

Xarifa receive cash boost

AN Underwater Hockey Club in Dukinfield, Xarifa UWH has been awarded £135 by the BT Community Champions award scheme.

Run by the BT Volunteering team, BT Community Champions awards BT people with funding on behalf of local community groups, charities and organisations where they work on a voluntary basis.

Funding is allocated to a variety of groups who demonstrate how the award would benefit the local community and make a difference to their group.

Xarifa UWH is one of hundreds that applied for an award and thanks to the voluntary work of Phil Lawrence, a BT employee, impressed judges with how they would use their grant.

The group plans to use its £135 award to purchase new goals.

Roger Arnold, one of Xarifa's Coaches said: "If we have two games running at once, one of the matches has to use rubber bricks as goal posts".

Phil Lawrence, a Network Field Engineer for BT Operate, has been a volunteer Junior Underwater Hockey Coach at Xarifa UWH for over seven years and applied for the award on behalf of the group.



GOING FOR GOAL: Xarifa Under-13's in action at Dukinfield Pool. Pic Courtesy of www.nicelyframed.co.uk

He commented: "Underwater hockey is great fun for kids".

"The BT Community Champions Award scheme provides a great opportunity for community groups like ours - every contribution makes a difference".

"The new goals will mean a lot to the kids".

"It is very positive that BT recognises the voluntary work of

its people and supports the charity sector in this way".

BT people can apply for BT Community Champions award to receive cash grants of up to £500.

Funding can be used for purchasing specific equipment, or as a contribution towards a particular project.

For further details visit www.btcommunitychampions.com