

Cove Boys club host north east football festival

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To some people, playing football with no emphasis on who wins or loses might seem a little odd. But almost 300 people descended upon Allan Park recently to do just that and play for fun.

With the help of Cove Rangers, Cove Boys Club hosted a 4v4 Football Festival, with 60 teams from across the North East visiting Allan Park to participate.

Donald Smith, Cove Boys Club secretary, said: "The Football Festival gives the kids too young for the proper teams the opportunity to get involved and have a go. The groups of four mean no-one's left standing on the pitch with nothing to do."

The 4v4 games are fast-paced, lasting only eight minutes, and after a two minute juice break, the young footballers are back on the pitch, playing against another team.

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Development Manager for the North Region, said: "It's a brilliant way for the kids to get involved and play football. They're playing so many games so there's no emphasis on winning or losing, they can just enjoy themselves."

The Cove Boys Club have sent teams to 4v4 games across the North East in the past, and Mr Smith felt that the team should use the resources available to them and host the event this time: "Hosting the 4v4 Festival

with Cove Rangers makes it a real community initiative.

"There are lots of places it could be hosted, but we have the facilities here and wanted to give back. It's only fair as we've been to so many places."

Just before the first set of games began, he added: "It'll be a long day, but hopefully a very enjoyable one for everyone."



Under 9s



Under 10s



Under 8s