



Warley Woods GC

Supported by the Golf Foundation and Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

Warley Woods Golf Club, just 3 miles from the centre of Birmingham was awarded funding from the Golf Foundation to deliver coaching to under and over 14s at the beginning of 2013.

The golf tuition at the club is provided by the GL Golf Academy, set up by PGA Professional Greg Lynch in 2012 and assisted by Nathan Bate, a Level 1 coach. The academy has an established junior section regularly attracting around 20 children each week and Greg has also developed strong links with community groups and local schools. For example, during 2014 Warley Woods GC will be working alongside Brandhall Primary School to build a Tri-Golf course on the school site and deliver golf as part of the curriculum.

As the academy sessions are well attended and enjoyed by local children, Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council awarded Warley Wood GC funding to run a series of summer camps this year. With a good network of local contacts in place Greg was able to advertise and promote the scheme to great success. The tuition was split into two age groups (4-8, 9-14 yr olds) and a total of 12, 2-hour sessions were delivered to children from a variety of ethnic origins, reflecting the diverse community that the golf club serves.

Main achievements

- The summer camps were a great success, **every session was fully booked.**
- A total of **153** juniors attended the camps.
- **83** children attending were aged between 4-8 years old.
- **70** pupils aged 9-14 years attended.
- **14** of the pupils that attended the summer camp went on to join the winter club.

Quote

“The 2013 summer camps were our biggest success to date! The children came from all around the Sandwell Borough and showed great enthusiasm throughout the entire holiday, it was a real pleasure to teach them. Junior golf is a passion of ours, and as an academy we are now working with a number of schools which currently sees us coach golf to over 100 children per week! We are really excited about the future of junior golf at Warley Woods.” Greg Lynch, PGA Professional