

**LEISURE AND HEALTH PORTFOLIO  
COUNCILLOR C CARR****Report to Council– 12 July 2023****Leisure and Health**

The Events Team have recently delivered the first events of the 2023/24 event programme. The Hemlock Happening at Bramcote Hills Park reached some of its highest ever attendance figures with 7,000 people visiting throughout the course of event.

Friday18, the Council's live music event is also underway, with live music performances every Friday from 16 June until 18 August in Beeston Square. The event is designed to bring some summer ambience to the town for visitors and encourage them to go on to some of the local restaurants, bars and cinema. The event has developed from the Council's partnership with the German town of Gutersloh.

The next events in the programme are the Play Days – family events taking place during the school holidays:

- Beeston – 28 July at Broadgate Park
- Stapleford - 1 August at Hickings Lane Recreation Ground
- Eastwood – 3 August at Coronation Park
- Chilwell – 7 August at Inham Nook Recreation Ground
- Kimberley – 9 August at Kimberley School Field

A great deal of work has been undertaken at the museum since Cultural Services moved back in house in November including a successful children's writing competition which received 227 entries and helped the museum to engage with over 700 people. A renewed focus on marketing, thanks to the Museum and Communications Teams now being integrated, has seen an increase in press coverage, enquiries from groups looking to visit.

Work over the coming months includes a new campaign around family connections to encourage visitors who may not ordinarily engage with Lawrence, as well as the D.H. Lawrence Festival which takes place from 1 – 11 September.

**Armed Forces**

As an Employer, Broxtowe Borough Council have moved from Bronze to Silver status in the Armed Forces Employer Recognition Scheme and are working towards gold status.

The new WWI & WWII Roll of Honour is now Live. The new website will allow family members and researchers free access to a site that pays tribute to those men and women, armed forces, seafarers and civilians alike who gave their lives for our freedoms. Roll of Honour, Nottinghamshire County Council.

## **Children and Young People**

Communities Officers were able to speak to year 5 and 6 pupils at Beeston fields primary school during mental health awareness week. A successful morning with interactive sessions which evidenced the importance of mental health and the impact it can have on children.

An interactive presentation on the importance to physical health and the link to mental health was delivered to the Broxtowe Youth Voice Group. The group consists of year 8 children from across schools in Broxtowe with a Member of Youth Parliament.

The next Children and Young people's network meeting will hear from a range of services including NSPCC, Reducing Parental Conflict Team and the Neurodevelopmental Behaviour Service from Nottingham County Council. They will be talking about initiatives and services they have that could benefit children and young people. There will also be representatives from schools in Broxtowe in attendance.

## **Food insecurity**

A successful bid for £7,210 for an Eastwood and £7,900 for a Chilwell based food club have secured the future of these services following their closure by the County Council in March. Plans for the Eastwood club are being finalised but the Chilwell club is now running at St Barnabas Church on Mondays from 1:30- 3:30pm with over 50 families registered.

## **Tobacco Control**

The Nottinghamshire City and County Declaration on Tobacco Control has been re-signed. The Smoking and Tobacco Control vision document and delivery plan was launched on World No Tobacco day on 31 May 2023 and we continue to work with our partners to reduce the harms of tobacco and vapes.

## **Health**

Learning Disability Roadshows are being delivered bi-monthly with the next held on Monday 24 July, 10am-2pm at St Helens Church in Stapleford. Roadshows are held to better understand the needs of those with learning disabilities and increase awareness and sign up of the annual health check.

The Borough Council have renewed its pledge to tackle tobacco related issues by signing the Nottinghamshire County & Nottingham City Declaration on Tobacco Control in April. The Tobacco Alliance coordinates various task and finish groups with its most recent one considering the increasing concern of vaping in children and young people

**Mental Health**

South Nottinghamshire Mental Health Steering Group considered mental health within the South Nottinghamshire Dementia Plan as part of the NHS England Transformation Framework – The Well Pathway for Dementia

Consultation on the Major Conditions Strategy (including dementia) is underway and open until the 27 of June. This will lead to a national dementia strategy and it will be important to align this with the local dementia plan.

**Leisure Centres Update**

The footfall and patronage at our leisure centres continued to improve throughout 2022-23. Fitness memberships have grown by 4,263 which is 6.5% more than the target for the year. At the end of May 2023 the total membership was 4,247 the reduction reflecting changes in the membership following the price changes in April. 3,584 people receiving a swim lesson every week at our Swim School with these numbers being close to the maximum occupancy for the two swimming sites.

The cost of living crisis is affecting the operating costs across all aspects of our leisure centre operations. The company revised its budgets for 2022-23 to mitigate for expenditure increases, total operating income increased and the allocated management fee was reduced in year by £100k. The company's reserves, detailed in the draft accounts at 31 March 2023 are £491,969 which is reduced from £602,130 from the end of March 2022. In this financial year operating expenditures continue to increase, the company is working to manage its finances by implementing a number of recommendations agreed with Broxtowe Borough Council.

Exercise Referral continues to grow with referrals being received from GP surgeries and a range of health professionals. The referral membership at the end of May 2023 is 316 members which is a 75% increase on the numbers at 1 April 2022.

The company is working with the Council to deliver the exciting pavilion project at Hickings Lane, Stapleford and continues to work with Kimberley School to ensure that the new arrangements at the Kimberley School site deliver the best outcomes for the community.

Liberty Leisure Limited continues to develop opportunities to target different groups of people in the community. The team are now delivering a corporate health awareness programme with Recketts in Beeston Rylands, whilst continuing to support the Broxtowe Women's Project to engage with vulnerable women to enable them to begin exercising.

6 Ukrainian refugees have gained free access to the gym, exercise classes, swimming, and swim school for a six-month period at our leisure sites.