

Hambleton Leisure Centre Health & Fitness Project:

The building works have started on time, with the initial focus being on the foundations and drainage for the extension, as well as starting on the re-fit of the corridor changing rooms. There is a phased approach to closure of areas of the centre so that as much of the service can remain open as possible. Full details of the project, the programme and FAQ's are available from our website.

Sports Awards

This year's Sports Awards have been launched. The deadline for nominations is 6 September. We have included a new category - the 'Inspired for Sport' award - to recognise community clubs or schools that can evidence innovative ways they have encouraged people to participate in physical activity over the last 12 months. Please encourage nominations from your constituents.

Walking Football

In partnership with Age UK North Yorkshire we are working on an exciting project to set up a Walking Football Club in Northallerton – if it's successful we'll look to roll it out to other areas.

Community Safety

The first meeting of the Community Safety Working Group has been arranged for Friday 22 September. The meeting will be chaired by myself and has been set up to keep Members apprised of developments within the service areas of community safety, CCTV and the Prevent Duty, and to provide a steer and a sounding board for these services.

Bedale Public Art

Following public consultation and involvement, a proposal for a piece of public art next to the new link road is now on display until 21 July across the library, leisure centre and schools. The piece has been designed by a father and son team - Brian and George Fell - based at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park. The sculpture comprises a family herd of deer to reflect the medieval deer park at Bedale Hall in times gone by.

Sport England – Local Swim Pilot

We're one of 12 authorities who have been successful in obtaining £300,000 from Sport England to help promote swimming across the district! This is a great endorsement of how we are going to try to improve swimming participation through a range of interventions as diverse as introducing new swimmer-worn technology to having Swim Activators work with key community groups.

UCI – Cycling Road World Championships

You'll be aware of the recent announcement that the world championships are coming to Yorkshire in 2019! Our track record of delivering recent cycling tours – including being the first organisation to safely take a top quality cycling race through a bank holiday fair - has helped persuade the UCI and Welcome to Yorkshire to come to Hambleton, with one of the races to start from Northallerton. Full details have yet to be agreed but this is a massive coup for Yorkshire and this council. World class sport in Hambleton!

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