

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

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**Lifesaving Success**

Two members of staff achieved success at a national level in Lifesaving. Myles Strudwick won the National Masters title (over 30s) and Greg Lent also won Gold in the Simulated Emergency Response Competition. Congratulations to both of them for this success.

**Flooding**

Although contingency plans were put in place over the Christmas and New Year period due to the rain forecast, it was not necessary to implement those plans.

In terms of future prevention, we are, with other agencies, including the Environment Agency, putting together mini local plans for the Friarage Hospital and for Crakehill, near Sessay.

**Tour de France**

Given what this Council puts into sport, it is disappointing that the Tour is not visiting Hambleton. However, it is a coup for Yorkshire and we wish the organisers the best of luck in delivering it. Anyone wishing to volunteer can register their interest online at [www.yorkshire.com](http://www.yorkshire.com).

**Tesco Burgers – Horsemeat Product**

This issue which arose in mid-January was one for Trading Standards as opposed to Environmental Health, as it was about product description, rather than food safety. Environmental Health undertake annual inspections of food preparation properties and the last one undertaken in March 2012 was found to be satisfactory.

**Performance**

In advance of the Performance Clinic, we are flagging up that income in relation to floodlit pitches is generally down, mainly due to the flooding and ice before Christmas and the recent spell of snow – meaning for health and safety reasons they have to be taken out of use.

**Licensing**

A review of licensing policies in respect of taxis and premises licensing in respect of under age drinking are currently underway.

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