

Southport Gymnastics Club has been going since the early 70s inspired by Olga Korbut, a group of parents decided that they wanted to do gymnastics in the area. Started off in school halls and that grew, eventually moving into this building. What we love about the job is the kids.

They come here to have a good time. There's 1,300 kids now that I look after. So they come in weekly and we just make sure that they pass their badges, that's all they want to do, see that recognition at the end of each class. So we do it all for the kids.

The club is for the community. Really we're looking at younger children bringing them into the sport but we've got from three year olds doing recreational gymnastics to Olympic gymnasts - we've got Dan Purvis who trains here who was in the 2012 Olympics.

We are super excited to get any help from the Co-op with money. We're going to get some new trampolines. It's our trampoline transformation. Co-op have been fantastic with us. There's a Co-op store locally. The manager has been brilliant with us helping us with bag packs and things like that to raise funds but more than that, an organisation like Co-op wanting to help us gives us confidence that this is something that's worth having for the community. People do want this - the public perception has been brilliant. It's very important for Co-op to support the local good causes like Southport Gymnastics Club. They do some fantastic work in the Southport area with the young children and young people.