

New grant has a real ring to it...

XARIFA Underwater Hockey Club has been awarded £280 to kit them out for competitions, by the BT Community Champions award scheme.

BT's corporate responsibility unit runs the Community Champions awards and assists its employees with funding for local charities, organisations and community groups.

Phil Lawrence, Xarifa Club Secretary, has been volunteering with the group since its conception.

"In a game where teamwork is very important," said Phil Thompson, team coach.

"Looking like a team is very important."

Xarifa UWH, based in Dukinfield, is one of hundreds of clubs that were able to impress the judges with how they would use the grant and have benefited from the scheme.

The funding was put to use immediately and recent results demonstrate how the award makes a difference.

The players were able to get the kit in time to go to the Junior National Championships, held in Loughborough, where they came in first place.

Two members of the club have also represented Great Britain in France, July 11 - 14, where the GB U-19 Ladies came second.

As always Reporter and Chronicle Sport will be keeping you up-to-date on the progress of Xarifa Underwater Hockey Club with match reports and pictures, as the season progresses.