

## Sutton United Community Team Monthly Summary, February 2015

The Community Team has been busy and productive again in February.

Working with their partners The Metropolitan Police, Chelsea FC, the Surrey FA, The Sutton Housing Community Development Officer, London Sport, the Link Disability Primary School and at venues across the Borough of Sutton including The Life Centre, Nonsuch Girls School, at the Sports Village, in Belmont, Riverside CC, the Community Team has been running , and is planning, a range of activities for the community.

In partnership with the Met Police, the Boxing Clever youth project got underway at Gander Green Lane. It will be running for 6 weeks to begin with. Also for 6 weeks there is now a youth, street dance session called Move and Groove which is being staged on Fridays. It is held in Belmont and it, too, is in association with the Met Police. There was also a half term football course held at Sutton United FC during the February holidays from school. All the Little League Secretaries were contacted in advance.



SUFC Community Outreach Officer Steve King takes one on the chin during boxing training in the Times Square Lounge

## Snippets

With support from Chelsea FC and the Surrey FA there have been plans put in place to launch the disability football team. It is hoped that this planning will mean that there will be a Sutton United Disability Team ready for matches in April and May. Disability football sessions began again at the Collingwood Rec, in preparation for competitive games, from 12.30 to 2.00 on Saturdays.

On Mondays the Community Team have been involved in coaching sessions at Nonsuch Girls School. This is part of a 6-week block there and it is funded by Sportivate. At The Life Centre there was the resumption on Friday evenings of The Stonecot Project. The football sessions have been well attended and have been particularly enjoyable.

On Wednesdays there is now a Walking Football session at the Sports Village for over 50s. A reporter from the South West Londoner came along to one session and he wrote a piece on Walking Football as a result of his visit.

London Sport and Surrey FA are promoting the FA Level 1 female-only course to increase the numbers coming forward.

After meeting the Head Teacher at the Link Disability Primary School, it is hoped that SUFC will return there for more coaching sessions following the successes there in September and October.

It is hoped that it will be possible to arrange the Futsal 10 week project for girls aged 11-14. It will probably be at the Riverside CC.

In addition to the activities outlined above, The Sutton Housing Community Development Officer (one of our partners) is hoping to develop working links with SUFC for the future. The Community Team members recently attended a Mayor's reception for the Voluntary Sector.