

Statement by the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Health

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Sports Awards

I along with Councillor Baker hosted the Sports Awards. Steven Millar Paralympian gave an inspirational talk about his life around the world of athletics. He then presented 13 award winners and 8 runners up trophies. The awards crown a remarkable sporting year for Hambleton. The Sport Awards recognise sports performers, coaches and volunteers. Feedback from those who attended the event has been extremely positive and many commented on the 'feel good factor' Congratulations to all the staff involved.

The team are now planning the Community Awards which will take place in March 2014.

Open Weekend at the Leisure Centres

Part of the initiative to increase numbers of people taking regular exercise and raise awareness of what leisure centres have to offer was boosted with the Open Weekend on 12 & 13 October 2013. 177 memberships were sold worth around £50,000 p/a, 200 family swim tickets were sold. A great success story for the staff and a key tool in creating new customers.

Public Health

Continued joint working with the Public Health Team and the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) have led to a joint action plan covering obesity and physical activity which will be delivered by Hambleton District Council (HDC) and funded by Public Health. The population of North Yorkshire is getting older, increasing pressure on health and social care services but also providing opportunities for active and healthy ageing.

Stokesley Leisure Centre Squash Court Conversion

The conversion from an under used squash court to a spinning studio is newly completed and has provided a dramatic change which will help more people keep fit and healthy.

Protecting the Public

New policies have been approved by the Cabinet covering food safety and scrap metal collection. Staff are busy putting these policies into place to help protect the members of the public. HDC environment officers are urging customers across Hambleton to consider the food rating of businesses this festive season. Hambleton has 598 members with a rating of 3 or more.

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