

Statement by the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Health

23 July 2013

Quad Kids

I attended an excellent athletics event organised by Hambleton District Council staff along with North Yorkshire Sport. This was held in Northallerton involving teams from all the Districts across North Yorkshire and the City of York.

Tour de France update

Plans for the event to come through the District in one year's time are well underway and the Council is working closely with Welcome to Yorkshire, NYCC and the village of West Tanfield to ensure safe and secure passage. We are also arranging with North Yorkshire Sport to have 5 'sky' rides – led mass participation cycle events aimed at creating a local cycling legacy from the event.

North Yorkshire Youth Games

The main young people's sport event of the year took place at Escrick, Selby on Sunday 8 July. This involved over 2,000 children from all parts of York and North Yorkshire taking part in a wide range of sports from tennis to hockey and swimming to basketball.

Easingwold School/Community Floodlit Pitch

The Council is working collaboratively with Easingwold School to help deliver a new full size floodlit artificial turf pitch, which would be used by both School and the community. The project is being led by the School but is getting support from this Council. Total estimated cost £600,000, delivery anticipated is summer 2014. This will be Phase 1 with a sport hall and improved drama/music provision Phases 2 and 3.

Leisure Apprentice, Joe McKechnie

Joe is part of the Council's apprenticeship scheme and has already played for Team GB in the Cerebral Palsy Football Squad. He was also invited to trials for the Athletics Sprint Team and if he qualifies may be packing his bags to go to Rio de Janeiro as part of the GB Disability Olympic Team.

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