



The sports forum has just presented 13 new Sportingbuddy Certificates to sports and physical activity providers in the Borough of Rochdale. The Buddy Scheme is an access accreditation scheme devised by the Forum. It has been developed to provide a user friendly way of improving access. More information on how the scheme works can be accessed through this site by clicking on Buddy Scheme.

The certified providers cover a wide range of sports and physical activities and more importantly a number of them are relatively new to supporting disabled people. They have achieved the certificate by attending training around moving and handling, disability awareness training, promoting activities, answering enquiries, but most of their success lays in actually supporting disabled people on sessions.

A number of providers have also received the top award of Gold. Rochdale Gateway Leisure Ltd being one of them who are in essence a disability support organisation, but have built out their services to include a very wide range of sports and physical activities. Another Gold award organisation is Rochdale Goalball. Rochdale Goalball has a very strong possibility of fielding athletes in the 2012 Paralympics. Dave Potter the club captain really appreciated the acknowledgement of their work.

If you would like to improve access to your facilities or already have disabled people using your facilities please contact Graeme on 01706 926203.