

## **Statement by the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Customer and Leisure Services**

**15 December 2015**

### **Primetime (activities for older people)**

- 5 groups have been set up – Husthwaite, Hutton Rudby, Topcliffe, Stokesley and Stillington
- A celebration event was held on 20 October at Hambleton Leisure Centre – 55 primetime participants attended from all 5 groups. Representatives from North Yorkshire Sport and North Yorkshire County Council, who grant funded the initiative, also attended
- The Communities Team is now looking at opportunities to set up more Primetime groups

### **Sporting Memories**

- A Sporting Memories pilot was held on 11 November in Hutton Rudby with 14 people participating
- Sporting Memories is an initiative to support people with dementia – using sporting memorabilia (photos, newspaper articles) to stimulate memories

### **Distributed funds to voluntary organisations**

- The Council has distributed £270,000 to voluntary organisations in the current financial year
- £125,000 Making a Difference grants; £112,000 to frequently funded organisations; £33,000 of small grants

### **Hambleton Leisure Centre – refurbished artificial turf pitch**

- £130k capital project delivered including resurface, training area & equipment
- Suitable for multisport including football and hockey
- 10 year since original project & similar expected lifespan for this surface
- On time and on budget

### **Winter weather preparations**

- The 2015/16 winter weather campaign is underway promoting the *stay safe, stay warm, stay healthy* message to those at greatest risk of poor health during bouts of bad weather. 2,000 winter weather packs are being distributed with the help of the Police and the voluntary sector. Promotional displays are also being displayed at Council offices
- The Warm Healthy Homes grants scheme is still available – the scheme will pay for a warm healthy home check to be carried and, if required, help with the cost of improvements such as draft proofing insulation, boiler repairs, as well as advice and information to save energy

### **Parkrun at Stone Cross**

- Launched on 1 August the Northallerton Park Run is attracting an average of 100 runners per week covering the 5km route, some with partners, push chairs and dogs!

### **Take That Step weight management scheme**

- 746 referrals have been received since the scheme was launched in July 2014
- 520 people have enrolled on the scheme

### **Sports Awards**

- The 2015 Sports Awards were held on 4 November – over 120 people attended – 12 awards were announced and 2 special commendations
- Chris Tomlinson – GB Olympic long jumper from Middlesbrough was our guest speaker, along with performance poet, Kate Fox – who brought the fabulous evening to a close with her sports awards poem she had put together during the awards ceremony!

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