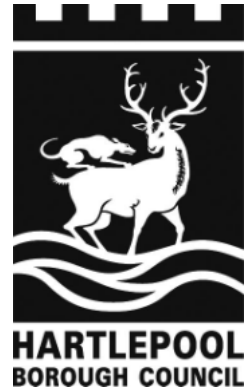


CULTURE, LEISURE AND TOURISM PORTFOLIO

DECISION SCHEDULE



Tuesday 13 December 2011

at 10.00 a.m.

**in Committee Room A,
Civic Centre, Hartlepool**

Councillor Hill, Cabinet Member responsible for Culture, Leisure and Tourism will consider the following items.

1. KEY DECISIONS

No items

2. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION

- 2.1 Tees Archaeology Monograph: Late Prehistoric Settlement in the Tees Valley and North East England - *Director of Child and Adult Services*

3. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 3.1 Carlton Outdoor Education Centre – Update on Service Review Action Plan – *Director of Child and Adult Services*
- 3.2 Sport and Physical Activity Team – Six Month Progress Report - *Director of Child and Adult Services*
- 3.3 London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay - *Director of Child and Adult Services*

4. REPORTS FROM OVERVIEW OF SCRUTINY FORUMS

No items

CULTURE, LEISURE AND TOURISM PORTFOLIO

Report to Portfolio Holder

13th December 2011



Report of: Director of Child & Adult Services

Subject: TEES ARCHAEOLOGY MONOGRAPH: LATE
PREHISTORIC SETTLEMENT IN THE TEES
VALLEY AND NORTH EAST ENGLAND

SUMMARY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To obtain consent for publishing the above volume as part of the Tees Archaeology Monograph series.

2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

- 2.1 It is proposed to publish 'Late Prehistoric Settlement in the Tees Valley and North East England' as the sixth Tees Archaeology Monograph. The volume has been written by Stephen Sherlock, a freelance archaeologist who has carried out many years of research in the area. Tees Archaeology will project manage the publication.
- 2.2 The publication examines Iron Age settlement in the area drawing together the results of excavations over many years and placing them in a regional context. The work has been accepted as a PhD at Leicester University and has been examined by leading national experts in the field.
- 2.3 Publication of this volume will continue the purpose of the Tees Archaeology Monograph Series in making archaeological research from the area generally available.

3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER

Tees Archaeology is part of the Culture, Leisure and Tourism Portfolio.

4. TYPE OF DECISION

Non-Key.

5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

Culture, Leisure and Tourism Portfolio meeting 13th December 2011.

6. DECISION REQUIRED

The Portfolio Holder is asked to approve the publication of 'Late Prehistoric Settlement in the Tees Valley and North East England' as part of the Tees Archaeology Monograph series.

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2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Tees Archaeology is a shared service of Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees Borough Councils. Hartlepool is the lead authority.
- 2.2 Tees Archaeology publishes a series of monographs, often with significant elements of external funding which have in the past come from English Heritage and the Dept for the Environment and Rural Affairs. Income from the publications is used to assist in the publication of the next volume.
- 2.3 Monographs published and approved to date are:-
- Stainmore, the Archaeology of a North Pennine Pass (published)
 - Archaeology and Environment of Submerged Landscapes in Hartlepool Bay (published)
 - Anglo-Saxon Hartlepool and the Foundations of English Christianity (published)
 - Hartlepool: An Archaeology of the medieval town (published)
 - A Royal Anglo-Saxon Cemetery at Streethouse, Redcar & Cleveland (approved)

3. PROPOSALS

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- 3.2 The volume examines the evidence for Iron Age Settlement in the Tees Valley and sets it in the context of the wider region.
- 3.3 It draws on the results of many years of excavation and discovery of Iron Age sites by many individuals and organisations and for the first time draws them all together and compares the evidence to other sites from North – East England.
- 3.4 The publication has been accepted as a PhD at Leicester University and was examined by leading national experts in Iron Age studies.

4. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 The text and illustrations for the volume have already been produced by Stephen Sherlock who will also manage a number of aspects of the publication of the volume.
- 4.2 It is proposed to print 250 copies of the volume and Tees Archaeology will fund the production costs which will amount to c.£4,500. The funds will come from money already accrued from previous publications. Income from the sales will then be put towards funding the next volume in the monograph series.
- 4.3 Publication of the volume is estimated for Spring 2012.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 The Portfolio Holder is asked to approve the publication of 'Late Prehistoric Settlement in the Tees Valley and North East England' as part of the Tees Archaeology Monograph series.

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 In order to publish the first survey of Iron Age Settlement in the Tees Valley and adjacent areas.

CONTACT OFFICER

John Mennear – Assistant Director, Child and Adult Services

CULTURE, LEISURE AND TOURISM PORTFOLIO

Report to Portfolio Holder

13 December 2011



Report of: Director of Child and Adult Services

Subject: CARLTON OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE –
UPDATE ON SERVICE REVIEW ACTION PLAN

SUMMARY

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The purpose of the report is advise and update the Portfolio Holder of the progress made with the revision of the operation at Carlton Outdoor Education Centre since the service review was completed as part of the Council's Business Transformation Programme.

It is also necessary to seek Portfolio Holder approval for the revision of the hire fees and charges in relation to the use of the Centre as follows:

- (i) For allocated use by Hartlepool Primary Schools effective for the academic year September 2012 to July 2013 and;
- (ii) For use by all other groups and organisations effective 1st April 2012.

2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

Details of the changes made to operation at the Centre are given as well as details of bookings, programme update, accreditation success and building improvements.

Information is also provided on the current financial position of the Centre which continues to be a challenge for officers since the withdrawal of the financial partnership arrangement with the Tees Valley Local Authorities.

Current charges are given as well as proposals for the next financial and academic year as well as the justification for needing to increase these. It is envisaged that this should assist with income generation at the site and help to address the current funding gap.

3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER

Culture, Leisure and Tourism Portfolio includes Sport and Recreation.

4. TYPE OF DECISION

Non-Key.

5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

Culture, Leisure and Tourism Portfolio, 13 December 2011 to note with the decision to be made by Children's Services Portfolio Holder.

6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED

The Portfolio Holder is recommended to note the contents of the report.

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2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As the Portfolio Holder will be aware, Hartlepool Borough Council is responsible for the management and operation of Carlton Outdoor Education Centre as a result of a lease arrangement with the Carlton Trustees. Hartlepool became the lead authority for the site following the demise of Cleveland County Council as a result of local government reorganisation, on behalf of the four Tees local authorities of Stockton, Redcar, Middlesbrough as well as Hartlepool.
- 2.2 The management of the site moved to Community Services, specifically Sport & Recreation, from Children's Services in February 2010 as part of the Business Transformation departmental reorganisation and as part of that programme of work, went through a service review which was completed and presented to Cabinet in December 2010. Planned changes to the operation have therefore been implemented since April 2011 to make the future operation of the Centre more sustainable going forward.
- 2.3 The operation is still overseen by a Steering Group comprising Local Authority representatives, the Trustees, Headteacher representation and Officers from Child and Adult Services who remain involved in the decision making process relating to the management of the site.
- 2.4 This report therefore serves to update the Portfolio Holder on progress made to date.

- 2.5 A full-scale revision of all hire fees and charges has also been completed across all Sport and Recreation services and thus it is necessary to seek approval for those relating to Carlton specifically.

3. LOCAL AUTHORITY PARTNERS AND FUNDING REVIEW

- 3.1 At the time that the management of the Centre was transferred to Community Services in February 2010, Stockton Borough Council had already withdrawn from the partnership arrangement, withdrawing their financial contribution for subsidised Primary School use at the same time.
- 3.2 Almost at the same point, Redcar also decided that they would be withdrawing from April 2010 which left only Middlesbrough and Hartlepool remaining as financial partners. The service review therefore was extremely timely as action would have to be taken if the Centre was to remain viable.
- 3.3 As a consequence, the focus for programme development moved to the need to explore different markets in order to attract new users to the Centre. However, at its heart was to remain its core function of providing outdoor education for primary school children from Middlesbrough and Hartlepool although this could no longer be relied on as the sole method of funding provision.
- 3.4 As part of their budget settlement for 2011/12, Middlesbrough then formally decided to withdraw funding from Carlton as well. This led to the prospect of significant financial problems which if not addressed, would pose a real question mark over the future of Carlton. It has also had the effect of leaving the Steering Group consisting of the trustees, officers from Child and Adult Services and a Hartlepool headteacher representative.
- 3.5 Over the past few months, we have therefore undergone significant change at the site with difficult decisions to be made and this has brought a much improved financial performance upon which further information will be provided in Section 7.

4. UPDATE ON SERVICE REVIEW AND PROGRESS MADE

Staffing Restructure

- 4.1 Major changes to the staffing for the Centre have been implemented and a structure chart is attached at **APPENDIX 1** showing the current position.
- 4.2 The managerial/supervisory positions have been reduced and the roles and responsibilities of other posts have been revised. The two Senior Instructors now also carry out additional duties to assist with the overall operation of the Centre and the Site Operative contributes significantly more to the upkeep and maintenance of the site. This has enabled us to cancel existing maintenance contracts in place to further reduce expenditure.

- 4.3 The major changes where some very difficult decisions had to be made were with the Cooks and the Housekeeping team. Unfortunately, Carlton was previously staffed as though 100% occupancy was being achieved for 52 weeks of the year. This was totally unrealistic and placed a huge financial burden on the Centre as well as having the impact of finding it difficult to fully occupy the staff.
- 4.4 As a result, this area has been reduced to a core of staff for a weekday operation based on one group in residence only and if additional bookings are taken and for the weekends as well, relief staff are brought in to staff up as and when required. This has reduced our staffed hours for this area from 233.625 hours to 119.75 hours a week. Regrettably, these necessary changes did bring staff redundancies and a reduction in hours for others but it has removed an unnecessary financial burden from the Centre.
- 4.5 The final part of the staffing review was implemented at the beginning of November 2011. Instead of employing additional Instructors to support the Centre's programme, this resource is now procured from freelance staff on a self-employed basis. This has had the effect of further reducing our payroll costs.
- 4.6 A large part of the staffing review was not simply about cutting costs, but about introducing new working practices into the Centre operation, doing things differently and more efficiently. The staff still remain involved in this work, constantly challenging themselves to find efficiencies in order to reduce costs.

Administration

- 4.7 All the administration for bookings at the Centre and all the billing is now carried out by the Administrative Officer at Carlton. Previously, this was undertaken by the department's support staff at the Civic Centre which was a lengthy and inefficient practise.
- 4.8 The new system has had the effect of providing greater ownership and control at Carlton and has helped to reduce the Centre's support costs.

Procurement of Goods and Services

- 4.9 Considerable analysis of expenditure at the site has been undertaken and some significant changes have been made to reduce expenditure. Our Procurement Unit have greatly assisted with this work and where we have been able to source locally, contracts have been established to ensure cost savings. The Council's Maintenance Division has also revised its charging policy where Carlton had previously suffered financially owing to its geographical remoteness from Hartlepool.

5. CENTRE USAGE AND NEW MARKETS

- 5.1 We have continued to attract a number of new schools to the Centre, many from outside of Hartlepool, some private schools and birthday parties continue to remain very popular. This area of work seems to grow and grow as does that around offering training and development courses. For example, the Centre in partnership with the Institute for Outdoor Learning hosted an Introduction to Bush Craft course in October. We are also hosting this month in partnership with the same organisation, the first North East based Enabling Outdoor Learning, A Conference and Festival for Teachers.
- 5.2 The Centre also hosted a Community Sports Leader Archery Award and a MIDAS training day recently and are working with a company called Medi-pro providing technical support for their training courses in rescue situations.
- 5.3 Unfortunately, we have not been able to fully exploit the use of the school holiday weeks yet as this year has brought significant change to the site and our full energies and focus needed to be on seeing through this implementation. However, this will be a main area for development over the forthcoming months with the Summer of 2012 very much in mind.
- 5.4 Despite this, the Centre was busy during this year's summer holiday period with a number of family activity days, a regional Young Carers event, a number of private residential bookings and self-catering groups utilising the site. It also brought us some important maintenance time.
- 5.5 There is still much to do but hopefully the Portfolio Holder will be encouraged that we are going in the right direction and have demonstrated that we can cater for different markets and users without departing from offering a valuable educational experience for schools.
- 5.6 With regards to school use, at the moment, there is still availability for the academic year 2011 – 2012 although all the subsidised allocations for Hartlepool schools have been fully taken up. Whilst we have lost some school bookings due to the removal of financial support from Local Authorities in particular the Free School Meal subsidies, we have also gained some new ones and we are currently at the same level that we were this time last year.

6. BUILDING IMPROVEMENT WORKS

- 6.1 Earlier this year, owing to concerns of the Health Safety Executive, the Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) tanks had to be relocated to another area of the site. In addition to this, much of the gas pipework also had to be replaced.
- 6.2 As a further consequence of this work, boilers were replaced in the laundry store, laundry corridor and camp-store and the kitchen was upgraded to comply with new regulations which necessitated the replacement of all the equipment. We therefore took the opportunity to remove the need for LPG in this area with all replacement appliances being electrical.

