



Penrith Town Council

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Penrith Town Council Awards £1,838 Grant to Penrith Pumas Wheelchair Rugby Club

Penrith Town Council is proud to announce the awarding of a £1,838 grant to Penrith Pumas Wheelchair Rugby Club (WRC), Cumbria's only full contact club for the Paralympic Sport of Wheelchair Rugby, to help fund the purchase of new equipment essential for delivering their wheelchair rugby sessions.

The funding will go towards items such as specialist rugby wheelchairs and associated training equipment, supporting the club in expanding its reach and ensuring that individuals with any physical impairments or hidden disabilities in or out of a wheelchair are able to access the all-inclusive, thrill seeking, adrenaline rush full contact sport of Wheelchair Rugby!

Cllr Doug Lawson, Chair of Penrith Town Council and Mayor of Penrith, visited a session at the Leisure Centre and gave Wheelchair Rugby a go:

"I am thrilled that the Council has been able to support the Penrith Pumas with this grant. Sport is such a powerful tool for inclusion, and the work the Pumas do in creating opportunities for people with disabilities to take part in competitive sport is truly inspiring. We're proud to play a small part in helping them continue their important mission."

"I had a go myself, and it really was hard work — it gives you a real appreciation for the strength, skill, and determination it takes to play the game at such a high level – which the Pumas do!"

Megan Fearnley, Managing Director of Penrith Pumas WRC, said:

"We're incredibly grateful to Penrith Town Council for this generous grant. The funding will allow us to purchase essential equipment that makes our sessions more accessible and enjoyable for all our members."

"Wheelchair rugby is more than just a sport – it's a community, and this support means we can welcome even more people into it."

For more information about Penrith Pumas WRC and how to get involved, please visit: <https://penrithpumas.co.uk/>