

Report Purpose:

To update members on leisure and outdoor activity projects

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Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk

7.1 Parks and Play Areas

Tytherington play areas

AT Full Council 16th December 2024 it was approved for £75,000 budget for Tytherington. The ward Councillors are working with ANSA on plans for these parks.

7.2 South Park Pavilion

Work continues with Jones the contractors and the design time to reach a price for the building that residents choose through public consultation. The agreement to lease and license to works, necessary to start the building are expected to be given from CEC at the end of April. This could impact the progress of the project, as it slows the project down as a whole.

7.3 Playing Out

Cre8 plan to hold another playing out session this summer, no date confirmed as yet. Macclesfield Community Sports Trust have offered to support with this.

7.4 Allotments

Inspections have resumed. Invoices will be circulated the first week in April.

The rangers have carried out some repairs to fencing on the Knowsley Road site following winter wind damage.

The Assistant Town Clerk attended the North West allotment officers forum which was very useful and gave us some things to consider for the future such as introducing deposits for new tenants.

7.5 Street sports

A feedback form was circulated to the children that attend Street sports.

We received 10 responses.

All children attending were from within the town council boundary area.

The main reason children attend was to play sports they already like (80%). The second most popular reason they attend is to make new friends (40%). They were allowed to select more than one option.

The majority of children who completed the survey had been attending for more than one year (70%).

The majority of children surveyed said that they enjoy playing football the most (90%).

Children were asked how Street Sports could be improved. Out of the 10, only 4 completed this section. Answers said that they would like bigger goals, more pitches and to become better at sports.

The anecdotal comments are below:

- 'Street Sports is nice'
- 'Our coach makes us better at sports'
- 'I like getting out for fresh air and to get fitter.'
- 'I like what we do'
- 'I'm happy at street sports and it's very good'
- 'I learn new skills and it's fun and enjoyable'
- 'I would like to become better at sports. Thank you for street sports'

Street Sports is due to return to its spring and summer locations at the end of March when the clocks change. These will be:

- Monday's – West Park
- Tuesday's – Jasmine Park
- Wednesday's – Banbury Park
- Thursday's – South Park

However, the children attending the Thursday session have expressed a wish to remain at the Lifestyle Fitness Centre on a Thursday and it be a session focused on football.

For the time being, the Thursday session will remain at the Lifestyle Fitness Centre but it is possible that we can also run a session in South Park on those evenings.

Week commencing	Tuesday	Thursday
7 th January	No session – snow	No session - snow
14 th January	No session – snow	4
21 st January	3	9
28 th January	4	15
4 th February	2	18
11 th February	4	13
18 th February	4	11
25 th February	3	10
4 th March	6	21
11 th March	5	24

7.6 Park Fit

Park Royal is proving to be a very popular location, with attendance since Christmas topping 23 most weeks.

Feedback for Park Fit continues to be positive, with many regular users, and a continual influx of new people.

'Great session' – SS

'Thanks for another great week' – MB

'My body is shouting at me this morning. Nevertheless a great, if somewhat tiring, workout!' – LD

'Thank you' - NL

7.7 'Fitness for the Future

The 6 month pilot project for Fitness for the Future began on 6th January. The pilot is due to end in June and Macclesfield Community Sports Trust are requesting consideration for funding for a further period of time.

Attendance figures are below.

Week commencing	Walking football	Pan disability	Supported Housing referrals
6 th January	6	0	3
13 th January	10	7	10
20 th January	11	7	6
27 th January	10	9	6
3 rd February	11	7	8
10 th February	12	8	8
17 th February	12	9	7
24 th February	8	6	6
3 rd March	9	6	9
10 th March	12	7	11
17 th March	10	7	8

ACTION – To consider the proposal within the report from Macclesfield Community Sports Trust of funding Fitness for the Future for either:

6 months at a cost of £5,112.00 or

12 months at a cost of £10,224

END OF REPORT