

# EAST LOTHIAN COMMUNITY ATHLETICS HUB

## APPLICANT

Team East Lothian  
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## TOTAL PROJECT COST

£80,662

**£34,910**  
(40.7%)

**£45,752**

Tyne Esk LEADER Match Funding

## PROJECT AIMS

- Encourage and support community participation in athletics as a means of building community and improve health and well-being.
- Enhance the existing facilities with shelters over the spectator seating area and the warm-up/cool down spot.
- Build a new pole vaulting facility.

## PROJECT DETAIL

Team East Lothian's vision was to engage and inspire the entire East Lothian community to improve health and wellbeing through athletic endeavour. By enhancing the existing facilities at the East Lothian Athletics Arena, Meadowmill, they aimed to increase community engagement and physical activity.

## RESULTS

With the LEADER grant they have succeeded in their aims and much more:

- The shelter over the spectator area means parents, visitors, official and volunteers can attend and participate in greater comfort. It also provides shelter where the athletes and their coaches can meet and brief during events.
- The second, new roofed shelter provides a covered outdoor facility for physical literacy, strength and conditioning coaching and training. It also provides housing for registration and administration on event days. Importantly, it has allowed Team East Lothian to create a permanent, bi-weekly all-abilities training group. This gives the opportunity to people with physical challenges to use specially adapted equipment which provides exercise, movement and autonomy, in some cases for the first time.
- The new pole vaulting facility promotes excellence in pole vaulting both within the region and outwith. During the refurbishment of Meadowbank Stadium, Edinburgh, this was the only facility providing pole vaulting facilities in the east of Scotland.

The improvements meant Meadowmill was chosen by Scottish Athletics to host three of only four national championships in the summer of 2020 during Covid 19. Hundreds of athletes, officials and volunteers from across the country were able to take part in a Covid 19 safe environment.

