

Statement by the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Leisure

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Sowerby Sports Village

The European Regional Development Fund application for £643,000 towards the costs of remediating the land, developing allotments and installing a 1km fitness trail has been successful. A preferred contractor has been selected and officers are currently working through the procurement process in order for the contract to be issued.

Making a Difference Grants

44 individual grants were awarded this year across the district compared to the 29 that were successful last year. The increase has mainly been due to the lowering of the minimum award threshold to £1000.

Dementia Friendly Leisure Centres

Hambleton's four leisure centres officially became 'Dementia Friendly Pools' in May. They were given the official stamp during National Dementia Awareness Week (21 - 27 May) by North Yorkshire Sport and Swim England who have been working together to improve swimming pool facilities for people living with dementia. The leisure centres have new clear signage at all four centres and have had training delivered to staff in order to create a leisure environment which is welcoming, safe and accessible for everyone.

Additional CCTV Camera

An additional CCTV camera has been installed at the north end of Northallerton High Street (near to Sainsbury's). The capital costs have been funded by Northallerton Business District who wanted to increase surveillance in that area (prior to the camera installation the CCTV surveillance only stretched as far as the All Saints Church). The camera will be monitored by the Council.

Public Space Protection Order Consultation

A consultation exercise is currently running to gauge community views on a public space protection order for the Thirsk and Leeming Bar Industrial Estates and surrounding areas. The aim of the proposed PSPO is to stop unauthorised camping in vehicles, including HGVs, and therefore reduce the resulting anti-social behaviour. Three community events are being held to publicise the consultation and the questionnaire is available on our website.

Sports Awards 2018

This year's sports awards have recently been launched, with nominations to be received by early September for the November awards. Nominations from the more dangerous and extreme sport fraternity, such as motor sport, equestrian sport etc, will be particularly welcomed.

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