

Leisure Centres Reopening

In light of the further relaxation of Government restrictions recently announced, the centres continue to develop and expand the programme of activities available to customers. A gradual approach is being taken to this to ensure that the right balance is being achieved, assuring customers of their safety whilst also heading back towards a more normal inclusive service.

Quest Excellence

Leisure Centres at Stokesley and Bedale have joined Northallerton and Thirsk & Sowerby in achieving 'Excellent' ratings from the national leisure quality award body – Quest. All centres have now maintained the 'Excellent' rating over the last 4 years. The most recent assessments were focussed on COVID safety.

Thirsk and Sowerby Leisure Centre Developments

With the building works progressing well, preparations are now in hand for the broader and more exciting range of activities that will be provided from the expanded centre come October. As well as a dedicated spinning studio to cater for cyclists and those wanting to improve their stamina, there will be a range of group exercise classes and, as with Northallerton, 24/7 access to the gym.

Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme

Planning and preparations continue to implement the decarbonisation works at our leisure centres that will look to half our carbon emissions, with continued liaison between HDC, Salix (Government operator) and Northern Power Grid. Final approvals from Salix are now anticipated by September with works due to be completed by March 2022.

Northallerton Sports Village

The preferred contractor for Northallerton Sports Village has been appointed. These land works will start to develop the lay out and programme for the site. Initial works will take place on the Stone Cross section of the site, prior to the rest of the land being transferred in 2022.

Sowerby Sports Village

An application to the Football Foundation for £500,000 towards the construction of a full size 3G pitch at Sowerby Sports Village will be submitted this month. A decision is likely in October for a Winter start date. This element of the project will also include the construction of modular changing facilities.

Take That Step Scheme

Our Adult Weight Management Scheme has been successful in securing £15k of extra Government funding via Public Health to deliver two bespoke programmes directed at communities disproportionality affected by the pandemic. We are targeting people with long term health conditions, mental health problems and older people.

CCTV

A new server is being installed in the CCTV control room to meet the ongoing demands for public surveillance provision across the district. This will enable an extended number of CCTV cameras to be installed in our car parks and at Treadmills.

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