- 6.3 Some remedial works were undertaken in the residential block shower areas and the re-sealing of floors and shower cubicles has been undertaken to prevent water seepage. Drainage work has also been undertaken. We have also replaced the canopy at the front of the main building as the original was rotten and the classroom roof has been resealed. We have also undertaken significant tree works at the site following a site survey.
- 6.4 Collectively this amounts to over £100k of expenditure funded from the remaining £90k capital budget for Carlton and the securing of £15k from the Council's Capital Fund Group. At the moment we have a balance of £6.5k capital remaining.
- 6.5 The bulk of the capital funding has been spent on essential health and safety works to allow the Centre to remain operative, several projects remain that we would like to undertake to allow the maximum use of the site possible. At the moment, the design of the residential block does not lend itself easily to being able to cater for a mix of users and this type of improvement will be reliant on our ability to be able to secure external funding.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Prior to implementing any of the aforementioned changes in order to put the Centre on a better financial footing, when Middlesbrough announced the withdrawal of their financial contribution, overall it meant that the funding gap we were facing for the Centre for 2011/12 was £194.5k.
- 7.2 The subsequent action that has been taken by officers to reduce expenditure, some of which has only been implemented mid-way through this year and the effort to increase income generation has had a dramatic effect so far. As budgets stand, officers are forecasting a reduction in the funding gap this year of £114k to £80k which it is hoped the Portfolio Holder will acknowledge is an excellent performance.
- 7.3 The remaining gap will be covered by a revenue reserve created for Carlton within which remains £66,914. Whilst on present forecasts, a gap of £13k would still remain, officers hope this would reduce further as the remainder of this year progresses.
- 7.4 However, the task facing us for the next financial year should not be underestimated as the reserve created will have been fully used. Therefore, the need to increase income and keep expenditure to a minimum will be imperative.

8. FEES AND CHARGES – 2012/2013

- 8.1 Attached at **APPENDIX 2** are the proposed fees and charges for Carlton for the 2012/2013 financial and academic year. We are proposing to increase

these broadly in line with inflation and it is necessary to do so if we are to ensure that Carlton remains sustainable for the future.

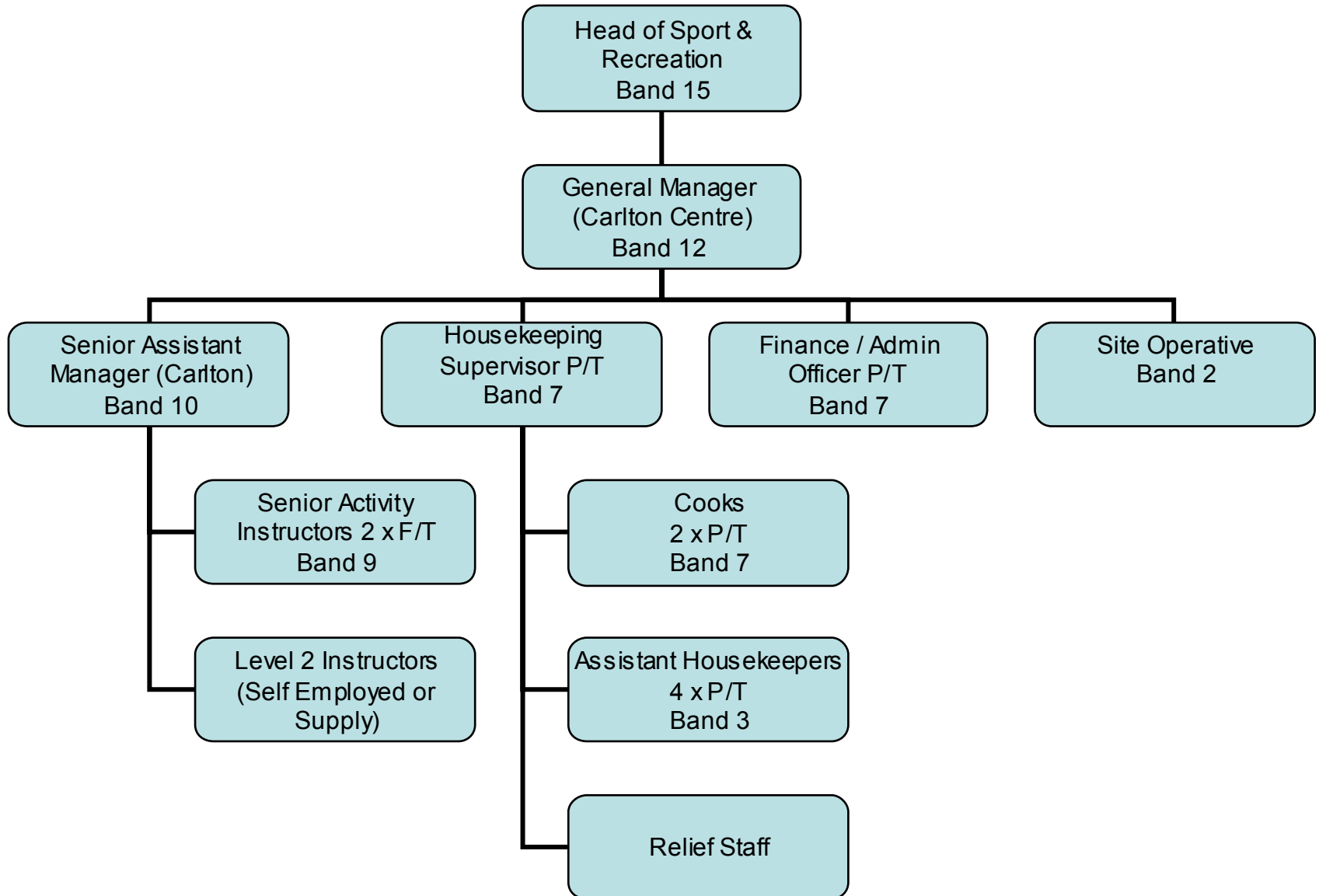
- 8.2 Of note is the proposal to increase the price to Hartlepool primary schools to £30.00 from £29.00 per person per day. This is a substantial reduction on the charge that should be made in order to cover costs and should be at the same level as per the remaining fees and charges. For example, for a non Hartlepool based school child, it is proposed to increase these from £45.00 to £46.50 a day.
- 8.3 This year, the Council contributed £74,727 to the Centre in return for which, a proportion of allocated weeks (19 weeks) were provided to Hartlepool Primary Schools for use at the subsidised price. We propose to maintain the allocations for 2012–2013 at 19 weeks; that is 106 days but to do so, the subsidised price will have to increase to £30.00 as previously indicated.
- 8.4 Despite this proposed increase, the level of subsidy received on the true cost of provision will actually increase, from £540.75 per day for a school group to £558.00. However if the price remained the same, whilst the subsidy would also increase, it would do so to an unsustainable level (£540.75 to £591.00 per day) which officers would not advise given the financial circumstances of the Centre.
- 8.5 Officers recognise that there is a risk associated with increasing charges, particularly for the subsidised school use with the loss of the Pupil Support Grant. However, it is felt to be a necessary risk as we have to address the financial situation at the Centre.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 The Portfolio Holder is recommended to note the contents of the report.

10. CONTACT OFFICER

- 10.1 Pat Usher, Sport and Recreation Manager



FEES & CHARGES 2012 - 2013

HARTLEPOOL PRIMARY SCHOOL GROUPS (Sept 2012 – July 2013)

	CURRENT 2011 - 2012	PROPOSED 2012 - 2013	% INCREASE
ALLOCATED DAY RATE			
Residential Charges for pupils & Teachers/other adults supervising pupils (one instructor to 10/12 pupils activities per 24hrs)	£29.00	£30.00	3.45%

ALL OTHER USERS (01.04.12 – 31.03.13)

	CURRENT 2011 - 2012	PROPOSED 2012 - 2013	% INCREASE
RESIDENTIAL CHARGES			
Fully catered accommodation with one instructor in standard activity programme per 24hrs (minimum group size 12)			
Adult	£49.25	£51.00	3.55%
Child (up to 12 yrs)	£45.00	£46.50	3.33%
Bed Only	£20.00	£20.50	2.5%
Camping per person	£5.00	£5.25	5%
Additional Instructor for 2 Instructor activities e.g. canoeing			
Per day	£105.00	£107.75	2.62%
Per half day	£60.00	£61.50	2.5%
Day Visitors 9.00- 4.30pm (minimum group size 10)			
One Instructor activities per person			
Full day	£16.50	£17.00	3.03%
Half Day	£9.75	£10.00	2.56%
Two Instructor activities per person			
Full day	£27.00	£27.95	3.52%
Half Day	£14.50	£15.50	6.9%
Additional Meals and refreshments per person if required			
Breakfast			
Light	£3.25	£3.35	3.08%
Cooked	£4.75	£4.90	3.16%
Lunch/packed lunch	£3.75	£3.85	2.67%
Evening Meal/Dinner			
Adult	£9.50	£9.85	3.68%
Child (up to 12 yrs)	£8.25	£8.30	0.61%
Supper	£1.80	£1.85	2.78%

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APPENDIX 2

Tea/coffee and tray bakes per head	£1.60	£1.65	3.13%
Tea/coffee per head	£1.00	£1.00	0%
Conference Room Hire per day	£50.00	£50.00	0%
Conference Room Hire per hour	£8.00	£8.00	0%
Additional minibus per day	at cost	at cost	at cost
Team Building / Corporate Events / Parties			
Tailor-made to suit your requirements	Prices on request	Prices on request	Prices on request
Self-Catering	Prices on request	Prices on request	Prices on request
Exclusive use of Centre			
Available for a maximum of 68 people – Fully catered accommodation with instruction	Prices on request	Prices on request	Prices on request

NB – All Hartlepool based groups e.g. Youth Groups, schools etc. subject to a 5% discount on the above rates (with the exception of meals and refreshment charges).

CULTURE, LEISURE AND TOURISM PORTFOLIO

Report to Portfolio Holder

13 December 2011



Report of: Director of Child and Adult Services

Subject: SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY TEAM – SIX MONTH PROGRESS REPORT

SUMMARY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of the report is to inform and update the Portfolio Holder on the work of the Sport and Physical Activity Team which is part of the Council's Sport and Recreation service. This area includes Summerhill Outdoor Centre and Country Park, the Outdoor Activities service, GP Referral Programme, Sports Development and also the Learn to Swim Programme which includes the Primary School provision.

2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

The report includes the achievements of the various aspects of the service and highlights progress and outcomes achieved over the past six months.

3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER

Culture, Leisure and Tourism Portfolio includes Sport and Recreation.

4. TYPE OF DECISION

Non-Key.

5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

Culture, Leisure and Tourism Portfolio, 13 December 2011.

6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED

Comments from the Portfolio Holder are welcomed.

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2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The team's aim is to increase participation in sport and physical activity within Hartlepool, encouraging people to 'Get Active and Stay Active'.
- 2.2 Regular participation improves physical health and can lower risks associated with many life-threatening conditions including heart disease and stroke. Some studies show that being physically unfit is as dangerous as smoking in terms of shortening life expectancy.
- 2.3 There is evidence that there are many and varied benefits that can be accrued through regular moderate physical activity, including:
 - A reduction of the risk of dying prematurely;
 - Reduced risk of dying from heart disease or stroke (these are responsible for one third of all deaths);
 - Reduced risk of developing heart disease, colon cancer and type 2 diabetes;
 - It helps to prevent/reduce hypertension, which affects one-fifth of the world's adult population;
 - It helps people to control weight and lower the risk of becoming obese;
 - It helps to prevent/reduce osteoporosis, reducing the risk of hip fracture in women;
 - It reduces the risk of developing lower back pain and can assist in the management of painful conditions, like back pain or knee pain;
 - It helps build and maintain healthy bones, muscles and joints and assists people with chronic, disabling conditions to improve their stamina;
 - It promotes psychological wellbeing, reduces stress, anxiety and depression;

- It assists people to prevent or control risky behaviours, especially among children and young people. These include tobacco, alcohol or other substance use, unhealthy diet and violence (Health and Development through Physical Activity and Sport: World Health Organisation);
- 2.4. Regular exercise also improves mental and emotional health and can help people to deal with stress and improve happiness. As little as half an hour of moderate activity every day, such as brisk walking, can improve health and fitness and with so many various ways to be physically active, it is possible to find something to suit every kind of lifestyle.
- 2.5 The Department Health recommend that adults (16+) should aim to achieve at least 30 minutes of moderate intensity activity on at least 5 days per week. Engaging more people in sport and physical activity in order to improve health is therefore a key priority at a national, regional and local level and given the health inequalities in Hartlepool, remains an important issue for the Council to be addressed.

3. TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS APRIL – SEPTEMBER 2011

- 3.1 The following highlights some of the key achievements of the team over the past six months. However, more comprehensive reports concerning each element of service are attached at **APPENDIX 1** to this report.
- 3.2 Learn to Swim Programme
- The Primary School Learn to Swim Programme is now operating out of Mill House Leisure Centre. This has provided the opportunity to offer a greater variety of lessons enabling stronger swimmers to be more adequately catered for;
 - Children from Year 3 upwards are now achieving the National Curriculum requirement of being able to swim 25 metres unaided prior to starting secondary school. Some children are achieving far greater standards.
- 3.3 Summerhill
- Summerhill Outdoor Activity Centre and Country Park has had three new pieces of equipment provided within the Junior Activity and Fitness Area, courtesy of the Play-Builder initiative. Interest and use of this equipment has been very high;
 - “Celebration Village – Let the Games Begin” Event was hosted in July by Summerhill. This marked the one year to go to the London Olympics and was organised in partnership with the Cultural Services Events Team. Over 3,000 people attended the event that gave the opportunity for Summerhill to be utilised as an arts venue for the first time;

- Summerhill was successful in gaining the Green Flag Award in August 2011. This is a national accreditation scheme for parks;
- Summerhill successfully applied for a grant of £14,500 from the Forestry Commission's Woodland Grant Scheme to support key works on site for a 5 year period.

3.4 GP Referral Programme

- 118 people have completed a 10 week prescribed course of activity during the 6 month period;
- The current retention rate of participants who have completed a 10 week course of exercise via referral is 68% which is excellent. This indicates that 6 months after completing their course they are still participating in physical activity;
- The GP Referral Team is working proactively with the University Hospital of Hartlepool Physiotherapy Department and referrals from this team within 6 months have increased as a result;
- Participants of the GP Referral Programme are still highly complementary about the scheme e.g. – For example, “my mobility now is better than it has been for years”.

