

ROCK N GOAL

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Hibs stars Scott Brown and Chris Killen and Andy Driver of Hearts help launch Streetwork Soccer, our brand new portable football arena, at Edinburgh's Craigmount High School.

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This fantastic new pitch will be going into communities that have few facilities of their own to help reduce anti-social behaviour problems and give young people the chance to kick a ball around. Areas like East Craigs in Edinburgh.

"East Craigs is a much forgotten area of Edinburgh, which has suffered from a lack of investment over the past 20 years. The consequences of this are now very clear with the high levels of vandalism and youth disorder. Streetwork Soccer will give young people in the area a much needed, structured and supervised activity."

PC Jeff Whelan Community Beat Officer, Lothian and Borders Police.

The pitch is extremely versatile and ideal for using in housing estates that have limited play areas.

"It's so easy. The portable pitch packs into a trailer and can be quickly assembled on any spare patch of ground. The high visibility and impact within the communities will attract many young people to become involved. It will tackle anti-social behaviour and territorialism, whilst benefiting young peoples physical health and social development." says Streetwork's Dave Aitchison.

Streetwork Soccer was launched at an event called Rock and Goal and was covered by STV. East Craigs very own break-dance group and music from local piper Chris Nicholson as well as three of Scotland's most exciting young rock bands: The Dials, The Debuts, and Smoked Glass made sure the event was a huge success.

"There is evidence that schemes like Streetwork Soccer work. They provide children with a focus but on their terms. Most communities should think about getting Streetwork Soccer into their area as they would really benefit."

Lawrie Randak, Sports Scotland Partnership Manager

Our thanks go out to East Craigs Tenants Association, CastleRock Edinvar, The Big Project, Edinburgh Leisure, Sports Scotland, SMG and the Marriott hotel (who kindly provided us with volunteers).

If you would like to see Streetwork Soccer in your area contact **Fiona Scott** on fiona@streetwork.org.uk



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