

**Sports Awards**

A very successful ceremony took place on the 2 November. The Council received the most ever nominations (44 in total). In light of the increased popularity of this event, and the Community Awards, the venue is being changed to The Forum in Northallerton for the 2017 ceremonies.

**Grants Update:**

In October Cabinet approved 29 'Making a Difference' grants totalling £125,000.

**Olympic Square**

4 Yorkstone tablets were unveiled on the 1 December in Olympic Square, Northallerton High Street, commemorating the achievements of our Olympians and Paralympians Kat Copeland, Nicola Wilson and Laurence Whiteley. The tablets have been designed and fabricated by Dales of Thirsk.

**Bedale Public Art**

Work is underway to commission a piece of public art in Bedale as part of the gateway car park scheme. £15,000 from the Arts Council has been granted to match £35,000 from section 106 funds. A steering group representing the community has been set up and they have appointed Brian Fell to produce the installation.

**Tour de Yorkshire**

The route for the 2017 Tour was announced by Welcome to Yorkshire on 8 December. It will be announced when known.

**Hambleton Leisure Centre Health & Fitness Project:**

The procurement of a development partner for the HLC project has now been concluded with Alliance being appointed. Alliance have undertaken similar schemes across the country. Further details including the timescale for delivery will be confirmed shortly.

**Swim Local Pilot - Sport England**

Hambleton District Council has applied for £335,000 worth of revenue funding to address a number of issues identified by the people of Hambleton around swimming participation. The funding will be used to support the following areas; improving cleanliness, revenue support for two swimming activators, improved technology and a revenue support for some new products. The team will be presenting this application in London on the 14 December 2016 where hopefully we will be awarded the funding.

**Safer Hambleton**

On 1 November Community Safety staff were transferred to the Council from Richmondshire District Council and as from 1 December a new Safer Hambleton structure was implemented which integrates Community Safety with the Council's CCTV function.

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