

**Statement by the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Leisure & Health**

**18 September 2012**

**Olympic Torchbearers after Party**

A number of elected members joined the Chairman to welcome, thank and congratulate ten of the District's Olympic Torchbearers at an afternoon event which celebrated the Olympic Torch Relay in Hambleton (and Richmondshire) which was witnessed by an estimated 71,000 people.

We have two Olympic medal winners from Hambleton, Nicola Wilson from Northallerton won a silver in a team equestrian event, and Kat Copeland from Stokesley won gold in the lightweight double sculls, held at the Olympic Rowing Centre in Eton Dorney. Both will be invited as guests of honour to the annual Hambleton Sports Awards to be held in October. Date is to be confirmed.

**Tour of France 2016**

Hambleton is supporting Welcome to Yorkshire with its "Back Le Bid" campaign to bring the 2016 "Grand Depart", the first three stages of the Tour de France, to Yorkshire. The bid is down to three competitors, Yorkshire, Edinburgh and Venice.

**Hambleton Forum**

Work on the transfer of the Forum to the newly formed The Forum (Northallerton) Ltd continues to make good progress. Full handover operation is due to occur in October.

**Environmental Health Service**

The annual report for 2011/12 has been produced by the Environmental Health Service. The Report provides a summary of work of the service and includes the range of activities carried out, including:-

- Implementation of the Food Hygiene Rating Scheme in both Districts.
- Successfully eliminating a noise nuisance caused by a Licensed Premises in Thirsk to neighbouring residents
- Increase preventative work through responding to consultations on planning and licensing applications, with the aim of minimising future potential nuisances caused to residents
- Revision and relaunch of a combined Pest Control Service.

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