

GRAND OPENING OF MULTI USE GAMES AREA IN ULVERSTON

DECENT HOMES MONEY SPENT ON YOUTH FACILITIES

A bright day in the Easter holidays saw local children coming along to the official opening of the Honeypot Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) at Lund Terrace in Ulverston, then enjoying some games on the new play area.

The opening ceremony, which took place on Tuesday 7 April , started with an official ribbon cutting ceremony by the oldest and youngest Honeypot residents, along with the Mayor of Ulverston, Councillor Janette Jenkinson and SLDC's portfolio holder for Communities and Wellbeing, Councillor Peter Thornton. Professional multi activity coaches then carried out a number of coaching sessions with young people to demonstrate the types of sport and activities that can be played on the MUGA.

Three separate MUGAs have already been successfully introduced in Kendal and are well used for a variety sports and activities by young people. The Police have confirmed that since the MUGAs have been installed there has been a significant reduction in the amount of phone calls they receive reporting anti-social behaviour.

Peter Thomas, Chief Executive of South Lakes Housing said, "The MUGAs initiative is one of the best outcomes from our £28 million project aimed at providing decent homes and environmental improvements on council estates. It really shows how residents and local agencies can work in partnership successfully to deliver better homes and better neighbourhoods for all age groups."

Tenants Joan Chadwick and Margaret Akrigg are working on South Lakes Housing's Community Investment Group, which is deciding how to spend the £800,000 Decent Homes Sustainability Fund. Margaret said ' We are delighted yet another MUGA has been paid for as a result of South Lakes Housing's 2 star success. Communities and their young people across the District are now benefiting from the Decent Homes funding'

Cllr Peter Thornton, portfolio holder for Communities and Wellbeing, said: “South Lakeland District Council are pleased to be partners in the MUGA project and the Honeypot facility is the fourth out of six to be installed across the district. We believe the MUGA will provide an excellent opportunity for young people in the local community to enjoy a wide variety of sports and to benefit greatly from the coaching sessions that will be on offer.”



Pictured left to right at the opening are: Sergeant Flett, Mandy Dixon, Chair of Local Strategic Partnership, Lisa Chant, Bramall Construction, Margaret Akrigg, tenant, Joan Chadwick, tenant, Cllr Andy Shine, Jenny Draper, SLDC.