

Performance Management Report from 1st October to 31st December 2018
Sports Development updateNewark and Sherwood Sports Awards 2018

Active4Today Sports Development ran the annual District Sports Awards for the 13th year during 2018 on behalf of the District Council and in partnership with Radio Newark. With over 40 nominations, the following winners were selected by a panel consisting of a wide variety of councillors, teachers, coaches and journalists.

- Warwick Lane Junior Sportsperson of the Year – **Olivia Whitelaw**
- Junior Team of the Year – **Farndon Colts FC Under 16 Team**
- Junior Disabled Sportsperson of the Year – **Meg McFarlane**
- Sam White Junior Volunteer of the Year – **Ben Greatbatch**
- Senior Team of the Year – **Newark Flowserve FC Senior Team**
- Senior Sportsperson of the Year – **Nina Bradley**
- Coach of the Year – **Mark Nesbitt**
- Volunteer of the Year - **Alan Swain and David Pick**
- Club of the Year – **Jaguars Wheelchair Basketball Club**
- Roll of Honour (formerly Outstanding Contribution to Sport) – **Graham Jackson**
- Roll of Honour (formerly Outstanding Contribution to Sport) – **Alan Swain and David Pick**
- Roll of Honour (formerly Outstanding Contribution to Sport) – **Warwick Lane (posthumously awarded)**

In addition, there was a special ‘highly commended’ award presented to Newark Striders Running Club for their work this year, with initiatives tackling mental health issues and litter picking while out jogging.

The awards were presented during the first week in December. Presentations were held at a variety of venues and broadcasted live on Radio Newark, with the Chairman of Newark and Sherwood District Council, Councillor Walker supported by Councillors Jackson and Mison in attendance to award the prizes and certificates.

Club and Coach Development

The Team facilitated a meeting of the Newark & Sherwood Sports Council on 26th November which was attended by representatives from 10 clubs from across the District. There are now 14 clubs who have officially affiliated to the Sports Council and we hope to increase this number during 2019. At the meeting there was also a presentation was made to the group by Edwina Archer, Funding Officer from Active Notts.

The second edition of the Newark and Sherwood Sports Clubs newsletter was published and distributed to clubs through the TRP system in mid-December. This edition of the newsletter

included funding updates and an article about members of the VISPA scheme administered by the team who were recognised at the Newark & Sherwood sports awards.

At the October meeting of the grants panel Caythorpe Cricket Club were awarded £1,150 for a special events project to engage more girls in their junior cricket section. The team will be working with the club to support them through their project and monitor that they have spent the funding accordingly.

Within the period parameters of the report, 14 coaches applied for and were awarded Coach Development grants. The coaches represented 8 different clubs from the district in 5 different sports.

There have been 9 new VISPA volunteers recruited, who are regularly volunteering across Newark and Sherwood both in the leisure centres and in grassroots clubs; these volunteers are covering 6 different sports.

There were 6 college students given work placements at the leisure centres. These vocational hours are required for the students to complete their courses. The students were from Portland, West Nottinghamshire, North Nottinghamshire and Grantham Colleges. They have been given a variety of roles and responsibilities throughout their placements, to provide them with a meaningful insight and valuable experience of working within the leisure industry.

During October half term work experience was provided to 4 pupils from Toot Hill School and Joseph Whitaker School. The pupils were given a number of roles at Newark Sports and Fitness Centre and Blidworth and Dukeries Leisure Centres. All pupils provided positive feedback via their schools regarding their week with Active4Today and all pupils were offered the opportunity of being a VISPA volunteer, as an exit route to continue gaining experience within the industry.

Inclusion

The team continues to promote the facilities at Newark Academy to attract new bookings and renew booking agreements for existing users. We have confirmed a number of cricket bookings for the January – April period and purchasing a new set of cricket mats to improve the quality of the facilities for indoor training. We will now be focusing on marketing the facilities available to increase summer bookings.

The team are continuing to work closely with several sports clubs in the district who have ambitions to raise funds and expand their membership base. This is set to continue with clubs to put plans in place to develop write funding applications to provide them with the resources to do so. Working with the District Sports Council the team will be facilitating some funding workshops to give sports clubs the opportunity to get 1-2-1 support with application they have in mind for 2019.

October 2018 saw the launch of the Community Alcohol Partnership (CAPS) project in Ollerton. This is a national initiative designed to curb underage drinking and anti-social behaviour working with local retailers and other relevant partners to ensure that the 'Challenge 25' is enforced. This initiative is designed to raise awareness of drink related illness and provide diversionary activities.

Active4Today has been an active member of the committee, providing support and advice regarding the diversionary activities. In addition, a consultation meeting has been arranged with the several local Young Peoples Centres, to understand from young people within the area, the types of sports/activities, they would like to see delivered. This will inform an overall delivery plan to partners, who will be delivering the diversionary activities.

Support for the Dukeries Academy 'Success Centre' has been put in place for the new school term commencing January 2019. In partnership with Everyone Health A4T will be delivering 12 sessions focusing on physical activity and the importance of nutrition to support physical activity. On completion of the 12 weeks programme, hard to reach students (many of them suffering with behavioural issues) will be given an Unit Award certificate in Sport and Physical Activity (AQA) and also a certificate from Everyone Health, to recognise their successful completion of the course.

As a result of changes at Newark Flowserve Football Club during Autumn 2018, Active4Today played a key active part in ensuring that the players from the Flowserve Diamonds disability team, continued to have the opportunity to play football. Working alongside the Nottinghamshire FA and Newark Town, the players transferred to Newark Town Football Club and are now continuing to undertake regular training and play matches, as part of their new club. Since the move to Newark Town the team has attracted 2 new coaches and several new players and during December 2018, participated in their first ever Football Festival in Nottingham.

In November 2018 the first ever 'Female Disability Football Festival' was hosted at Newark Sports and Fitness Centre. This event was aimed at girls and ladies of any age, with additional mental, physical and social needs. Support was provided in the delivery by Nottinghamshire FA, Nottingham Forest Community Trust and Notts County Football in the community. The Festival was a great success and was enjoyed by everyone who attended. Due to the success another 9 festivals have been arranged throughout 2019. The sessions will be delivered by Nottingham Forest Community Trust, with the hope of identifying a local grassroots club who are able to offer regular football opportunities in the future for girls and ladies.