3.5 Outdoor Activities Team

- The Outdoor Activities team achieved a faultless inspection report from the Adventurous Activities Licensing Authority in regard to their delivery, session content, policies and procedures and management;
- Given the current economic climate, it is rewarding to see that the Outdoor Activities service remains popular and advanced bookings taken for 2012 have already increased;
- The service has received excellent feedback from a new course in Mountain Bike development aimed at secondary school students. Feedback from school staff includes “I would recommend the mountain biking course to any schools; it particularly suits the less traditional sports person and opens a window for new opportunities for the students. The course is professionally led and all of the student's abilities are taken into account”;
- The service has received a small grant from the Community Activities Network for BMX development to improve school club links for this incredibly popular sport in the town;
- The Pupil Referral Unit has enjoyed various activities at Summerhill provided by the Outdoor Activities Team.

3.6 Sports Development

- The new volunteer led programme for short walks “Walk About in Hartlepool” is going from strength to strength having trained 46 walk leaders and seeing approximately 160 participants per month involved in walking, Pambles (accessible walks with prams and push chairs) and Nordic walking;

- The “Ready Steady Walk” programme that achieved Inspire Mark status has seen five Primary schools already take part in the programme with expressions of interest from another six;
- The Together Project designed in partnership with Hartlepool Hospice, supports people with gentle exercise using the Lebeds Method following their rehabilitation from breast cancer, COPD, MS and other long term and limiting illnesses. After a number of weeks, 100% of the group were seen to be participating in the sessions;
- The “Women’s Begin to” programme has attracted 116 participants in six months with 100% of participants being either satisfied or extremely satisfied with the activities;
- Football Street League on a Friday evening at Grayfields is now into a successful 3rd Year with 35 teams of young people signed up for this season;
- With disability sport work, the adult Boccia League held at the Headland Sports Hall attracted a regular attendance of 45-50 participants. Kurling has a record 17 teams from the area participating;
- An 8 week “staying active” programme has been successfully piloted within Queens Meadow Residential Care Home. Within the first week only 6 people from the supported living and 3 from the dementia unit participated. However, more people have taken part as the weeks have progressed and now we are experiencing 100% participation from the residents in the supported living section. Three residents who had complained of reduced shoulder mobility in week one were completing shoulder exercises with ease at week 7 and some residents could remember the activity and how to do it without prompt or demonstration. Within the dementia unit, 12 residents are now taking part which is excellent to see given their complex needs and barriers they face;
- Positive partnerships with local clubs have been developed including the Sailing Club, Caledonians Hockey Club, Brierton Badminton Club, and numerous football clubs, Hartlepool Amateur Swimming Club and more recently Aquaforce Academy and Burn Road Harriers. The team has also aided the establishment of a new Volleyball club based at Brinkburn 6th Form College;
- Schools still value the opportunity which Sports Development provides in working with schools to lead coaching sessions both within school time and also after school;
- The team are also instrumental in the development and allocation of Sportivate funding which is an element of a Sport England grant supporting young people aged 14-25 years to take part in physical activities for up to 8 weeks. A total of £16,336 has been received and allocated across a range of clubs, partners and organisations within the town;
- Since initiating the development of coaches and volunteers, a Hartlepool Coach Development Group has been established to work with education, voluntary organisations and other sport and physical activity providers to consider key development needs for coaches and instructors.

4. SERVICE DELIVERY TO THE END OF MARCH 2012

4.1 The service continues to seek out further opportunities to increase participation in sport and physical activity during the remainder of this year. This may be as a result of developing new partnerships, designing innovative approaches to encourage people to participate as well as seeking to improve the service and the range of facilities and activities it offers.

4.2 The following highlights some of the proposed areas of development:

- The Leam to Swim programme will be researching school satisfaction over the next 3 months after changes to the programme have been made within this reporting period;
- The concourse in the Visitors Centre at Summerhill will be redecorated and in partnership with Cultural Services, will see the development of the new 'Emerge Gallery' to provide exhibition space for emerging local artists;
- The Junior Play area at Summerhill will be updated as some pieces of the playground equipment are in need of repair or replacement;
- Evening sessions for the GP Referral scheme will be piloted;
- We will continue to work on the development of a cycling hub at Summerhill and will continue to work in partnership with the North-East BMX Club to gain funding for the upgrading of the BMX track;
- A low level exercise programme is being developed to follow on from the success of the Lebeds programme in order for sessions to be sustainable in the future via the partner organisations and beyond;
- Sports Development will be leading on the Sport Relief Mile in March 2012 in partnership with English Martyrs School and other organisations. This will form part of the Olympic Legacy Action plan for Hartlepool leading up to London 2012 and beyond;
- Sports Development are leading on workplace health physical activity offer as part of the 'Better Health at Work' award for the Council and also for all partner organisations linked into the Health, Safety and Wellbeing Team. The offer is begin worked up in partnership with governing bodies of sport and other physical activity providers allowing participants to choose from a much broader menu of opportunities in the future.

5. SUMMARY

5.1 The Sport and Physical Activity service plays a vital role in developing community sport and physical activity across all ages and communities and there are opportunities available across the service for all levels and abilities to participate and enjoy being active. Working with key partners, the service not only cross-cuts many different agendas but also ensures that resources are utilised in a cost effective manner.

- 5.2 The role of the team is pivotal in responding to the needs of the community through identified national and local research and delivery appropriate to each area. A regular set programme of research and consultation is mapped out to ensure that there is an awareness of where gaps lie within Hartlepool allowing these to be addressed.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

Comments from the Portfolio Holder are welcomed.

7. CONTACT OFFICER:

Pat Usher – Sport and Recreation Manager.

Hartlepool Learn to Swim Programme

1. Service Overview

Hartlepool Borough Council provides Primary Schools with the Learn to Swim service as well as the public learn to swim sessions all of which are based at Mill House Leisure Centre.

Swimming is a statutory element within the National Curriculum and as such all pupils are required to participate in this activity at either Key Stage 1 or Key Stage 2.

All primary children should be able to swim 25 metres before the end of Year 6 meaning that they should all be competent before going to secondary school.

The Mill House Pool Hall is closed to the public from 0900 – 1200hrs weekdays during term time which allows the Learn to Swim programme to have use of the 33m pool, 25m pool and the teaching pool. This allows for areas to be used by various ability groups ranging from non swimmers to advanced swimmers.

When schools are accessing lessons they are able to use the new group changing rooms which were installed to ensure that children are safe and members of the public cannot access these areas. Shutters on poolside restrict access to the pool from the changing village, again ensuring the safety of the children. Schools have fed back that they are pleased that no members of the public have access to the pool, and each class has separate changing areas.

All of these features were developed as part of the Mill House Leisure Centre refurbishment programme completed in 2010.

All teaching staff on the Primary Learn to Swim scheme have their National Pool Lifeguarding Qualification and Level 2 aquatic coaches have their National Rescue Award for Swimming Teachers and Coaches. All staff regularly attend training.

Teaching staff on the Learn to Swim programme at Mill House have their NRASTC (National Rescue Award for Swimming Teachers and Coaches) and staff on both schemes are monitored every term. Teaching staff also attend in house continual professional development given by an ASA tutor.

There have been new additions to the teaching team and they have integrated well and developed into enthusiastic, efficient and committed teachers who work well as a team.

The new equipment used by the scheme such as pull buoys and bar bells has proved invaluable to teaching activities. This allows the teachers to add equipment variety to a lesson.

Lesson plans are available for the stages in the Primary Learn to Swim Scheme and lessons showing individual skills i.e. series of lesson plans for front crawl, back crawl, breaststroke and butterfly as well as turns and warm ups/cool downs.

Teaching staff follow the National Plan for Teaching Swimming and base the lessons around 6 Stages; stage 1 being beginners, stage 4 is 25metre achievement and stage 6 is swimming club standard.

Each year there are 2 galas organised by the Learn to Swim Coordinator. These comprise a competitive gala and a fun gala for those who are less able.

From September 2011, 10 schools are using the Council Learn to Swim service and some schools send two classes together, saving on transport costs.

2. Summary April 2011 – October 2011

From April 2011, Mill House Leisure Centre pool was closed to the public from 0900-1200hrs weekday term-time to accommodate the Council's Primary Learn to Swim Programme.

The new group changing rooms in the leisure centre has made a great deal of difference to the schools.

The schools and swimming staff appreciate the use of the whole pool and the freedom to teach without complaints or interference from the public

Some schools only use the facility for one class whilst some have 3 or 4 sessions. A few schools double up there classes to save travel costs whilst others prefer to split their 2 classes.

Doubling up the classes requires two Level 2 teachers and two Level 1 teachers/lifeguards.

We believe we give an excellent service to the schools and that the schools appreciate the space available free from distractions and closed to the public.

3. Outcomes/Achievements to date.

PRIMARY SWIMMING ACHIEVEMENTS 2010/2011

School	Year	No. Swimming	% Achievement					
			1	2	3	4 – 25m	5	6
Rossmere	4	46	88%	63%	41%	17%		
Rossmere	5	52	100%	94%	65%	48%		
Sacred Heart	3	53	100%	89%	62%	45%		
Sacred Heart	4	70	100%	100%	96%	74%		
St. Bega's	3	18	94%	61%	56%	28%		
St Bega's	4	6	100%	83%	67%	0		
St. Cuthbert's	3	28	92%	61%	46%	25%		
St. Cuthbert's	4	37	95%	86%	68%	38%		
St. Helen's	4	36	92%	61%	39%	19%		
St. Helen's	5	34	100%	82%	41%	35%		

St. John Vianney	3	26	100%	100%	77%	58%		
St Joseph's	3	23	87%	48%	39%	0		
St Joseph's	4	19	100%	84%	84%	53%		
St Joseph's	5	10	90%	80%	80%	40%		
St Teresa's	3	24	100%	71%	46%	17%		
St Teresa's	4	50	98%	92%	84%	56%		
Throston	2	53	64%	32%	6%	4%		
Throston	3	51	96%	67%	49%	18%		
Throston	6	53	92%	83%	62%	32%		

689 swimmers ranging from Yr2 > Yr 6

Yr 2 4% achieved 25metres out of 53 participants
Yr 3 28% achieved 25metres out of 223 participants
Yr 4 37% achieved 25metres out of 264 participants
Yr 5 41% achieved 25metres out of 96 participants
Yr 6 32% achieved 25metres out of 53 participants

The above clearly shows that while the national expectation is for children to be able to swim 25 metres unaided before entering secondary school, within our lessons, children as young as Year 3 are achieving this target 3 years before what is expected. Schools can decide which classes they do send to us each year so it may not be the case that we see the same children from one year to the next so we do our utmost to ensure that children progress as much as possible before they leave our service.

From September 2011 onwards, the majority of classes are new to us and have not used the facility before and therefore it will take the children a term before gaining their awards.

147 children and 15 adults take part in the Learn to Swim scheme at Mill House Leisure Centre. Lessons recommenced in September for the winter months.

4. Actions and recommendations

Questionnaires will be sent out to Primary Teachers and Head Teachers to measure their satisfaction with the service provided this term.

Swimming teachers are being given the opportunity to attend an Amateur Swimming Association seminar focusing on disability awareness and behaviour difficulties.

Summerhill

1. Service Overview

Summerhill is a unique Country Park that is both a Local Nature Reserve and outdoor activity centre. Summerhill was created from a network of 8 fields between 1998 and 2002 and is about the size of 50 football pitches. In terms of conservation, over 90,000 trees have been planted, new meadows and wetlands created and existing hedgerows managed. Summerhill also has areas of archaeological interest. Most notable is the remains of the Iron Age/Romano British settlement of Catcote Village which existed approximately 2,000 years ago.

Summerhill is best noted for the provision of outdoor sports. Throughout the site there are walking, horse riding and cycling routes, adventure play areas, a ropes course and a trim trail. There is also a competition standard BMX course which at 420m is one of the longest in the country. Summerhill also has an outdoor Boulder Park – 8 natural looking Boulders which together is one of the largest of its type in Europe. Most facilities can be accessed free of charge at any time of the day with no need to pre-book.

In addition to being an open access attraction Summerhill makes an excellent venue for meetings and events including large sporting events. Events hosted include cross-country running, BMX riding, orienteering, sponsored walks and cycle rides and non-sporting events including the Countryside Festival. The staff based at the Visitor Centre run an extensive series of activities for schools, groups, businesses and the general public. Activities include orienteering, archery, High Ropes, climbing, archaeology and nature study.

2. Summary April 2011 – October 2011

April to October 2011 saw Summerhill consolidating its reputation as a multi activity centre. New developments on site included the widening of a main site access bridge and the addition of new play equipment as part of the 'playbuilder' initiative.

In July Summerhill hosted a major event celebrating the London Olympics in 2012. Called 'Celebration Village – let the games begin' a variety of sporting and arts activities were staged throughout the site attracting over 3,000 people.

The activity programmes for schools, community groups and the general public were maintained including the 3-month Summerhill event programme and the Healthy Heritage initiative.

3. Outcomes/Achievements to date

- Summerhill's Junior Adventure and Fitness Area – an adventure play area – was improved with the addition of 3 new play features funded via the playbuilder initiative in partnership with the Council's Parks and Countryside team. Completed in July, the features have proved to be extremely popular.
- A key site bridge was widened in April. This work will allow easier service access to the wider site and reduce costs of maintenance.

