

Sports Villages

At Sowerby, the 3G pitch has been handed over by the contractor and came into use in September. Construction of the changing pavilion has started and is due to be completed by early 2023. Across the road at Thirsk School the artificial turf pitch, used mainly by the successful hockey club, has also been fully resurfaced during the summer holiday period.

In Northallerton, work on Phase 1 of our scheme has commenced with the footpath on the western side of the beck having been re-surfaced and new trails created amongst the woodland. Paths around the lower pitches (to the rear of the leisure centre) and upper pitch (at the side of the car park) have also been constructed. Work has now commenced on the new land to the north of Stone Cross where further trails, a car park and allotments will be constructed.

Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme

The decarbonisation programme has now been completed at Northallerton Leisure Centre with a range of improvements having taken place. These include the heating supply which is now entirely provided by electricity through air source heat pumps, resulting in an impressive 50% carbon saving. External power supply works have been completed at Bedale Leisure Centre and final connection work will be completed at the end of October. Work at Stokesley Leisure Centre has been delayed due to unforeseen connection problems with NPG, we expect the programme to be completed by early December.

Maple Park Crematorium

There have now been over 350 services in total since opening and the new directional signage is finally in place.

The café opened on the 5th September with mourners now able to arrive before and stay after services. The wake facility has also opened and there have already been more than a dozen wakes at Maple Park with lots of positive feedback being received. A children's memorial area is planned and there will be a Service of Dedication ceremony in mid-November to which all our Councillors will be invited.

Tour of Britain

The cycle race successfully navigated its way through northern areas our district on the 7 September, on its way from Redcar to Helmsley, with many local residents coming out to watch the world class riders as they passed through. There was a 'Sprint' section in Stokesley and a 'King of the Mountains' section on Carlton Bank. This leg was the final section of the race, with the tour being abandoned the next day following the death of the Queen.

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