

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide an update on developments within the varying scope of Cultural and Leisure Services.

2 SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

2.1 Local Football Facilities Plan

A coordinated attempt to identify the most favourable locations for future investment opportunities is being undertaken with the involvement of Lancashire FA, the Football Foundation, and consultants Knight Kavanagh and Page. There are three focus areas for investment based around;

- 3G Pitches - Full Sized and Small Sided
- Grass Pitches
- Pavilion and Changing areas

This research will help to develop a strategic approach towards directing funding support towards any new schemes across the Borough. The proposed timescale is for the plan to be completed by January 2020.

2.2 Towards an Active Future

This is Pennine Lancashire's local delivery pilot, which aims to understand and test how to improve physical activity levels. To help the process of identifying those people in Ribble Valley who are most inactive, and how support could be directed to targeted groups effectively, specific intelligence relevant to Ribble Valley residents' physical activity levels, mental well-being and depression, 'worklessness', deprivation and obesity levels, has been made available. An on-line survey has been running which seeks information on what may incentivise people to be more active, and there will be facilitated consultation sessions with certain targeted groups to learn more about the factors which inhibit their participation in physical activity. A steering group has been working towards defining the outcomes for Ribble Valley, and preparing a plan of delivery and evaluation which will take place between 2019 and 2021.

3 RIBBLESDALE POOL

Programmed activities

Parent and Child lessons are now firmly established for babies and young children, and the pool now provides a continuous learn-to-swim opportunity. Completing the Swim England Pre-School Framework Awards builds up independence, and prepares children for the main Learn to Swim stages 1-7.

There has been a tendency for young swimmers to lose interest in swimming once they have completed the Learn to Swim Framework, so, commencing September 2019, those at the more advanced stages, who work towards distance badges, will

be able to attend lessons which enable progression to stages 8-10 of the Swim England Framework. They are also being invited to attend Rookie Lifeguard sessions. It is hoped that, by creating an enjoyable experience of life saving skills from an early stage, youngsters may pursue their interest, and progress to fully qualified lifeguards.

A new course, which has proved popular during the Summer holiday period, provided an opportunity for children to acquire snorkelling skills and techniques.

4 PLATFORM GALLERY

Latest Exhibition

The In Print exhibition, which will run from 13 July – 21 September 2019, has been well received, and sales of makers' prints and cards, so far, are pleasing.

This is a showcase of celebrated British printmakers, well established in their chosen field, promoting the use of both traditional and innovative printmaking techniques. There are 20 makers of all differencing printmaking styles and techniques represented, and something for everyone to admire.

Art and Craft stalls have been available for artists to hire on a seasonal basis, and these have proved successful in extending the display of artwork throughout the Gallery. There are approximately seven different artists/makers who hire the stall space for a three day period, and the next opportunities are planned for September and November.

5 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 This concludes the round-up of information for future development, along with current events within the Cultural and Leisure Services.

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