- Summerhill successfully regained the Green Flag award in July. Green Flag is the national accreditation scheme for parks and green spaces. 2011 is the 4th successive year Summerhill has gained the award.
- The Summerhill team with support from Recreation Development have continued to work with the North East BMX club with an aim to fully upgrade the existing BMX course. A design has been finalised and a funding bid submitted to the BIFFA landfill tax scheme. Notification should be received re the outcome of this bid in November this year.
- A major event was successfully held at Summerhill in July. 'Celebration Village – let the games begin' featured arts and sport performances through the site and attracted over 3,000 people. The event has had very positive feedback.
- Over the 6-month period Summerhill has also hosted other key events including; the Tees Valley schools orienteering competition, the Hartlepool schools orienteering competition, Dyke House school 'Katie Morag' event Hartlepool Hospices' Dogs Day Out, the summer Northern regional BMX event, Dyke House school Olympic event, National Play Day, Looked after Children party and the Hartlepool Countryside Festival.
- In order to improve catering for the public at Summerhill a contract was let to a local ice-cream trader to provide catering over the summer months.
- Over the report period, the successful Healthy Heritage Initiative moved into its 4th phase. Thanks to support from both Dyke House school and the Educational Achievement section so far 14 Healthy Heritage sessions have been undertaken for Year 3, 4 and Year 6 groups. Year 6 groups were given the new 'Choices' diary to complete. The diary details how the pupil achieves key health targets in relation to diet and exercise. Healthy Heritage successfully received £4,500 of funding from Dyke House school.
- The regular programme of public events continued at Summerhill. Targeted to school holidays, the programme featured both conservation and sporting activities including craft walks, archery, climbing and high ropes activities and a teddy bears' picnic.
- Summerhill continued to provide opportunities for volunteers thanks to the adult and Young Warden volunteer groups and the Young Explorer group – a group for younger people and their parents. The volunteers carried out conservation activities around the site including pond work, footpath clearance and repairs to the sites' roundhouse.
- Summerhill's programme of educational activities has continued with local schools benefitting. A key programme has continued with Hartlepool's Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) providing conservation and sporting activities for challenging young people.
- A summer user survey to help guide future development was undertaken in September.
- A successful bid was made to the Forestry Commissions' Woodland Grant Scheme. £14,500 has been obtained to support key site maintenance works over the next 5 years.
- The Summerhill Forest Mobility scheme saw an uptake in use over the reporting period, improving access around the site for those with mobility difficulties.
- A new Summerhill leaflet was launched in the spring along with an upgrade to the Summerhill logo, of which feedback has been very positive.

4. Actions and recommendations

The following are key actions at Summerhill for the next 6 months:-

- Summerhill is working with the Council's Cultural Services Division on the development of an 'Emerge Gallery' to be positioned within the soon to be renovated concourse area

of the visitors centre. Local emerging artists will be exhibited on a rolling programme within the gallery.

- Further investigation will be made into the provision of refreshments on site in response to feedback from users and non users.
- We will complete works to improve the outside entrance area of the Visitor Centre and reception area signage.
- We will finalise and complete works to refurbish the Junior Play Area including installing new play equipment.
- We will complete year 1 of the works identified in the Woodland Grant Scheme funding bid including, installing new stiles, creating new and improved ponds, woodland thinning and coppicing.
- We will identify and complete a winter programme of maintenance work around the Summerhill site including offering opportunities for volunteer groups.
- We will complete phase 4 of the Healthy Heritage initiative targeting Year 7 of Dyke House School and further Year 3 and 4 groups from local primary schools who currently are not engaged in the programme.
- We will provide a new booking system on site to link into current systems within the Sport and Recreation section. This will allow us to link the facility to the Active Card in the future.
- We will host 'winter' events at Summerhill including cross-country competitions and carry out further developments on the BMX course.
- We will conduct user surveys for Summerhill including the Hartlepool 'Viewpoint' survey.
- We will develop options for activities at Summerhill, in particular consider BMX riding.
- We will update the Summerhill Management Plan and submit the application for the Green Flag Award 2012.
- We will launch an updated venue information pack about Summerhill for the Cultural Events team 'Occasions' brochure including using the Visitor Centre for weddings, birthdays, and other celebrations.
- We will consider options for horse grazing on meadows at Summerhill.

GP Referral Scheme – Hartlepool Exercise for Life (H.E.L.P)

1. Service Overview

The H.E.L.P/ GP Referral scheme offers introductory 10 week group exercise courses. It is a town wide service that offers a varied weekly programme for individuals to access supervised exercise to assist with the management of a wide range of chronic health conditions such as, Arthritis, Osteoporosis, High Blood Pressure, Diabetes, Obesity & Weight Management, Coronary Heart Disease, Orthopaedic rehabilitation, Mental Health issues and general health concerns.

The scheme has been running within the town for over ten years and is currently funded as a partnership between the Council and also Primary Care Trust.

On completion of an introductory 10 week course, individuals are sign-posted onto further supervised activities in the community to encourage long term adherence. Those participants who complete a gym based programme are eligible for complimentary gym membership of the facility in order to encourage regular exercise.

Sessions are supervised by REPs (Register of Exercise Professionals) recognised Level 3 and Level 4 G.P Referral and Cardiac Rehabilitation qualified instructors who have undertaken specific training to teach 'Specialist Populations' i.e. those individuals who have a diagnosed illness/condition which would benefit from increased activity levels.

The 10 week courses operate in two ways:

Filter in/Rolling Programme

- Balance your Body/Back Care – 1 session each week.
- Cardiac Rehab – 2 sessions each week.
- COPD Circuit – 2 sessions each week.
- Resistance Training – 4 sessions each week.
- Water Mobility – 1 session each week.
- Chair Mobility – 1 session each week.

10 week blocks – These are additional dates of closed courses organised throughout the year to meet the needs of targeted patient groups.

- Pilates/Yoga –(additional back care low intensity)
- Diabetes Self Management –(education & exercise)
- Men's Health – (Low intensity Circuits)
- Healthy Living/Gentle Circuit – (Low level for those with sedentary lifestyle)
- MS Circuit
- Arthritis/Falls Awareness

All referrals have health screening prior to course allocation which may be in the form of a 'Self Referral' or a 'Health Practitioner Referral'. This permits risk stratification at the point of entry to the scheme.

All local GP Surgeries and the University Hospital of Hartlepool refer patients to the scheme following the HELP Operational Guidelines. This document provides the criteria for access and stipulates any contra indications applicable to certain patient groups.

Self Referral Pathway

HELP leaflets and flyers are used to encourage uptake and these are distributed in the community. The self referral pathway is open to those people with a 'health condition' which is categorised as 'low risk' and this is determined by the scheme coordinator at the initial point of contact, with the use of the Irwin and Morgan risk stratification tool and NICE guidelines for Exercise on Referral schemes.

Aims of the Scheme

- The fundamental aim of the programme is to increase physical activity levels to support the individual to maintain optimal health.
- To encourage the sedentary individual to change their regular behaviour and empower self-efficacy.
- To educate the individual to be more aware of the benefits of regular physical activity.
- To motivate long term adherence to a healthier lifestyle.
- To assist the individual to increase the level of 'self management' of their condition and deter further development of ill health.
- To provide a fully inclusive service for adults who have no contra-indication to access.
- To provide a varied weekly programme offering different 'types' of exercise which best accommodate the wide range of common health problems.
- To feedback to Health Professionals, providing a multi-agency approach in supporting individuals to make positive lifestyle changes.

Cardiac Rehabilitation

The Cardiac Rehabilitation element of the service operates following BACPR (British Association for Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation) Guidelines 'secondary prevention', predominantly for those patients post heart attack or bypass surgery. It also includes patients who have other coronary interventions such as valve replacement surgery and Angioplasty, ICD and Pacemaker insertion.

Ongoing regular cardiovascular exercise helps to reduce the likelihood of further deterioration and hospital re-admissions. Currently the HELP Scheme is working in partnership with the NHS CHD Community Team/Heart Failure Specialist Nurse team. The service level agreement in place defines how the partnership for the pilot programme operates.

The heart failure patients undertake an 8 week course of exercise in the community and patients are assessed by the clinical team then referred onto the HELP Phase IV programme.

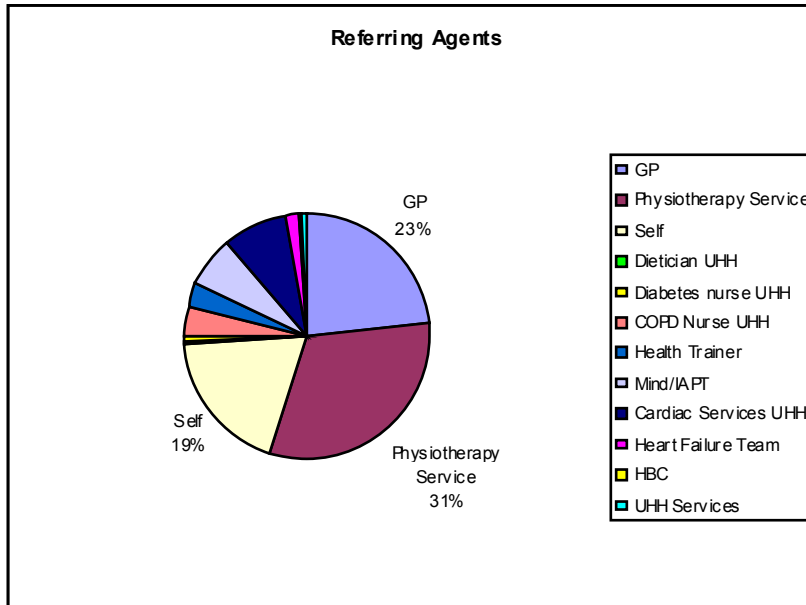
Through this partnership we now have 6 heart failure patients who are participating in regular community based exercise independent of the clinical team. Initially the patients are supervised by the HELP Cardiac Instructor Team and on completion of a ten week course, they can then exercise independently if this is appropriate. To date:

- One patient has joined the Headland Technogym Facility as an independent member.
- One patient now accesses the Mill House Leisure Centre mainstream circuit based session.

Current Referring Agents for the HELP Scheme

- All local GP Surgeries
- Mind – IAPT
- NHS Health Trainer Team - sign post to the service
- Various Departments within University Hospital of Hartlepool:-
 - Cardiac Rehabilitation Phase III
 - Physiotherapy
 - Pulmonary Rehabilitation
 - Diabetes Specialist Nurse
 - Dietetics Department
 - Parkinson's (Neurological Physiotherapy Team)
- Other – represents referrals which do not fit into the above categories.-
- Self Referrals
- Hartlepool Borough Council Occupational Health
- Tees Esk & Wear Valley Mental Health Team/NHS Foundation Trust
- Intensive Support Workers - Social Services.

Figure 1 - Referring Agents

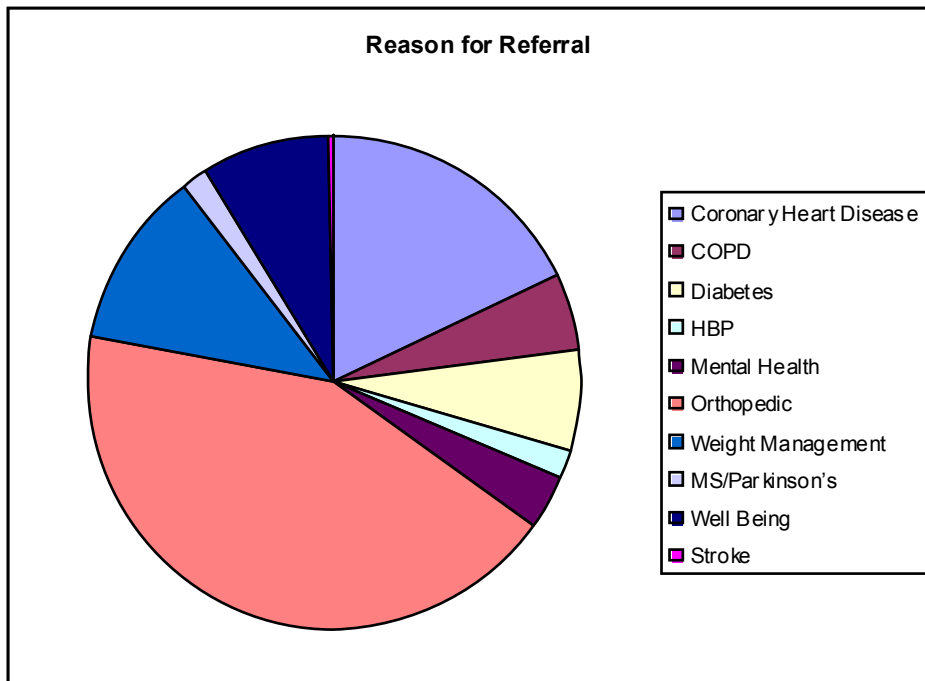


AGENT	QNTY
GP	77
Physiotherapy Service	103
Self	62
Dietician UHH	1
Diabetes nurse UHH	3
COPD Nurse UHH	13
Health Trainer	10
Mind/IAPT	22
Cardiac Services UHH	28
Heart Failure Team	6
HBC	1
UHH Services	2
Total	328

- When cross referencing data, we can identify that 38 of the orthopaedic referrals have accessed the programme by the 'self referral pathway'.
- Often word of mouth is enough to interest people in attending the HELP programme. The achievements that people see with friends and family encourages others to engage. The self referral pathway avoids the necessity to make a Doctor's appointment and course allocation can be the prompt to capture the client when they are motivated to attend.

2. Summary 1st April 2011 – 30th September 2011

Figure 2 - Primary reason for referral



Coronary Heart Disease	59
COPD	17
diabetes	21
HBP	6
Mental Health	12
Orthopaedic	141
WT man	38
MS/Parkinson's	6
Well Being	27
Stroke	1
Total	328

The above graph provides a break down of the most prolific patient groups who have accessed the programme in the first half of this year, with the highest percentage being for orthopaedic referrals.

Although the NHS Physiotherapy input is only for a limited period of time, the extensive use of the HELP Scheme by the UHH Physiotherapy team indicates that they have every confidence in the quality of the service that the HELP scheme provides. Our skilled instructor team provide continued support and encouragement for self management of chronic joint pain and muscular skeletal injury and a large proportion of referrals from the Physiotherapy Department are to accommodate recovery and rehabilitation after surgical operations such as knee and hip replacement.

To emphasise the positive impact the HELP scheme can make to individuals, the following is an extract of a letter received by the HBC Sport and Physical Activity Manager on the 21st September, 2011. This feedback arrived without request and highlights the value of the HELP scheme.

