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## **ROADWORKS GET YOUNGSTERS' FOOTBALL CLUB ON TRACK**

Roadworks may be a motorist's worst nightmare, but for one Carlisle Football Club they're a dream come true.

Excavators and compacting equipment have transformed the access track at Crown Newlaithes' ground in Rickerby Park – courtesy of DCT where we are working for United Utilities on their huge city sewer scheme.

The 100-m long track was once a narrow pot-holed menace for players, coaches and visitors to any of the club's 16 teams. But by relaying and widening the track DCT have made it better than ever.

Club Chairman, Jim Hunter said: "We're very fortunate to have such a great ground but the track was letting us down. It's on the flood plain and was always pot-holed. We have 16 teams, including girls' teams and a senior-side. That's more than 150 players alone. It was very difficult for people to drive down. Now it has been properly widened in places so we can use it for extra car parking on match days."

Re-making the track took two diggers and four lorry loads of highway grade stone donated by DCT and Thompsons of Prudhoe. Meanwhile, fencing was supplied and installed by TL and VM Armstrong and agricultural contractor Paul Davidson, while Graeme Walker made and fitted a new gate.

The club also received support from the Cumbernauld Show Committee and Carlisle City Council, which maintain the park and gave permission for the work to go ahead.

DCT is working on a multi-million pound scheme in the middle of Carlisle to upgrade the city's sewers and help prevent flooding.

The project is part of United Utilities' £2.9bn five-year programme to improve water and wastewater services and protect the environment.

DCT Site Manager, Craig Shuttleton said DCT was pleased to be able to help out. He said: "we like to help out the communities we work in. I think the track looks a lot tidier now. It will be better for everyone who uses the park."

United Utilities, Project Engineer, Caroline Brumwell said: "We're aware that our work in Carlisle is causing disruption so it's great news that our contractors are carrying out community projects as well as us. It gives us both the chance to say thank you for people's patience."