



## Busy week for BASE with Rutherglen Demo & Stewartfield Open Day

By Lanarkshire Badminton

Recently it has been a very busy period for the Badminton Academy Social Enterprise (BASE). BASE is a not for profit organisation, which is open to anyone at any level who would like to play badminton to improve health & wellbeing as well as offer opportunities for players to excel in the sport.

Last week, at one of their main junior club sessions at Trinity High School in Rutherglen, BASE's Managing Director and European Medallist Kirsty Gilmour along with Scotland Senior National Player Danny Robson held a demonstration evening giving young players and parents the opportunity to be inspired by some top level badminton being on display. Kirsty & Danny treated the kids and parents to a selection of shots, routines and rallies making all look so easy and effortless! The audience then asked some very interesting questions before everyone got the chance to have a hit against Kirsty and Danny.

Jill Smith, BASE's Coaching Director said: "The kids were so enthusiastic and some of the parents quickly followed grasping this experience. The feedback received afterwards demonstrated how interesting and inspiring the evening had been. The following week we had 3 new inspired members."

Above (middle image) Kirsty Gilmour and Jill Smith pictured with Brian Muire of DT Gen. Jill added:

"Its great to have DT Gen on board. They have been most supportive of the objectives of BASE which include increased participation and inclusion for all. It was much appreciated that Brian took some time out to attend the demonstration at Trinity High School in Rutherglen".

A couple of days later, BASE hosted a Community Open Day as part of BASE's discussions with South Lanarkshire Council to lease Stewartfield Community Centre in East Kilbride long term. This day provided a great opportunity for local children and adults the chance to try badminton and also find out more about BASE as an organisation. Also the open day attracted both support and inquisition. The group participating took part in trying out their talents featuring Kirsty Gilmour and Sophie Ford ,thoroughly enjoying the experience while BASE's Operations Director, Andy Gallagher did his best to answer an array of questions from current centre users and members of the public.

Kirsty Gilmour told Lanarkshire Live: "Stewartfield Community Centre would be a great place for us to call home, to engage, and integrate with the local community. We are only looking to add to the already activity rich community."



"I'm really looking forward to making a strong connection with the Stewartfield community and can't wait to get some rackets in some hands."

A BASE spokesman told [Lanarkshire Live](#): "The reason to hold the event at Stewartfield Community Centre is that BASE would like to engage with the local community and showcase its plans, and explore how we can work with existing centre users and the local community to ensure that the centre is able to support diverse activities in addition to our proposed usage."

"BASE are currently in early negotiations with South Lanarkshire Council to look at the viability of using community asset transfer legislation to obtain a long term lease which would ensure the continued operation of the facility for the people of East Kilbride and South Lanarkshire."

Article: Daily Record

Link: [Olympian Kirsty Gilmour's badminton academy in takeover bid for East Kilbride community centre - Daily Record](#)