Name and address withheld – verbatim extract.

“At the end of May 2010 I broke my hip (by being in too much of a hurry at the local recycling centre). With a birth date of 17. 01. 35. I wasn’t too pleased, but my hip was pinned and the next stage was to recover some measure of acceptable mobility.

The hospital was North Tees and follow-up involved some basic exercises at home under the Hartlepool peripatetic physio team. However I began to feel my progress was sporadic and a t times quite limited.

In the autumn I was having coffee with a friend who herself has mobility problems because of arthritis, so our conversation was moving along mutual lines and she mentioned that a relative had had much help from water therapy. She found a name for me – Lorraine Harrison whom I contacted and I was enrolled for 10 weeks on a Tuesday morning session of water mobility with Heidi.

I have been going ever since to these water mobility classes, now on a Friday morning. I cannot be too heartfelt in my appreciation of this form of supervised exercise. My mobility now is better than it has been for years.

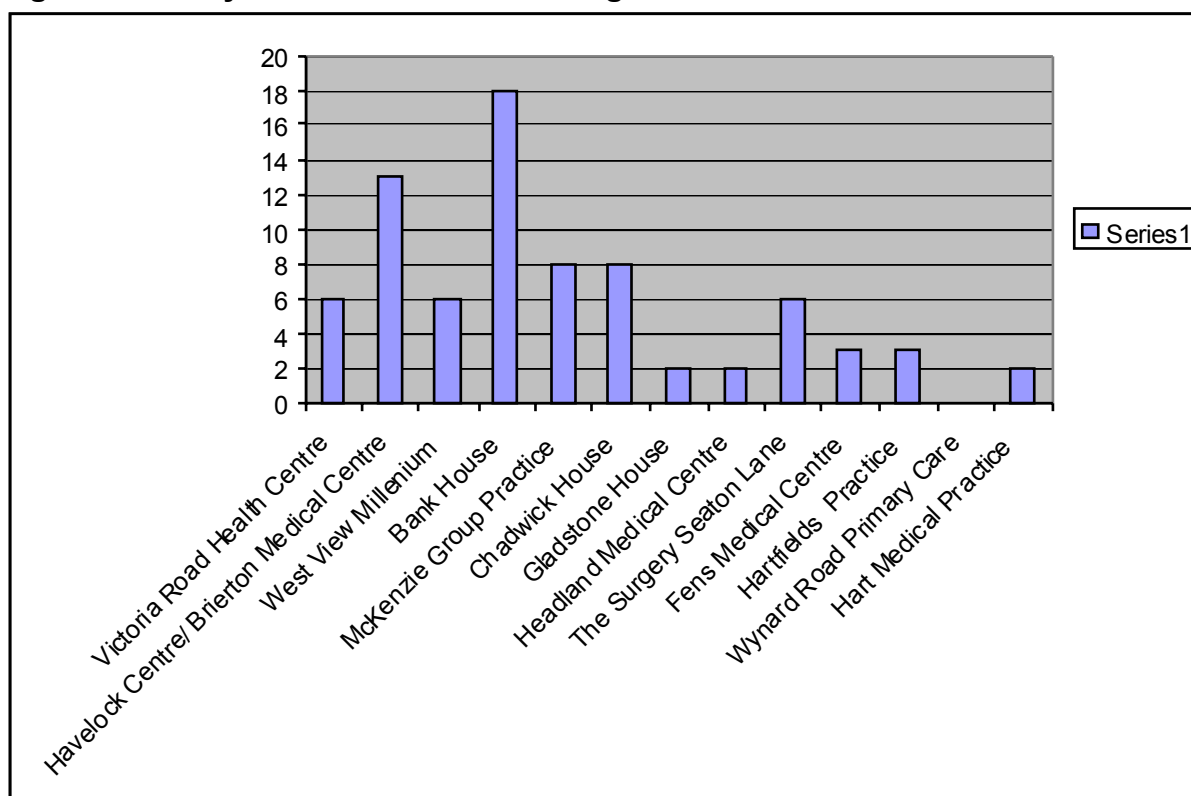
In the ‘Five steps to health’, 4 & 5 are listed as ‘Improve health and well being’ and ‘feel the difference’. I could not agree more and am writing to ask if you, in your most important role, will fight for the continuing of such good work, as well as encouraging new and more effective ways of communicating with those of us who have so much to gain from these services”.

The service user who wrote this letter progressed from the initial 10 week course with the scheme to further supervised water based exercise and is now a regular user of the leisure centre mainstream classes

The Cardiac Rehabilitation sessions on the weekly programme provide Phase IV exercise, which is the exit route from the NHS Phase III Clinical team led exercise, by the NHS Cardiac Services after a coronary event such as heart attack or bypass operation.

CHD patients are also referred direct from GP Surgeries. The national CVD Screening Programme identifies patients who are at risk of developing heart disease and patients are encouraged to access the HELP programme to reduce their risk ratio of developing coronary heart problems.

Figure 3 - Analysis of referrals from surgeries



Victoria Road Health Centre	6
Havelock Centre/ Brierton Medical Centre	13
West View Millennium	6
Bank House	18
McKenzie Group Practice	8
Chadwick House	8
Gladstone House	2
Headland Medical Centre	2
The Surgery Seaton Lane	6
Fens Medical Centre	3
Hartfields Medical Practice	3
Hart Medical Practice	2
Wynyard Road Primary Care	0
Total	77

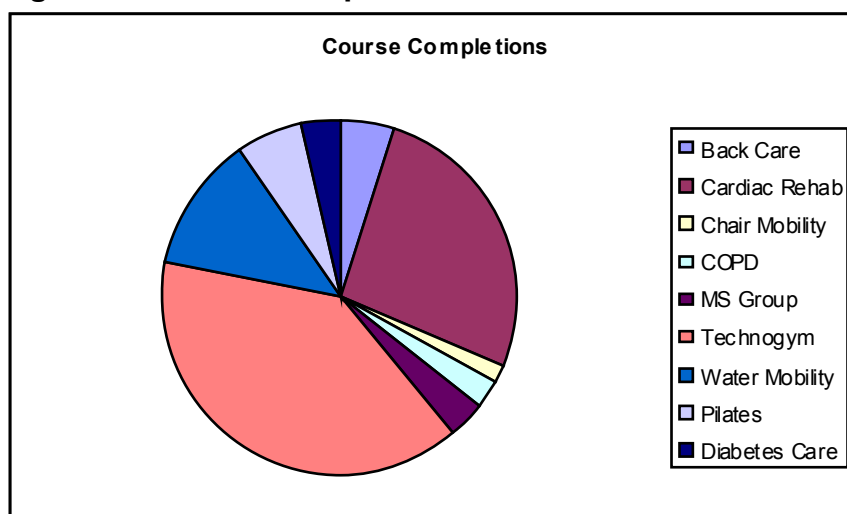
NB - 'Low risk' patients are often sign posted to our service by the Practice Nurses and they would be classified as a 'self referral'.

This allows new clients to discuss any barriers to participation with the scheme coordinator. The first point of contact is paramount in that it must communicate that the HELP scheme offers a quality service with a skilled professional team. People need reassurance to take that first step through the door.

A flexible approach allows new clients to observe sessions prior to course allocation if they have any anxiety or reservations about their ability. When people need to defer through ill health from the programme, they can re- access at a later date.

3. Outcomes/Achievements to date.

Figure 4 - Course Completions



Back Care	6
Cardiac Rehab	31
Chair Mobility	2
COPD	3
MS Group	4
Technogym	46
Water Mobility	15
Pilates	7
Diabetes Care	4
Total	118

The first six months of this year shows that 118 people have completed their initial ten week introductory exercise course. (Clients need to attend 80% of their course to be counted as a course completion). In terms of the opportunity to exercise, this does not give a true reflection of the number of people who have participated in exercise with the HELP scheme.

328 people were referred to the programme in this 6 month period. The actual numbers who have attended a course is 244, which is 74% of all referrals. This only leaves 26% of referrals who were not allocated a specific course.

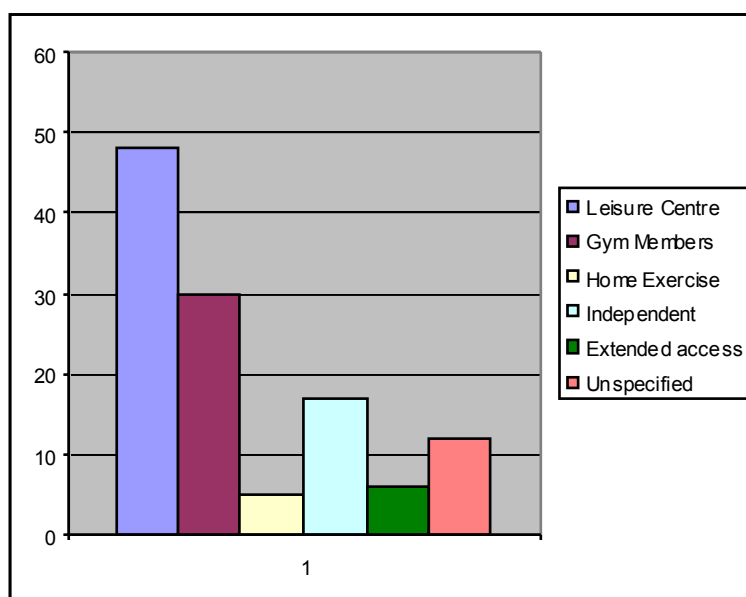
Follow up contact with referrals reveals that further ill health restricts attendance for some. Plans are in place to monitor defement more closely which will help shape future developments with the scheme.

To monitor long term adherence, we have a postal questionnaire which is used to obtain information establishing whether the participant has continued with an active lifestyle. Service users are contacted 6 months after their initial course completion and from this questionnaire, we are able to monitor the number of people continuing with regular physical activity 6 months on. **Data collected to date indicates a 68% retention rate.**

Comparative Data

In the same period last year, 410 people had been referred to the programme of which 145 (35%), completed a 10 week introductory course. The current data shows that the percentage of referral and completions remain fairly constant as from April 2011 – September 2011, 36% of referrals have completed an initial 10 week course.

Figure - 5 Exit Routes



Leisure Centre	48
Gym Members	30
Home Exercise	5
Independent	17
Extended access	6
Unspecified	12
Total	118

1. Actions and recommendations

- Maintain regular contact with all referring agents and encourage use of secure email network to speed up referral process and course allocation.
- Investigate and pilot evening sessions for those individuals who work during the day.
- Widen the range of course types to appeal to a younger audience as many issues with health in the later stages of life can be attributed to a long term sedentary existence.
- Keep abreast with the latest recommendations of the Joint Consultative Forum for the development of a set of national standards for exercise referral services.

The draft document published in June 2011 has proposed an agreed system for exercise referral to establish best practise and standardisation. At a local level the HELP scheme is continually looking at ways to improve the service.

The JFC document identifies that *“To recommend that a patient be more active is not exercise referral. Exercise referral is a formal process which uses exercise as a component of the management of a patient’s condition, with the objectives of improving or reducing the rate of its progression and achieving an independent and sustainable increase in physical activity.”*

The HELP scheme has the feedback to show that this is exactly what we can and do achieve. However, in order to raise our profile, we need to improve our assessment and evaluation process. This will provide more substantial evidence of the effectiveness of the HELP service

Feedback from participants

Listed below is an example of the feedback comments received on course evaluation forms.

Evaluation No.	Verbatim comment
634	‘Have found course helpful to improve breathing ‘.
635	‘Thank you to Alexa and the other instructors who are very patient and attentive- there whenever needed’.
636	‘This course has started me exercising again’.
641	‘A well run course - very helpful’.
649	‘Impressed with the service and Dawn’s instruction’.
659	‘Excellent course – good’.
662	‘Now able to walk quite a distance without walking stick’.
664	‘It is easier to get in and out of car and to climb the stairs’.
677	‘This is one of the best things I have done, instructors are great’.
703	‘I have stopped smoking, eat healthier and walk more’.
726	‘Everybody concerned was so helpful at building confidence.
729	‘Legs have improved’.

Outdoor Activities

1. Service Overview

Exposure and access to outdoor activities and environmental education can have a wide range of social, economic, environmental and health benefits for the individuals who access them (Peacock 2006). Large wide open spaces such as national parks and urban green spaces are major contributors to the quality of the environment, human health and well-being in young people today. As a result, access to these areas is essential if we are to have young people with an increased quality of life and heightened social interaction.

The Outdoor Activities (OA) team provide physical activity for participants within the above areas. Physical Activity within green spaces and the natural environment leads to an increased life-span, greater well-being, fewer symptoms of depression, lower rates of smoking and substance misuse but also an increased ability to function better at work and home. Participants of outdoor activities stated that being 'in the countryside' and 'in contact with nature' as key motivating factors to be active (Peacock 2006).

The Outdoor Activities hold an Adventurous Activity Licence which is required to deliver such a service. The team is also accredited by the Learning Outside the Classroom Adventure Mark.

2. Summary 1st April 2011 – 30th September 2011

The Outdoor Activities team work with all age groups and populations from children to older people to corporate teams. The team is very flexible as they are not outdoor centre based and access many different locations for residential's and activities including the North Yorkshire Moors and Lake District.

Schools however are not our only target and as a result of our success within schools, the OA team have also offered residential services to the looked after children team. The parties whom we provide residential activities for are very appreciative of the work that we do for them:

Head Teacher (Primary School):

"The visit to St. John's in the Vale was well organised, the activities were well paced and timed and pitched at the right level for the age range of the children. There was an appropriate amount of support, encouragement and challenge given so that all the children could feel safe, secure and stimulated. The children were able to stretch themselves and learn valuable teamwork skills. The adults are able to join in as much or as little as they wish which makes everyone feel comfortable.

