Council and Cranleigh Youth Football Club have worked in partnership to provide funding for new, safer goalposts at Snoxhall Fields. Following a successful funding bid, the Football Foundation have awarded Cranleigh Parish Council a £723 grant and Cranleigh Youth Football Club were awarded a similar amount from Surrey Community Foundation to replace the existing football goalposts at Snoxhall Fields.

The Football Foundation have set up a Goalpost Safety Scheme in response to concerns regarding unsafe goals which has resulted in nine fatalities since 1991 and many more serious injuries sustained as a result of posts and crossbars that fail to meet basic safety standards. Teaming up with the Football Association (FA), the Football Foundation has earmarked almost £4m to replace non-compliant and unsafe goals in England at thousands of schools, clubs and parks across the country.

Funded by the Premier League, The FA, Sport England and the Government, the Football Foundation is dedicated to revitalising the grass roots of the game, constructing modern football facilities, developing football as a force of social cohesion and as a vehicle for education in communities.

Being eligible for this funding spurred Cranleigh Youth Football Club to contact Surrey Community Foundation, a relatively new independent charity which is part of a national network of Community Foundations, one of the fastest growing philanthropic movements in the UK whose Trustees represent local businesses, public sector and civic leaders who contribute a range of skills and expertise.

Cranleigh Parish Council and Cranleigh Youth Football Club thanked the Football Foundation and the Surrey Community Foundation: "This funding towards new, safer goalposts is a fantastic boost. Football is our national sport and it is great that the Football Foundation and the Surrey Community Foundation is investing in improving the grassroots of the game."

It is hoped by all that the first goals scored through the posts are by Cranleigh teams.

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