Derbyshire County Schools' FA - Linking with Key Partners to deliver County School Competitions

Derbyshire County Schools' FA has linked with the County Sports Partnership, School Sports Partnerships, County FA and Professional Clubs to run the Primary and Secondary Football along with the Secondary Futsal competitions.

Under this partnership work, the Primary Competitions were run in conjunction with the County Sports Partnership and HUUB Events (private Sports Event company) to deliver the U11 competitions as part of the wider Derbyshire School Games, giving more presence and coverage to the events.

In the Secondary Competitions the finals programme has been linked with Derby County Football Club to support delivering the finals at their training facilities, which has helped to raise the interest in the competition and to provide an aspirational final venue.

Finally, the Futsal Competitions have been run as part of the wider Derbyshire School Games programme and have used the University of Derby as hosts, again providing an aspirational venue.

These partnerships have allowed the Derbyshire County Schools' FA to continue a high level of provision for a wide variety of players, whilst lessening the burden on its Committee to deliver every part of it: rather, by engaging partners, they have mobilised a workforce with similar goals. Alongside this, the reputation of both the County Schools' FA and the partners has been enhanced through their visibility in and around great quality competitions.