One of the advantages of working with Sports Development is the quality of liaison built up before the residential. For example, we were encouraged to take some children over to try on wetsuits and try out the bikes so that they could overcome fears before the visit.

The residential was an excellent experience which the children will remember for a lifetime."

The feedback provided by this Head Teacher reflects other external studies. Of some significance was the work carried out by Parliament within which a number of key findings have been highlighted (www.publications.parliament.uk).

- School trips are vital for children to connect with nature.
- School trips influence lives.
- Community spirit is developed from school trips.
- School trips help bond families.
- School trips improve children's learning.

Outdoor Activities are proud of the residential activities that are offered not just to primary school children but also those who have been placed at a slight disadvantage as a result of circumstances. We are a far reaching service that benefits a great number within the community.

3. - Outcomes/Achievements to date (April – September 2011)

Adam Reah (Outdoor Activities Coordinator) obtained his British Cycling Level 2. The file was passed in May with a percentage score of 94% and identified as one of the best examples of work that British Cycling has seen. As a result of his practical assessment and submitted file, Adam was asked to work with the British Cycling Talent Team Riders (Olympic potential riders). Adam is currently looking at dates with Simon Watts from British Cycling for some voluntary experience in order to see how the team operates. Once dates are established then Adam will be attending some sessions.

The OA team acquired six new partners for 2011:-

- i. Greatham Primary (MTB* Development Course)
- ii. Cleveland Police (Ridewell Event)
- iii. High Tunstall (MTB* Development Course GCSE)
- iv. Ferryhill youth team (MTB* day out)
- v. New College Durham (MTB* and Climbing Development Course BTEC)
- vi. Stockton Riverside College (Climbing experiential days)

*MTB (Mountain Bike)

This year the OA team achieved a faultless AALA (Adventurous Activity licensing Authority) inspection and are considered as a provider of best practice, a record that we are very proud of.

The two OA team members have recently attended a CYTECH level 2 training and assessment course. This will allow future bike maintenance courses to take place at Summerhill and it is envisaged that the centre will become a 'HUB' for cycling based courses for the general public within Hartlepool and the Tees Valley. CYTECH level 3 is also currently being explored in order to widen the team's scope and target groups such as mountain bike riders who struggle to maintain costly items such as suspension forks.

If the remaining bookings made come to fruition, 2011/2012 will potentially see the highest projected turnover since the programme began with its current staffing structure. Growth has been relatively constant over the last 5 years, a record that we are very pleased with.

2011/2012 has also seen increased bookings from current partners and the immediate rebooking of activities for 2012 including Hart Primary school, St Josephs Primary school, and the Pupil Referral Unit.

The OA team has received very high praise for the new mountain bike development course which is now being delivered to BTEC and GCSE students. Repeat bookings have already been made for these courses from the same organisations and other schools are currently looking at the package that is on offer.

PE Teacher, Hartlepool Secondary School.

"I would recommend the mountain biking course to any school; it particularly suits the less traditional sports person and opens a window for new opportunities for the students. The course is professionally led and all of the student's abilities are taken into account. All of our students responded extremely well to the course and this was particularly due to how well and relevant the sessions were planned and also through the motivation and encouragement from the group leaders."

The BMX bid to the Community Action Network was a success which will allow BMX coaching to be delivered to primary schools once coaches are up to speed with their qualifications.

The Canoe Development course was again a significant success with increased bookings and a number of children receiving their paddle power qualifications.

Head Teacher (Primary School):

"... activities were very well organized – as usual. The instructors are well chosen and they bring out the best in all our children, balancing safety and fun with respect and support. As teachers we are able to stand back and watch our children have the time of their life – as well as being able to join in too!"

4. - Actions and recommendations

- Promote not only current outdoor activity opportunities but also those adventurous activities available at Summerhill Outdoor Centre and Country Park.
- Set up the Cycle 'HUB' and maintenance sessions in order to help get Summerhill on the map as a key venue for cycling.
- Maintenance sessions for children/BMX riders are being considered so that the ethos of safety can be encouraged to the wider community. BMX could be a quick session covering torque wrenches, torque settings, chain tensioning and wheel set ups etc.
- Development of BMX riding linked into schools and the North East BMX club based at the Summerhill track.
- It is hoped that the mountain bike development courses can be expanded / rolled out to more secondary schools. Two new schools are currently considering the course and it is hoped that the good work with one secondary school and some additional publicity work will allow new users to access the service.
- Improvement in the booking system for Summerhill activities ensuring maximum opportunity to plan and develop this area of the service.

- Work is continuing within the planning team for the National Citizenship Scheme 2012 of which Hartlepool Outdoor Activities team is a key partner with Carlton Outdoor Centre, West View Project and Summerhill Outdoor Activity Centre and Country Park.

Sports Development

1. Service Overview

The Sports Development Team consists of 3 officers and their core work involves extensive partnership working, activity delivery, targeted programme development, making funding applications (either on behalf of HBC or community clubs) and community outreach work.

The development of sport, physical activity, exercise and fitness based activity are all amongst the Team's priorities, however there is also a focus on ensuring there is a workforce (coaches/instructors) to deliver within these areas as well as sustainable community opportunities to get active and stay active.

For the purpose of this report, each programme is to be detailed individually as below.

(a) Walk about in Hartlepool

Summary April 2011 – October 2011

Hartlepool's local Walking for Health Scheme was launched in March 2011 and aims to increase participation and raise the profile of green spaces and more accessible walking opportunities in Hartlepool.

The Walking for Health Scheme is a National programme coordinated by Natural England and encourages local schemes to be established. To support with the launch of Hartlepool's programme, a community competition was introduced to encourage school aged children to design a logo and a name for the scheme. 290 entries were received and a panel with representatives from Natural England, Age UK and Sports Development reduced the entries to 20 and a winner was selected by Hilary Thompson, our Portfolio holder at the time.

Two separate winners were selected as one designed the logo and the other a name for the scheme and both children were from Throston Primary School, Year 5. Both children received a prize for their achievement and Throston Primary School has been presented with a plaque illustrating the logo and scheme name.

Outcomes and achievements

Walk about in Hartlepool has six walks running weekly, one running monthly and three additional weekly walks being run via external organisations. The programme has trained 46 volunteer walk leaders to support the delivery of walks and many of the trained leaders are based in organisations such as Age UK, MIND, Castlebeck Care and Incontrollable.

163 regular walkers are participating on a monthly basis and the retention of these participants has been positive. There are 67% of walkers who are female and the remaining 33% are males. There has been a throughput of 643 walkers in the last 6 month period.



Walk about in Hartlepool has various disciplines of walks. These include Pambles which is walks for parents and children (accessible to prams and pushchairs too) and Nordic Walking which is walking with poles and is an excellent progression for walkers as it increases the intensity of walking.

Health walks are being delivered which vary in length and intensity and provide accessible physical activity opportunities to residents of Hartlepool.

To drive the Walk About in Hartlepool programme forward, a Hartlepool Walking forum has been established for partners to work together towards increasing the number of walks, walkers and walk leaders across Hartlepool.

A quarterly walking calendar has been produced by the Hartlepool Walking Forum and will provide an opportunity to share information of local walks.

Future developments

The Walk about in Hartlepool scheme has set foundations to expand the project further and aims to increase the number of active volunteer walk leaders through running a minimum of two courses per year targeting community volunteers, workplace health advocates and organisations.

This in turn will increase the number of walks being delivered across Hartlepool and will engage more walkers. A quarterly calendar will be produced to promote walks as well as other marketing campaigns specifically linking into national campaigns including walk to work week, walk to school week and others.

(b) Ready Steady Walk – Your Journey to the Games

Summary April 2011 – October 2011

Ready Steady Walk is a project designed to raise the activity levels of children aged 4-11 years through walking. It involves children walking between two cities that have hosted the Olympic and Paralympic Games and this can include walking that they do during their lessons, their break times, to and from School and when at home and collectively they record the distances to reach their destination.

The ultimate aim is to reach London in time for the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The mileage between the destinations is given to the schools and schools often mark out a set distance on their playground/field and will use this as a way of measuring how far they have walked. Along the way, participants will explore different aspects of their chosen host city, or any other cities they may encounter en route.

Links have also been made with a variety of curriculum based subjects such as Physical Education, English, Numeracy, Science, Geography, History, Religious Education & Modern Foreign Languages.

Outcomes and achievements

Ready Steady Walk achieved Inspire Mark status which means it has been identified as a suitable programme to inspire the Olympic and Paralympic Legacy leading up to London 2012.

There are 5 primary schools currently participating in the Ready Steady Walk programme including St Joseph's, St Cuthbert's, Greatham, Stranton and St Bega's. Since March 2011 there have been 746 young people that have contributed to walking 12,481 miles this means that all of those involved have walked between Beijing and London 2 ½ times!

Future developments

Linking in with Sustainable Transport Team and their active travel planning, it is hoped that the programme can get more schools to sign up to this scheme. Schools that have shown expressions of interest for this years programme are Throston, Owton Manor, Golden Flatts, Kingsley, Elwick and St Helen's.

(c) Together Project

Summary April 2011 – October 2011

The Together project was developed to support those in recovery or rehabilitation from Breast Cancer and its aim is to improve recovery and fundamental skills through low level activity programme known as Lebeds.

This method was rolled out in partnership with Pansies (a charity to support those who have experienced breast cancer) and other specialist services and whilst the programme was showing excellent benefits to those that were participating, the recruitment of new participants was challenging as the programme developed due to the specific target group.

The project expanded its remit slightly in June 2011 and it aimed to support a broader range of participants who had various forms of cancer, MS, COPD and other long term and limiting illnesses. To target the additional participants a partnership was established with Alice House, Hartlepool Hospice to target their daycare service users and deliver a programme of gentle exercise to support the maintenance and development of their fundamental skills that can often be affected through illness.

Outcomes and achievements

24 participants have engaged with the Together Project in the last 6 months with the outcomes for these participants however having being invaluable to each individual. One lady who was in remission from Breast Cancer attended the Lebed's Programme for 10 weeks and when visiting her nurse they were impressed at the increase in her range of movement and the functionality of her arms which had been affected during her illness.

Hartlepool Hospice has tried on a number of occasions to engage their service users in low level activity. They identified individuals within the group that would not participate as they did not want to so they would just observe. However, after a number of weeks delivering within the Hospice, there were 100% of the participants taking part in the programme.

The Lebed's programme includes the blowing of bubbles to support lung functionality amongst other things and some participants due to their illness could not do this - however 6 weeks into the programme they had improved so much that they could blow a stream of bubbles.

Future developments

Two more blocks of 8 week activity sessions are scheduled in Hartlepool Hospice, Alice House and these sessions will be on different days and times to target different service users.

Hospice staff has shown a willingness to sustain the activity after the Together Project sessions and would like to be trained to deliver gentle exercise. A programme of low level activity is therefore being developed internally within Hartlepool and it is hoped that this course could be accredited in the long term, building on models that have been successful in other local authority areas.

Other partnerships are being explored to provide gentle exercise to those that would benefit from it most.

(d) Men's Begin to



Summary April 2011 – October 2011

Men's Begin to programme is funded by Hartlepool Community Activities Network Public Health Grants and aims to deliver programmes of activity to bridge the gap to community provision by increasing skills and confidence in physical activity.

Male participation rates in Hartlepool are lower than the national average but when some research was conducted to explore male segments through Sport England's Market Segmentation toolkit, it highlighted that a large amount of males would like to be more active. The programme therefore received funding to deliver various programmes of activity which includes Men Begin to Run, Men Begin to Cycle, Men Begin to Gym and Men Begin to Indoor Fitness.

Outcomes and achievements

Men's Begin to Run attracted 4 participants and although a 10 week programme was scheduled, this was reduced to 5 weeks and the participants began to access a beginners session that we had formed in partnership with Hartlepool Burn Road Harriers Athletics Club to ensure there was a sustainable exit route for participants who were new to running or returning to running.

Men's Begin to Cycle has been postponed as it will fit into a larger Begin to Cycle programme being planned for 2012.

Men's Begin to Gym has attracted 10 participants so far and each participant will receive a gym induction, a technogym key which will support them to develop their own personal programme, an Active Card which gives subsidised access to the Leisure Centre Gyms and an initial 6 sessions free. This package is hoped to equip participants with the skills and knowledge to continue to access the Gyms after the Men's Begin to programme finishes.

Future Developments

Men's Begin to indoor fitness will launch in January 2012 as part of the "New Year, New You" programme. Men's Begin to Cycle will launch in the spring and consultation will be ongoing to determine future activity after the initial funding period concludes. The branding for Men's Begin to has become well established and this will support with future marketing campaigns targeting men specifically.

(e) – School Holiday Programming

Summary April 2011 – October 2011

Holiday provision is provided during the Summer and Easter holiday periods and aims to attract a wide range of children and young people in varying activities. Within recent years, there has been a drop off in holiday provision and this has led to us exploring more opportunity and consult on what is wanted during holiday programmes, where in Hartlepool and who do we need to target.

During the summer programme 2011, a pilot of various new activities was delivered to identify what worked well and what did not. To develop this programme, a steering group of providers that offer holiday activity was formed to support the way forward. This group included Sports Development, the Parks and Countryside Team, Summerhill, the School Sports Partnership, Youth Services, Leisure Facilities, Recreation Development, Outdoor Activities, Carlton Outdoor Education Centre, Arts and Culture and the Colleges. This was to maximise opportunities for resource, marketing and development.

Outcomes and achievements

A programme containing 12 different activities across 40 different sessions attracted 201 participants. It was hoped that more children and young people would attend sessions however the numbers were low. Financially the programme was cost efficient and the income generated covered the cost of the programme delivery.

Future Developments

Consultation is ongoing for holiday programmes in the future and utilising school councils, parent's evenings, focus groups with children centres, 16-19 year olds and other relevant groups will support the development of future programmes.

A timeline has been developed for Easter 2012 to ensure actions are achieved and marketing opportunities are maximised. Some feedback received to date has indicated that day long schemes would be what people want as parents that work finds it difficult to support their children to attend sessions for 1 or 2 hours. This will be something that is piloted with partners.

