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## Futsal club fundraise for vital defibrillator in York

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A YORK sports club is hosting a challenge to raise vital funds for their organisation.

Bootham Girls' and Ladies' Futsal Club is holding a three-hour futsal challenge of back-to-back matches at St Peter's School sports hall in York to raise £1,000 for a defibrillator after a month of fundraising on Sunday, November 28.

Futsal is an indoor, five a side game of football, recognised by FIFA and UEFA.

Chairman Chris Collins said: "After the scenes at this summer's European Football Championships, and the terrible events involving the cardiac arrest of the footballer Christian Eriksen, I made it my season's priority to get the club its own defibrillator.

"I couldn't live with myself if anything happened to any of our amazing players and we didn't have the kit to enable us to help them."

The club smashed their target on November 6 and have decided to carry on fundraising until the end of November in hopes of



Bootham Girls' and Ladies' Futsal Club are fundraising towards a new defibrillator throughout November

donating another defibrillator to another local grassroots club or organisation.

The club, which formed in 2017 and has 50 members across all its age groups, and the girls were asked to raise £25 each through sponsorship.

Chris has also arranged his own

fundraiser, by running 5k, split between York and Settle, every day throughout November.

He has raised over £1,000 of his £2,000 goal so far.

Parents of the players have also agreed to pay to play a match.

The club has received help towards prizes from Sainsbury's,

Tesco, Morrison's, LNER, York Dungeons, York Futsal, and Macron.

They are also looking for a company to help in providing snacks for the girls on the day.

To support Chris's challenge, donate at: <https://gofund.me/332b7f49>