

# BIRTLEY YOUNG PEOPLE'S CLUB



**CLIENT:** Birtley Young People's Club  
**PROJECT VALUE:** £1.1 million  
**PROJECT DETAILS:** The purpose-built multi-sports facility in Gateshead for 'Birtley Young People's Club' is now providing many young people in Birtley with the opportunity to take part in sport. Winners of both National and Regional RICS 2012 Community Benefit Award. The facility includes two gyms, three boxing rings, two junior grass pitches a conference room, office and classroom space.

The club relocated to the new state-of-the-art facility in Birtley, transforming an unattractive derelict area into a multi-sports hub.

The height of the building has been kept to a minimum and the footprint size has been determined by the minimum space standards for the sporting activities and the necessary support accommodation. Careful consideration was given to the external appearance and material choice for the new building in order to avoid an industrial look. The surrounding residential area is predominately made up from red facing brickwork with slate pitched roofs. This observation was key in the external design to reflect, enhance and regenerate a once disused and overgrown piece of land.

The proposed metal windows and doors are simple and contemporary in a style which will complement some of the existing architectural characteristics.

Disabled access is provided and tactile paving is located where necessary. Lighting is provided to assist visually impaired people. A passenger lift is provided internally for vertical access.