New schemes that provide sport, art, social and other features hope to appeal to a new market of participants.

(f) Women's Begin 2**Summary April 2011 – October 2011**

Women's Begin to is a programme funded by Sport England devolved funding as well as the Hartlepool Primary Care Trust. The programme started in January 2008 and aimed to encourage women to get back into sport and physical activity.

The programme currently delivers different programmes of activity quarterly over a 6, 8 or 10 week timescale and supports women to gain the confidence to take part in activity and use this to sustain their participation longer term.

Outcomes & Achievements

Since March 2011, the programme has offered a comprehensive programme of activity for women in Hartlepool. Sessions have included Yoga, Netball, Running, Nordic Walking and Street Gym. 116 participants have registered across all activities and those that have engaged have been from a broad range of backgrounds, ages and areas of Hartlepool.

Evaluations have been completed for each programme and all feedback received has been extremely positive with these evaluations showing that 100% have been satisfied or extremely satisfied with the activities that they have participated in.

Future Developments

External funding for the Women's Begin to programme will cease in December 2011. However, the project branding will continue as this is well established across Hartlepool and provides identity for this programme and the type of activities that are involved.

Within the final quarter of delivery, planned activity includes Women's Begin to Gym, Women's Begin to Indoor Fitness and Women's Begin to Spin. All of these launched in October and hope to attract more females into leisure provision to increase their confidence and knowledge within this environment to sustain it longer term.

(g) Street League (Football)**Summary April 2011 – October 2011**

This programme aims to increase football opportunities and reduce anti-social behaviour amongst teenagers on a Friday evening throughout Hartlepool. It was initially funded by the Public Health Grants Scheme and subsequently the Youth Crime Action Plan funding (YCAP).

The league has supported young people to direct their efforts into football within a controlled environment and develop key skills that can be transferred into other situations. The programme is now in its 4th year of delivery and normally attracts over 100 young people per week. Games are played in a 3v3 format using smaller, weighted balls and smaller goals within a confined playing area; placing the emphasis firmly on improved skill and technique. The game is also played without the use of goalkeepers.

Sport and Recreation staff co-ordinate all leagues which are fully affiliated to Durham County FA, ensuring that all games take place in a safe and enjoyable environment according to the FA's best practice guidelines.

Outcomes & Achievements

During September 2010, sports development started the third season of street league due to its success in previous years. Street league ran for 25 weeks and attracted around 100 children on average per week.

During March 2011, there was a throughput of 381 participants and during April, 201 participants. Last season (September 2010 to April 2011), Street League had a total of 2164 participants. These figures demonstrate how successful Street League has proved to be at engaging young people in Hartlepool.

From the evaluation data collected during the 2010/11 season, it was identified that 100% of participants enjoyed the league and said that it was fun and structured well.

The 2011/12 season has started and has attracted 18 teams so far. 13 participants are also attending an under 8's coaching session that runs from 6pm - 7pm as an element of this. There has been less funding available to run the League this season therefore we have had to introduce a fee of £2.00 per team per night to support the longevity of the League. We are obviously monitoring any impact on numbers as a consequence of this.

Future Developments

Street League will run every Friday for the remainder of the season until April 2012 and it is hoped that it will support young people to acquire skills and confidence to consider accessing a club or community session once Street League finishes for the summer period.

A broad range of clubs are also invited to share their club details with the young people and they can make an informed decision as to whether they would like to access any of the club sessions available as well.

(h) Footie Tots

Summary April 2011 – October 2011

Footie Tots is a programme which gives pre school children aged between 2 – 5 years the opportunity to take part in football activities in a safe and fun environment. It also gives parents the opportunity to interact with their children whilst they develop physical literacy. Furthermore, it encourages the fundamentals of the sport and movement with particular emphasis on agility, balance and coordination.

Outcomes & Achievements

Within the last 6 month period, 57 participants have attended Footie Tots held at Throston Primary School. During March 2011, there was a throughput of 74 participants, April 30, May 49, June 47 and July had a throughput of 32. In total we have had 232 participants during 2011. The development of children has been excellent with 3 children actually moving on to join football clubs within the town.

Footie Tots was also an activity in the summer holiday programme, engaging with 25 children.

Future developments

Footie Tots will continue to be delivered and hope to support more children to access sports clubs in the longer term.

(i) Disability Sport

Summary April 2011 – October 2011

Hartlepool has a high population of disabled people and as a service we aim to increase accessible opportunities for children and adults with a wide range of abilities.

Boccia and Kurling have proved to be an excellent way to engage adults from a number of daycare services to develop their skills socially, physically and mentally. Leagues have been established which alternate, running for 12 weeks and the teams interact socially with others as well as play over a two hour period.

The Leagues have been running for over 3 years and teams are recruited not just from within Hartlepool but from neighbouring authorities too including Middlesbrough, Darlington and Stockton.

Other disability sports provision has been delivered in Catcote School to support the development of a Netball and Football Team to enter into the Youth Games 2011. The teams took part in 6-8 weeks of coaching for their sport and learnt fundamental skills within that sport to go forward and compete against other teams of their ability from all authorities across the Tees Valley.

Outcomes & Achievements

The Boccia League ran between May and July 2011 and attracted a regular group of 45-50 participants making up 13 teams. The League was held at The Headland Sports Hall and provided an opportunity for some to learn a new sport and for those that had played before could develop their skills further. Kurling ran in February to April 2011 and again attracted 45-50 participants per week thus in total, there were 626 participants in total during the 12 week period.

Kurling League has commenced again in September and a record 17 teams have signed up from across the Tees Valley. There has been a £1.00 fee introduced to support the League to enable it to continue longer term and this has been seen as excellent value for the session and there have been no objections received. Prior to the charge being introduced, Carers and participants were consulted about this and the Boccia and Kurling Leagues in general to ensure we are working towards improving the services being offered.

26 responses were received from participants who expressed that they had fun, enjoyed attending every week and had improved Kurling skills. 100% of participants suggested they would like to take part in future Kurling activities and also 100% suggest they would like to be involved in future Boccia Leagues.

11 carer evaluations were also received and the overall response was excellent with 100% of carers suggesting that the Kurling league is fun and enjoyable for participants, well structured, benefits the participants positively and is delivered in a safe environment.

The 2011 Tees Valley Youth Games disability Netball and Football Teams were excellent and represented Hartlepool extremely well. The Netball Team were the tournament winners for their event having won all of their matches and the Football team came third and showed some excellent skills on the pitch.

Future Developments

All successes are celebrated and it is hoped that other successes are able to be developed over the next 6 months. An overall disability sport action plan is being developed to fill gaps in provision for disabled participants and key partners are being brought together along with groups of disabled participants to help shape what is needed.

Working closely with education, social care, day service providers, short breaks, aiming higher and other relevant organisations, a baseline can be identified and actions to build on opportunities developed.

(j) Staying Active

Summary April 2011 – October 2011

Staying Active is a research based programme that was piloted originally in Darlington. The research looked at preferred exercise opportunities for older adults and from focus groups with participants, carers and support workers, preferred activities and what was appealing about activities was fed back to allow a library of activities to be developed and piloted on service users in a variety of environments.

The research highlighted improved physical, social and mental well being of participants as reported by themselves and those that work with them but in addition, the resource library that was developed was used by carers and support workers to deliver to their service user groups which increased sustainability and consistency of the activity.

This concept has now been piloted in Hartlepool at Queen's Meadow Residential Care Home. The activities are delivered to 13 residents within the supported living section of the home and also to 13 residents on the dementia unit of the home.

Outcomes & Achievements

An 8 week programme has been delivered and all activities within the library of exercises have been piloted as well as other activities that instructors have developed through their own knowledge, previous experiences and other programmes.

Within the first week at the sessions, only 6 people participated in the supported living session and 3 people within the dementia unit. This meant that there was still a majority not participating, so music stimulation combined with singing, movement sequences and use of equipment were introduced into the activities and with support, demonstrations and reassurance, more and more people took part as the weeks went on.

In week 7, the activity session for supported living had 100% participation rates (13 people attending). Three residents who had complained of reduced shoulder movement in week one were completing shoulder exercises with ease at week 7 and some residents could remember the activity and how to do it without prompt or demonstration.

Within the Dementia unit, 12 residents were taking part which was an excellent achievement due to the barriers many of them face owing to their complex needs. The group interacted well and some had music recognition and this prompted stimulus to get involved.

Future Developments

The information, observations and feedback received during the 8 weeks will aid the development of a library of activities and a programme specific to certain populations. The intention is to roll this out to other organisations in Hartlepool.

Another programme called Get Everybody Motivated (GEM) in Darlington as well as Staying Active will provide foundations for this programme to be built upon and also added to, to reflect the independent data that we have received. It is hoped by developing this information, a training course can be developed and rolled out as a model for sustainability in Hartlepool and for those of a low level physical ability, for improvement and maintenance of physical, social and mental health.

(k) Limestone Landscapes

Summary April 2011 – October 2011

Limestone Landscapes is a project that focuses on an area of the North East that is based on a unique landscape of limestone. This has attracted Heritage Lottery Funding of £1.1 million which is funding a programme to maintain and develop the landscape through excavation, economic regeneration, agriculture and green exercise to mention but a few.

Hartlepool is included in the geographical area that this programme will cover and this has created an excellent opportunity for some cross border working. As a service therefore, we are involved in the development of the Green Exercise programme which will see us receive some investment from the £279,000 project.

Outcomes & Achievements

This programme aims to build on the good practice that currently exists in Green Exercise programmes across the region. In Hartlepool we will support the development of some good practice to other areas which will include Street Gym, Prambles, Nordic Walking and Fit Mamas. To date £6000 of funding is expected as a minimum but there is still a proportion of the project funding to be allocated.

Future Developments

A local steering group is being coordinated by Sports Development and Groundwork North East who are commissioned to manage this programme. Other partners include Parks and Countryside, Summerhill, Events Team, Outdoor Activities Team, Schools and the Sustainable Transport Team. Hartlepool is represented on the regional steering group and

it is hoped that a minimum of £10,000 will be received in Hartlepool to develop Green Exercise.

(I) Club Development, Sporting Action Groups and National Governing Bodies (NGB'S) of Sport

Summary April 2011 – October 2011

Club Development and working with NGB's is a high priority locally and nationally due to London 2012 and its legacy. Sport at all levels is seen as a sustainable and accessible way to get involved and Hartlepool has excellent sports clubs within the town.

Within the past 6 months, Sports Development have managed to liaise with many clubs, sport specific action groups and their NGB's to focus developments around structure, planning, workforce development, increasing participation of memberships or specific populations (schools, workplaces, women only, disability), accessing funding, partnership working and general advice and support.

To date we have engaged with clubs including Tees and Hartlepool Sailing Club, Caledonians Hockey Club, Brierton Badminton Club, St Francis Football Club, Hartlepool FC, Stranton FC, Golden Flatts, Seaton FC, Eldon Grove Tennis Club, Hartlepool Amateur Swimming Club, Hartlepool Aqua Force, Hartlepool Bum Road Harriers, Hartlepool Trampoline Club, HEAT Basketball Club, Brinkburn Volleyball Club and Hartlepool Table Tennis Club

National Governing Bodies of Sport include Amateur Swimming Association, England Golf, British Angling, British Judo, England Squash, Rugby Football Union, Rugby Football League, Lawn Tennis Association, Badminton England, Football Association, Volleyball England, England Athletics, England Netball, Royal Yacht Association, British Cycling and Orienteering.

Sport specific action groups for Hartlepool include Football Action Group, Rugby Action Group, Hartlepool Community Badminton Network, Tennis Action Group, Swimming Action group, Sailing Development Group and Athletics Development Group.

Outcomes & Achievements

Sports Development has worked with each of the mentioned clubs, action groups and NGB's in different capacities sometimes as a supporting partner but other times in a proactive way to achieve outcomes. Some of these examples highlight this work:

- Tees and Hartlepool Sailing Club were supported as part of our Olympic legacy programme as Hartlepool Marina is a potential training camp for the London Olympics and Paralympics. We have worked with the club to engage the NGB and conduct a SWOT analysis to gain a baseline position of the club and where this investment would be most useful. The club have been supported in the production of a club action plan which also makes them eligible for further investment from their NGB for having this in place.

We have supported the planning of a club open day attracting 41 participants to take part in taster sessions in hope to increase memberships. The development plan for the Club is in its final draft and aims to be implemented in the near future.

- Caledonians Hockey Club combined with the Hockey Action group and the NGB have been supported by Sports Development through governance of the action group and the role of secretary being fulfilled by a member of the sports development team. Submission of a small awards grant for £10,000 has been successful which was guided by Sports Development. A Hockey development plan is now being coordinated to benefit all hockey development in Hartlepool.
- Brierton Badminton Club, Hartlepool Community Badminton Network and Badminton England work effectively in partnership with Sports Development. Through support offered to Badminton as a sport, there has been investment of £10,000 received to look at positive mental health through Badminton provision and also targeting 50+ populations.

The Hartlepool Badminton Network and the work with the Council were recognised nationally by Badminton England.

- St Francis Football Club, Hartlepool FC, Stranton FC, Golden Flatts, Seaton FC have all been supported through the Football Action Group which is coordinated and chaired by Sports Development. A town wide action plan is being developed and clubs have received advice and guidance around facility developments including Stranton FC. Sports Development supported the team to build relationships with Stranton Primary School to fulfil their aspiration of having their own pitch development. Eldon Grove Tennis Club and Lawn Tennis Association have been supported through the reinvigoration of the Tennis Action Group in Hartlepool. The Sports Development representative is secretary of the group and re-establishing this group has supported the development of a Tennis development plan for Hartlepool.
- Hartlepool Amateur Swimming Club have been supported through the provision of funding information enabling them to purchase lane ropes and also support them to develop relationships with Leisure Facilities and other partners to drive the club forward in hope to produce higher level athletes.
- Hartlepool Bum Road Harriers have been supported to link better with their NGB and Sports Development has also sourced funding to train 3 members of the club as Running Leaders.
- The relationship between the club and Sports Development has resulted in a Men's Begin to and a Women's Begin to run programme being developed. A new beginner's session has been established in the club to accommodate these runners after their fixed term programme as well as other runners. Delivery of the Marina 5 mile and a family fun run at the Celebration Village Event during July that attracted 50 runners.

