

This project was a partnership with **East Suffolk Council**. The aim was to gather learning from local schools based on the use of their sport and leisure facilities which were open for pupils and the general public. The schools selected were in the most need based on **rurality**, lower **levels of physical activity**, **Ofsted** ratings, **pupil numbers**, **active places power** data, higher levels of **excess weight in children** and **IMD** score.

1st IMD Decile

- Ormiston Denes Academy
- Benjamin Britten Academy of Music & Mathematics



2nd IMD Decile

- Felixstowe Academy

4th IMD Decile

- East Point Academy
- Beccles School
- Sir John Lemman High School
- Bungay High School

Benefits of the partnership with East Suffolk Council

- Strong existing relationships with local schools
- Allowed more time to focus on interventions & collecting learning



A survey helped us to understand the **Sport & Physical Activity** requirements from the **children & young people** was devised

This equipped the schools with **insight** that would support them to **develop and enhance** their existing offer for the **local community**

What did we learn & achieve?...

We mirrored this approach with our Active Schools project, linking **Abbeycroft Leisure & Babergh** and **Mid-Suffolk** to build on existing **strong connections**.

The **boarder system-based approach** we used, proved to be more **sustainable long term** than just delivering a project

The approach we took **improves** Active Suffolk's **connectivity & engagement** amongst key partner organisations

The **successful partnership** enhanced awareness of Active Suffolk, created **opportunities** and allowed us to **influence on a strategic level**.



I worked with **Active Suffolk** to assess the level of use of secondary school facilities in key areas of need across East Suffolk. Early 2020, I had the opportunity to work with **Felixstowe Academy** Staff & the management team at **Sir John Lemman School** in Beccles, to identify areas where capacity could be used to benefit local residents and provision for students could be improved. The **close relationship** we have with Sir John Lemman School meant we were able to **gather information & begin to implement strategies** within a short time frame & to benefit from a really welcoming environment within the setting.

The **framework developed** by Active Suffolk allowed us to **easily gather information** on the needs of the schools & to start to make links with current & potential service provision.

I'd recently joined the Communities Team, & **found it really helpful to work on a collaborative project**. It allowed me to develop relationships with Active Suffolk & my own team where I **benefited from the shared experiences** of other colleagues from different specialisms. I really enjoyed the experience, & would welcome the opportunity for more joint initiatives when circumstances allow.

- Nicola Jenner, Communities Team, East Suffolk Council

