

# Mini soccer for local kids

A POPULAR football coaching programme is being made available to children in the greater Belfast area beyond the summer months.

The TW Sports mini soccer centres offer girls and boys aged five-13 the chance to receive quality coaching and play small-sided matches in a fun and safe environment from this month until next June.

Up to 18 centres will be held on a weekly basis at 13 locations throughout Belfast, Castlereagh and Newtownabbey.

All coaches involved are qualified through the Irish Football Association and adhere to the latest child protection policies.

TW Sports is run by Tim Wareing, who has over 10 years coaching experience and holds a European A Licence coaching award. He has also received awards

Castlereagh Borough Council in recognition of his service to sport. Tim is currently part of the coaching team with Lisburn Distillery, where he is the Under 18 manager and youth development officer.

"I am here for your son or daughter's enjoyment and development," he told the *Community Telegraph*.

"Unlike other coaching courses that operate only in the summer and then disappear until the next year, we are committed to your child's progression every week of the year.

"The programme I have developed will help each child learn new skills while having fun."

The mini soccer centres have received positive feedback from a number of sources.

Angela Platt, Castlereagh Borough Council's sports development officer, said:



● Some of the local kids who are taking part in the mini-soccer coaching programme, which will run until next June.

"Castlereagh Borough Council's sports development department has no hesitation in supporting these mini soccer centres, and their

success so far is a testament to the input from the coaches." Mr Titterington, whose son Sam attends one of the soccer centres, com-

mented: "Sam really enjoys it. He has improved his football so much over the year and has met lots of new friends, with the help and support of Tim." For more information on the soccer centres, please contact Tim Wareing on 07740 120788.