

Portfolio for Leisure and Health Councillor T A Cullen

Report to Council – 9 October 2024

Armed forces covenant training

A face to face armed forces covenant training session took place on 11 July at 10:00am in the Council Chamber led by the armed forces lead for Nottinghamshire County Council, Neil Bettison. Training has been arranged for employees to make sure they comply with the duty and deliver this within their role. The training was successful with clear sessions held on what the armed forces covenant is and how we can play our part as Broxtowe Borough Council employees.

Family Hubs

Children's Centres will be changing into Family Hubs by April 2025. They will offer services for families from pregnancy through to a young person's 18th birthday. Family Hub Networks to support Family Hubs will also be launched this year. There will be changes to the Children's Centre Service as the age range increases. Family Hubs will be working with other teams and organisations and extending some of their current services. The same support will still be available from the Children's Centre Service as they change to Family Hubs. The publicity and the signs on the buildings will change too. For information about the services please see www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/childrenscentreservice.

Short Term Placements for 2nd Year Psychology Students

Short term placements for psychology students from Nottingham Trent University have been offered to partners.

Examples of placements are:

- Support Worker
- Youth Support Worker / Learning Mentor/ Classroom Assistant
- Mental Health or Wellbeing Assistant
- Marketing Assistant / Social Media Assistant
- Content Creator
- PR (Public Relations) and Communications Assistant
- Sales / Business Development
- HR (Human Resources) Assistant
- Recruitment Officer
- Research Assistant
- Data Insight Analyst

For further information, such as dates, [please see here](#) (opens pdf, 222 KB)

Nottinghamshire wins coveted Sustainable Food Place Bronze Award

Nottinghamshire Sustainable Food Network has won a prestigious Sustainable Food Places Bronze award. The award recognises the Nottinghamshire Network's work to promote healthy, sustainable and local food and to tackle some of today's greatest social challenges - including food poverty and diet-related ill health.

The Nottinghamshire Sustainable Food Network is a dynamic forum for discussion and action on all key food issues. It brings together a range of partners working to improve the local food system such as community and voluntary organisations, the County Council's Public Health team, district and borough health leads, along with health and academic organisations. Partners work together to achieve the vision of the Nottinghamshire Food Charter, that everyone in Nottinghamshire no matter what their age and where they live should have access to healthy tasty affordable food which should also be positive for the environment and local economy.

Working with communities and through collaboration with organisations such as FareShare Midlands, Feeding Britain and many others, the Network has helped communities to gain access to affordable healthy food, to withstand and recover from any disruptions in food supply and to combat food waste.

The Bronze Award will be celebrated at The Nottinghamshire Food Summit on 16 October.

Nottinghamshire Food Summit

In partnership with Nottinghamshire County Council and other stakeholders, Nottinghamshire's first Food Summit is being planned for 16 October 2024. It aims to raise awareness of the food ecosystem across Nottinghamshire and develop a 2024 to 2027 Food Plan, and shift the dial to the whole food system - economy, environment/ sustainability and communities (Nottinghamshire Food Charter)

UK Shared Prosperity Fund

UKSPF funding has provided the opportunity to secure Strategic Food Support across Broxtowe, in partnership with Hope Nottingham. It will aim to bring all food banks, food clubs and other food support offers together to see how they can work together to coordinate the food response across Broxtowe and explore a partnership with Feeding Britain to create a Feeding Broxtowe partnership.

Carers Roadshows

Successful Carers Roadshows have been held across Broxtowe and planning now begins for next year's events.

- Eastwood Town Council on Wednesday 3rd July (135 attended)
- Stapleford Care Centre on 16 July (320 attended)
- Middle Street Resource Centre 24 June (208 attended)

Dementia

A Dementia Event had been organised for 20 September at Trowel Parish Hall. The event was for people living with dementia, carers and professionals to share information and how we meet the needs of 1000 people with dementia in Broxtowe.

Bursary Scheme

Following the closure of Kimberley Leisure Centre, exploration of possible projects to increase physical activity in the north of Broxtowe was undertaken. Seven proposed projects were taken to Cabinet on 3 September, all of which are new initiatives and support some “hidden voices” within our communities:

- Eastwood Young People’s Centre - to bring the music studio into use and create music / dance based activities to support mental and physical health.
- Menopause Support Group
- Peer Support Group for Macular Degeneration / visually impaired people
- Establishment of Boccia Club (learning disabilities)
- Establishment of Nordic Walking (learning disabilities)
- Tai chi for respiratory conditions (open to all not just for respiratory conditions)
- Intergenerational exercise classes - will allow parents with babies / toddlers to attend a care home with residents to do an hour’s exercise – older people through seated exercise/pilates/bands and toddlers with pom poms/hula hoops/balls etc.

Cultural Services

D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum

Pop-Up Museum

For the first time this summer the D.H. Lawrence Museum had a pop-up museum at our 5 Plays Days. 800 people came to visit, engage and learn more about the 5 Facts of D.H. Lawrence.

D.H.L Festival

The Museum has been very busy from August through to September with the return of the annual D.H. Lawrence Festival.

Events Programme

Summer Events Programme

The Culture and Events Team have successfully delivered five Plays Days across the Borough over the summer in Eastwood, Stapleford, Kimberley, Beeston and Chilwell. With a total attendance of 5,300 despite challenges from the weather with extreme heat in Stapleford, wet weather in Kimberley and thunder in Beeston.

Friday18 also returned this year for its third and most successful year yet, with over 900 people attending to enjoy an hour of free live music in Beeston Square at 6pm every Friday. The summer sessions also ended for the first time with a special 2-hour finale.

The team have been working with the Environment Team to deliver the third Green Festival in Eastwood in September and have been helping to support the Civic Office to deliver the Remembrance Parade in Beeston in November.

Christmas Light Switch On Events

The team are now working on the upcoming Christmas Light Switch On events taking place in Eastwood on Tuesday 26 October, Stapleford on Saturday 23 November, Beeston on Saturday 30 November and Kimberley on Saturday 22 November which is organised by Kimberley Town Council. They will see the return of the official light switch on by The Mayor of Broxtowe, Santa's Grotto, fair rides, community stalls and a firework finale.

C-City Project

Oxjam

Broxtowe will be hosting the C-City Stage at Oxjam on Saturday 5 October in Beeston Square. The stage will host some returning acts from Friday18 such as Anteloupe. The Council was looking forward to the visit but unfortunately, due to a change to scheduled flights between Limoges and East Midlands Airport, the student choir from Chateroux had to cancel their visit and were unable to perform on stage.

Liberty Leisure Limited (LLL)

2024/25 Performance

LLL budget for 2024/25 is a deficit of £95k and is currently forecasting a deficit of £75k which will be reviewed at the end of Q2. The deficit position is primarily as a result of increased staffing and utility costs, and a reduced management fee. Higher income levels through increased usage from new and members retained from Kimberley as well as price rises are largely offsetting these changes to date.

Since LLL stopped operating Kimberley Gym & Swim there has been a period of consolidation following a period of significant change and with the new building project LLL is in a good position to develop moving forwards.

Building Projects

LLL is working with the Council to assist in the development of the Stapleford Pavillion on Hickings Lane and the process of moving through to RIBA stage 4 for the new Bramcote Leisure Centre.

There have been some very productive meetings with the Members Project Group for Bramcote around the requirements and design of the replacement leisure centre.

The new facility will provide much needed reassurance around the longevity of the leisure facilities in Broxtowe as well as helping to improve the financial stability of the leisure provision.