

Statement by the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Leisure

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Running Groups

Easingwold Community Running Group commenced on Saturday 28th May and now takes place every Saturday from 10am-11am starting at the Galtres Centre. Twelve new runners now attend this session regularly. This follows the Stokesley Running Group that started in March. Further community running groups are planned for the other market towns across the district

Grants Update

A total of £119,444 has been claimed from the Council's 'Making a Difference' grant scheme for 2015-2016, with the grants supporting 30 community-led projects across the district. A total of £48,353 has been awarded to 18 community projects from the Council's 'Small Grant' scheme for 2016-2017.

Hambleton Club Night

The first Hambleton Club Night took place on the 25 May. The aim of these nights is to provide advice and information to sports clubs to help them develop, increase participation and sustain their facilities and activities. Thirty-one people representing 19 different clubs attended and the feedback was really positive. The next is planned for 21 September. Before then a 'Club Matters' workshop is planned for 13 July.

Celebrating Ability Day

Taking place on the 2 June the Council hosted a day full of totally inclusive activities including Boccia, New Age Curling, football, dance, walking and a special cycling session where participants could test out their riding skills on a range of adapted bikes. Feedback was fantastic with many asking for 'more of the same please', so our next one is already being planned for October half term.

Tour de Yorkshire

In case you'd forgotten... the Tour de Yorkshire raced through Hambleton on 1 May! The event passed without incident and, as you know, has had a massive impact on the community and local economy. The economic impact for Yorkshire has been estimated to be £60million.

Quest at Hambleton Leisure Centre

Hambleton Leisure Centre has been awarded 'Excellent' by the leisure industry's quality standard scheme – Quest. This ranks the centre in the top bracket across the country alongside Bedale Leisure Centre that was also awarded 'Excellent' status last year.

Sport England Funding for Hambleton Leisure Centre:

The centre has been awarded £213,000 by Sport England to support the Council's capital funding to improve the poolside area and changing provision.

Sporting Memories

This is aimed at people suffering social isolation and/or dementia. There have been three events so far in Hambleton, each well attended and well received.

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