

Key comments for football in the Eaglescliffe and Yarm Sub Area

This sub area is defined by two wards. It covers the discrete communities of Eaglescliffe and Yarm as well as the south west rural fringes of the Borough.

Population

The total population of 20,705 can be broken down by each ward (based on ward based mid year estimates) is as follows.

Ward Name	All Ages	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85+
Yarm	9995	393	466	580	664	575	552	555	608	784	807	831	862	749	480	399	286	197	207
Eaglescliffe	10710	591	589	676	729	485	549	714	816	841	790	718	767	702	575	453	308	218	189
	20705	984	1055	1256	1393	1060	1101	1269	1424	1625	1597	1549	1629	1451	1055	852	594	415	481

Teams

The following teams play in the area.

Ground	Club	Senior Teams	Junior Teams	Ladies Teams	Girls Teams	Mini Teams	League
Whilley Flatts, Yarm	Eaglescliffe	1					Langbaugh Sunday league
Urlay Nook Road	Eaglescliffe Elementis		5			1	Teeside Junior Football Alliance
Conyers School	Leven AFC Youth		2			2	Teeside Junior Football Alliance
Preston Field	Leven AFC Youth		9				Teeside Junior Football Alliance
Urlay Nook Road	Londonderry Arms	1					Stockton Sunday League
Egglescliffe School (Allens West)	Stockton Sun Inn	1					Stockton Sunday League
HM Kirklevington Grange Prison	The Grange	1					Teeside League
Conyers School	Yarm Veterans	1					AJM Pat Testing Over 35 League
Preston Field	Yarm George & Dragon	1					Stockton Sunday

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Conyers School	Yarm Town Juniors		1			2	Teeside Junior Football Alliance

Team Generation Rates (TGRs)

TGRs can be defined as the number of people it takes within a given population to generate a 'team' based on information available about local teams and population. They can help to plan for future needs as will be explained later. The TGRs shown on **Map 3** are generalised to allow for comparison across the various sub areas, and to provide as much consistency as possible with current and future population estimates. Broadly, they are provided to cover the following age groups: 11-44 years (from which the bulk of participation is derived); and, mini soccer (6-9 years). Sport England advocates more detailed breakdowns covering both male and female age groups. However, these cannot be produced for the individual sub areas, due to the absence of population estimates/projections which fit the age groups used by the governing body. **Appendix 5** does however provide an estimate of these more detailed TGRs at local authority level to enable comparison with information from similar studies in other local authority areas.

Within the sub area the TGRs for 10-44 years is 1 team per 1,538 persons; and, for minsoccer (6-9 years) 1 team per 211 persons. The latter is the best of any sub area, whilst the former is second best.

Sub area name	TGR minisoccer	TGR full size football
Billingham & North Stockton	245	1000
Central & Western	339	1632
Eaglescliffe & Yarm	211	1538
South East	504	1740

The Map 'Sites in the Eaglescliffe and Yarm Sub Area' shows the location of 'football venues' and their availability based on Sport England Categories (A1, A2, A3, B). Category C sites are also listed. The Category C sites are largely primary and private schools, which have very little or no community use.

Times of demand and net/supply demand

The chart 'Sub Area Eaglescliffe and Yarm' shows the temporal demand for junior and adult football. The former is mostly played on Sunday mornings, with the remainder on Saturday mornings. The latter is largely played on Sunday mornings with the remainder being played on Saturday am/pm. The chart also shows the net supply of pitches relative to provision based on peak time calculations advocated by Sport England's Playing Pitch Assessment Method (PPAM). Only those pitches that are in secure community use (A1, A2, A3) have been included in the calculations, as advocated by the PPAM. The bar chart shows that there are currently sufficient pitches to meet peak time needs for adult football, but that there is a deficiency in junior pitches at the peak times of (Saturday/Sunday AM). This is largely

accounted for by the fact that some games are played on adult pitches (such as at Preston Field and Urlay Nook). Another issue is that the Conyers and Eaglescliffe Schools, as well as Kirklevington Prison cater for some community teams but pitches are not in secure community use.

Many mini-soccer teams will be sharing the same playing surface as older full-sided teams, the practice being that mini-soccer teams tend to play on the least worn parts of the surface, and their pitches are marked out with temporary lines and portable goals or on smaller bits of land adjacent to the main pitch. It is therefore unreasonable to apply the PPAM to assessing the adequacy of mini soccer provision. Mini soccer teams also tend not to use changing facilities as the preference is to change at home. They have little requirement for many of the ancillary facilities needed by the older age groups. For all these reasons mini-soccer's need for space and facilities is far less demanding than that of the older age groups.

Borough Council perspective

As a manager of resources the Borough Council's perceptions of the key issues in the sub area are:

- An area with a relatively small overall number of pitches, with junior pitch availability being the main issue with shortages evident on both weekend days, but with an apparent small surplus of senior pitches together with a number of full size pitches not in secure community use.
- Better access to school pitches seems to be the priority together with an improvement in quality and a consideration of rationalisation to consolidate use on a smaller range of better equipped multi pitch sites.
- Opportunities include securing community use of school facilities, particularly at Conyers together with improvements to pitch quality there and at Egglecliffe school to improve changing facilities to facilitate community access . There is the potential for the release of the currently unused and remote Saltersgill site which could generate S106 funds to help carry out pitch and access improvements.

The future

Due to the absence of very localised populations projections it is impossible to model future demand for pitches based on natural changes in the 'football playing age groups'. However, within the Borough as a whole a major determinant of demand will be any population increase in an area brought about by planned change. The Map 'Sub Area Eaglescliffe and Yarm Access and Growth' shows proposed development already or likely to be sanctioned. This includes the following sites, that either have planning consent, are allocated, or are identified as part of the Borough Council's 'Preferred Option':

Name	Site Capacity (not yet built)
29 and 31 The Meadowings, Yarm, TS15 9QR	39
Egglecliffe School site	61
Tall Trees Hotel, Worsall Road, Yarm	250
Allens West, Durham Lane, Eaglescliffe	550
	900

Assuming a) an occupancy rate of 2 persons per dwelling; b) that 45% of the new occupants fall within the age range 10-44 years; and c) that all new occupants are effectively 'new' to the sub area, new development would result in 810 residents between the age range of 10-44 years generated. Based on the existing TGR for the sub area this would generate an additional 0.5 full size football teams using the existing TGR for the subarea. If the 'best' sub area TGR (Billingham and North Stockton) is used it would still only generate an estimated 0.8 full size football teams. This scale of development would therefore not create a significant additional demand for pitches, assuming there needs to be at least two teams to generate sufficient demand to justify an additional full size pitch. However, developer contributions could also be collected to help towards the improvement of facilities elsewhere and within convenient reach. An obvious candidate would be at Conyers School. The Map 'Sites in the Eaglescliffe and Yarm Sub Area' also shows where 'Quality Assessments' have been conducted in the area (currently only for Conyers School). Although the facilities are well used by the local community the pitches are only rated as 'average' and the changing rooms 'poor'. In return for improvements the school might be expected to enter into secured community use agreements relating to grass pitches, changing accommodation, and the 3G pitch. Facilities at Preston Field and Urray Nook, as well as Eaglescliffe School are also relatively close to major housing development proposed at Allens West. The Map 'Sub Area Eaglescliffe and Yarm Access and Growth' also shows a notional 10 minute walk catchment centred on existing football venues in secure community use. Much of the Sub Area is quite remote from other major pitch facilities elsewhere and it is therefore important to recognise the need for local provision to meet local needs that would otherwise be frustrated from accessing opportunities elsewhere, due to distance and impediments presented by major road/transport infrastructure.