

CHESHIRE COUNTY GOLF PARTNERSHIP

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PUPILS from Cheshire are teeing up for a shot at a national title.

Willaston Primary School will represent the county in the regional final of the TriGolf national skills competition.

A team from the school in Neston, Wirral, will fly the flag for the county after they emerged triumphant from the Cheshire qualifying round at South Cheshire College.

Eighty children from eight schools took part in a range of golf related activities and games. Schools compete in teams of 10.

Now Willaston travel to Manchester on June 15 to take on teams from across Cumbria and Lancashire with a place in the national final, to be held at Loughborough University, at stake.

Craig Thomas, county development officer for the Cheshire County Golf Partnership, said: "Tri-Golf is a fun and easy way for children to try their hand at some of the skills needed to play golf. Plus it is a great alternative to some of the more traditional sports played in schools.

"It is an enjoyable way of taking up the sport and a great way of introducing children to the game in a safe environment.

"The qualifying competition proved a big success with all the children enjoying the different challenges. Golf is a great sport to become involved in at an early age, providing health benefits as well as a sporting challenge and, through membership of a club, the opportunity to make new friends and widen your social life.

"We wish the team from Willaston all the best in the next stage of their quest."

The festival was delivered by Andy Leigh, the North West Regional Development Officer for the Golf Foundation.

Andy Leigh said: "Thanks to great work from Chris Dyson, Cheshire Senior Competitions Manager and his team, this event and the process so far has been a success.

"I would also like to thank Rick Shiels from PlayGolf Manchester for supporting the event and the team of leaders from South Cheshire College. Well done to Willaston and good luck in the next round."

The Cheshire County Golf Partnership is a collaboration of the major stakeholders in golf, including the English Golf Union, The English Women's Golf Association, the PGA, the Golf Foundation and Sport England.

In Cheshire the partnership is supported by the Cheshire Union of Golf Clubs, the Cheshire County Ladies Golf Association and the Cheshire PGA.

For more details of the activities in Cheshire visit www.cheshiregolfpartnership.com.

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