



Canoeing

Sport England's involvement

Sport England funds the British Canoe Union (BCU) with Exchequer and Lottery cash, supporting their development and world class plans.

The BCU is also involved in the following Sport England initiatives:

- *Awards for All* - receiving funding of more than £1 million for various projects
- *Racial Equity* - achieved the preliminary standard
- *Club Development Programme* - they are expected to receive an initial allocation of £1,215,000 for the development of 64 projects.

Achievements

The winners of a silver medal in the 2000 Olympics, the aim is to be awarded two or three medals at the next Olympics.

Sport England funded stars

- Richard Hounslow

Richard receives Lottery funding as part of Sport England's World Class Potential programme. He came first in the Men's kayak competition at the British Open Slalom Championships at Llangollen Town Falls in 2002. He is a member of the Great Britain under 23 kayak team.

- Helen Reeves

Helen receives Lottery funding as part of Sport England's World Class Potential programme. She came first in the 1996 Junior World Championships but, two years ago, she sustained a shoulder injury that required surgery and extensive rehabilitation. Since then, Helen has made a good comeback, securing her first UK Women's Championship title. Currently, she is ranked 33rd in the world.

Development programmes

Paddlepower is a new scheme that has been designed to attract more young people into canoeing, by demonstrating both its competitive and adventurous aspects. Participants are signposted into clubs where their skills and development can be nurtured through good practice in coaching and equipment selection. The BCU's Top Club kite mark is linked to Sport England's Clubmark scheme. Accreditation ensures that clubs are safe, effective and child-friendly.

Previous Funding

Year	National	Community
1995 – 1996	£320,000	£418,464
1996 – 1997	£320,000	£305,093
1997 – 1998	£1,508,964	£2,430,531
1998 – 1999	£1,199,706	£741,818
1999 – 2000	£750,709	£456,429
2000 – 2001	£1,576,780	£409,166
2001 – 2002	£1,406,800	£459,949
2002 – 2003	£1,386,500	£1,045,723
2003 – 2004	£1,186,500	£71,529

Note:

National funding is a total of Exchequer funding and the World Class Programme. Community funding is a total of the following programmes: Community Capital, Safer Sports Grounds, Active Communities Development Fund, all Active Sports Programmes, Community Athletics Refurbishment Programme, Football Youth Development, School Sport Coordinators, Sport Action Zones and Awards for All. The summary is by the financial year, according to the date the award was made. The summary is by the financial year, according to the start date of the award period – an award may continue over a number of years.