The club most recently have been supported to access High Tunstall school facilities to maximise the use of the schools grass running track.

- Hartlepool Trampoline Club has received funding advice, promotional advice and new targeted session to increase their membership.
- Brinkburn Volleyball Club is a newly established club as a result of partnership working between Sports Development, Cleveland Fire Brigade and Brinkburn 6th Form College.

This is the only Volleyball Club in Hartlepool and in its first session attracted 20 new participants.

Hartlepool Borough Council has worked closely with a number of National Governing Bodies of Sport to strengthen the work with clubs and also align priorities. NGB's have a focus on 16+ participation within their whole sport plans and amongst other things, has prompted some partnership developments on the Workplace Health Agenda. In partnership with the Amateur Swimming Association, a swim fit unit has been established at the Mill House Leisure Centre and is being launched very shortly.

In the near future, some free Golf sessions will also be promoted at Seaton Golf Club.

Future Developments

Work with sports clubs and NGB's will continue to be a priority despite this being a challenging area of work as priorities for each sport can be so different as can the aspirations of each individual sports club.

As a service, it is important that Sports Development continues to work in partnership with existing sports and also explore other sports for further development. Targeted work around localities and also specific populations is also important and it is an exciting area for development.

The development of a programme for clubs is being explored to support the effective communication of what clubs can access for support. Sports Development works closely with NGB's, Hartlepool Sports Council, Hartlepool Sports Association and Tees Valley Sport to offer clubs support, advice and guidance at a variety of levels as well as enabling clubs to better understand what is available to them.

(m) School Coaching

Summary April 2011 – October 2011

Sports Development support schools through providing qualified coaches for PPA cover and also after school clubs for their pupils. In the past 6 months, coaching was delivered in Throston, Stranton and St Teresa's Primary Schools as well as Catcote. Sessions provide skill development and fundamental movement to support children in many aspects of their physical and social development.

Outcomes and achievements

Throston

PPA cover was provided on a Thursday in Throston Primary School. During March 2011, 206 children participated, April 46, May 156 and June 106. This was a total of 472 participants.

PPA cover on a Tuesday started in May and 161 attended. In June, there were 153 participants and July 44 which totals 358. Both sessions together have seen a total of 830 participants.

From March 2011, after-school multi skills were delivered at Throston. 222 children participated.

Stranton

From March 2011, a total of 130 children have participated in after-school multi skill sessions.

St Teresa's

After school football has been delivered on a Tuesday and in total 222 children have participated. From June, after school activities have also been delivered on a Wednesday and in total, 77 children have participated.

Catcote

Since March 2011 a total of 1578 children have participated in school coaching and after school activities. Some of the coaching delivered linked into the Tees Valley Youth Games.

Future Developments

PPA cover has started in Throston Primary School for the new term and takes place on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon both followed by an after-school club.

St Teresa's have two after-school clubs on a Tuesday - one for Netball and the other Football and also a Football after-school club on a Wednesday.

More data is going to be collected from participants to identify the benefits these sessions are having on young people and it is hoped more coaching in schools will be planned over the next 6 months.

(n) Sportivate

Summary April 2011 – October 2011

Sportivate is a Sport England initiative, coordinated by the Tees Valley County Sports Partnership and is aimed at encouraging more people aged 14-25 years to take part in sport and physical activity.

Sport and physical activity providers and deliverers were asked to submit bids that would provide innovative and challenging activities to meet the needs of young people in the community. The programme funds 6-8 week programmes and then there is a key focus on directing participants to take part in activity after the sessions have finished.

Sports Development was proactive in targeting clubs and groups and encouraging them to apply for this funding based on where there was an obvious need. We also supported the completion of applications and also sit on the sub regional group to make decisions on successful and unsuccessful bids from across the Tees Valley.

The programme will run until 2014 and funding will be applied for each year. Sports Development will continue to be the local contact for the submission of all bids.

Outcomes and achievements

The table below summarises what funding has been received for the first year of the programme delivery; July 2011 until March 2012. A total of £16,336 has been received

across a broad range of clubs, partners and organisations. Some delivery has commenced and this is being monitored on a centre portal via Sport England.

Sportivate Hartlepool Hockey	Hockey/Unihoc	October - December	£612.00
Sportivate Hartlepool Volleyball	Volleyball	July - September	£946.00
Sportivate Badminton Boost	Badminton	October - December	£512.00
Sportivate No Strings Kick Start	Badminton	October - December	£436.00
Sportivate Bootcamp Badminton	Badminton	January - March	£640.00
Sportivate Tennis	Tennis	October - December	£346.00
Sportivate Hartlepool Cricket	Cricket	October - December	£810.00
Sportivate Trampoline Starter	Trampolining	October - December	£199.00
Sportivate Trampoline Starter	Trampolining	January - March	£199.00
Sportivate Hartlepool Golf	Golf	October - December	£1,460.00
Sportivate Aquatic Fitness	Aquatics	January - March	£850.00
Sportivate Parent and Baby sessions	Aquatics	July - September	£1,260.00
Sportivate Learn to Swim +	Aquatics	October - December	£790.00
Sportivate Back to Athletics	Athletics	October - December	£1,490.00
Sportivate Hartlepool Karate	Karate	October - December	£570.00
Sportivate Zumba	Dance	October - December	£290.00
Sportivate Netball	Netball	October - December	£1,426.00
Sportivate Touch Rugby	Rugby Union	July - September	£1,440.00
Sportivate Time for Tennis	Tennis	July - September	£756.00
Sportivate Yoga	Yoga/Pilates/Tai Chi	October - December	£264.00
Sportivate Zumba	Dance	October - December	£264.00
Sportivate Football	Football	July - September	£272.00
Sportivate Hartlepool Table Tennis	Table Tennis	July - September	£242.00
Sportivate Disability Sport	Other Disability Sport	July - September	£392.00
Sportivate Hartlepool Heat Basketball	Basketball	July - September	£340.00
Sportivate Hartlepool Heat Basketball	Basketball	July - September	£340.00

Future Developments

Year 2 planning for Sportivate has already begun with the deadline for submissions being December 2011. Sports Development Team will be working with clubs and broader partnerships to encourage them to apply for external funding from this programme and a local workshop is being considered to increase the awareness of this programme to all providers and deliverers to ensure an equitable process.

(o) Coach and Volunteer Development

Summary April 2011 – October 2011

To deliver high quality sport and physical activity, there is an emphasis on developing coaches and instructors and ensuring they meet a minimum standard to deliver safe, effective and quality provision. All instructors and coaches are required to have a delivery specific qualification usually defined as a Level 1 up to a Level 4 qualification, first aid qualification, safeguarding and protecting children qualification, enhanced CRB check

completed and depending on the programmes they work on, other qualifications may be required.

To drive this work forward and ensure quality assurance for coaches and instructors, Sports Development have begun to develop a framework to support coaches to develop effective ways of communicating policies, procedures and sharing of good practice.

Volunteer's packages are in place and opportunities to improve the quality of experience are being considered. There are also wider initiatives to engage volunteers in sport and physical activity. Some of these are through volunteer walk leader training, Aquatic Champion Training and Sports makers which is a national programme to target 16 year+ who do no existing volunteering and they will complete an Inspire workshop to develop them as a volunteer and then be given a placement to complete volunteer hours. The roll-out of this programme is in the early stages and we are waiting more information from Sport England.

Outcomes and achievements

Since initiating the development of coaches and volunteers, a Hartlepool Coach Development Group has been established to work with education, voluntary organisations and other sport and physical activity providers to consider key development needs for coaches and instructors. Two survey monkeys were developed - one for organisations/clubs to identify what their perceived gaps and opportunities were for coach development and the other for coaches to identify what their development needs are. The data from this is being collated and will help shape an action plan for Hartlepool to support the development of high quality coaches and instructors into the future.

Sports Development is also involved with the Tees Valley Coach Development Forum which is rolling out a range of initiatives to support local development of coaches. The Forum works towards meeting the minimum employment standards from Sports Coach UK and also looks to identify sub regional needs to share good practice and develop actions to move these developments forward.

We have also affiliated to a system called Coach Web which will be an interactive forum for coaches to access and improve communications.

Future Developments

Within the next 6 months, a local and sub regional action plan for coach development will be in place and being delivered on. There will be a key focus on internal coaches through completion of a quality assurance framework and introducing coaches forum's which will be informal based workshops/interactive sessions for coaches. This will allow coaches to be proactive in sharing their experiences and opinions and also for communication to be shared effectively. External sessions for coaches will be developed across partnerships and this will focus on sharing opportunities and good practice.

Volunteering package will also be rolled after further discussion with Adult Education.

(p) Workplace Health Calendar

Summary April 2011 – October 2011

Working with Hartlepool Borough Council Better Health at Work Award, Sports Development has been supporting the development of physical activity opportunities for employees to access around the working day. Men's Begin to and Women's Begin to programmes have been promoted to employees and as a result many of them access these programmes.

We are hoping to take this a step further and a programme of physical activity opportunities is being coordinated in partnership with NGB's of sport, physical activity providers, events and other features. This will be launched in January 2012 as part of the "New Year, New You" campaign and will give 6 months of physical activity opportunities for employees across all "Better Health at Work" businesses. There are currently 14 businesses signed up to this initiative in Hartlepool.

Outcomes and achievements

The calendar has been circulated to a broad range of partners to put forward their 'offer' as to what they can provide to employees. Offers include recreational drop in sessions, taster coaching sessions, leagues, competitions, events, training and more. Sports Development has engaged at least 12 partnership organisations to deliver on this and there are over 25 offers already confirmed within the calendar.

Future Developments

Offers will continue to be collated and a marketing campaign to promote the offer is being considered. We are producing more detail about this programme which will be included in the North East Physical Activity Forum Newsletter.

Sport England is also coordinating a regional programme in partnership with NHS to build on the good practice that is in Hartlepool. The development of this programme has been influential and it is hoped that this can be rolled out in partnership with the Workplace Health Specialists in each locality area.

CULTURE, LEISURE & TOURISM PORTFOLIO

Report to Portfolio Holder

13 December 2011



Report of: Director of Child and Adult Services

Subject: LONDON 2012 OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY

SUMMARY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of the report is to make the Portfolio Holder aware of details released to date with respect to the London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay.

2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

In the summer of 2012, London will host the Olympic and Paralympic Games. This report serves to update the Portfolio Holder on details that have been made available to date by The London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games (LOCOG) in relation to the Olympic Torch Relay for the North East of England and specifically Hartlepool.

Details for the Paralympic Torch Relay are not yet available.

3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER

Culture, Leisure and Tourism Portfolio includes Sport and Recreation.

4. TYPE OF DECISION

Non-Key.

5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

Culture, Leisure and Tourism Portfolio.

6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED

Comments from the Portfolio Holder are welcomed.

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to make the Portfolio Holder aware of details released to date with respect to the London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 London was announced as the host city for the Olympic Games 2012 in July 2005. The London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games (LOCOG) is responsible not only for staging the 2012 Games, but also for the arrangements in relation to the Olympic Torch Relay and Officers have been working on a national, regional and sub-regional basis in relation to these arrangements.
- 2.2 The Olympic Torch Relay will signal the start of the London 2012 Olympic Games and the flame for the Torch will begin its journey in Olympia, Greece on May 10th 2012, prior to its arrival in the UK on 18 May 2012 at an undisclosed location.
- 2.3 The Torch will then embark on a journey that will see it taken through towns and cities across the UK prior to its arrival at the Olympic Stadium in London on 27 July 2012.
- 2.4 Representing peace, unity and friendship, the Torch Relay will last 70 days and will be carried by 8,000 Torchbearers, with each leg of the Relay being 300 metres in length. It will travel to within an hour of 95 per cent of people in the UK, Isle of Man, Guernsey and Jersey during the 70 days and will enable communities on route to highlight the best their area has to offer.

3. THE TORCH IN THE NORTH EAST

- 3.1 In August 2011, it was confirmed that the Torch will be in the North East for four nights in 2012 and will stop overnight at the following locations:

Alnwick:	Thursday 14 June
Newcastle:	Friday 15 June
Durham:	Saturday 16 June
Middlesbrough	Sunday 17 June

- 3.2 Each overnight location will have a celebratory show which will be free to the public to attend and more details of these events will be announced nearer the time.
- 3.3 At the time, no other details in relation to the route were made publicly available but Officers from Community Services, Sport and Recreation have continued to work on a national, regional and sub-regional basis with LOCOG, lobbying hard in relation to the specific route detail in the North-East.
- 3.4 As a result, on 7 November 2011, the route for the North East was made public and as the Portfolio Holder will be aware, the Torch Relay will be travelling through Hartlepool on Sunday 17 June 2012.
- 3.5 Officers will continue to work with LOCOG on the specific street level route details which will not be publicly announced until next year. In the meantime, a group of Officers and representatives from other relevant partner organisations (e.g. blue light services) has been formed to work on the specific detail as the Torch Relay travels through Hartlepool.
- 3.6 Officers are naturally delighted that the Torch Relay will be coming to Hartlepool as it will bring a wonderful opportunity to showcase the town and to engage local people with the London 2012 Olympic Games.
- 3.7 As more detail is forthcoming, Officers will obviously provide further updates for the Portfolio Holder.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 Comments from the Portfolio Holder are welcomed.

5. CONTACT OFFICER

- 5.1 Pat Usher – Sport and Recreation Manager