

**PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT, FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL TO 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2020  
SPORTS DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

Following the closure of the centres on 17<sup>th</sup> March, the Sports Development officers in the team were furloughed, with no organised sport and activity taking place in community settings.

When the centres reopened, the Inclusion and Engagement Officer (Place) returned on 25<sup>th</sup> July to rebuild the club network and partner site projects.

Due to the nature of the work undertaken by the Inclusion and Engagement Officer (People) and Active Lifestyles Officer, being about people with specific medical requirements, long term health conditions and disabilities, they have both remained on furlough and will be returning on 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Since late July, there have been several contacts made with various clubs to support a safe return to offering physical activity to their members and prospective new members.

Staff have been following the latest guidance released by the UK Government as well as the detailed documentation from National Governing Bodies of Sport (NGB's).

A virtual Newark and Sherwood Sports Council has been planned for November and clubs are invited to join remotely. It is hoped that this would be a positive step as traditionally club volunteers are very active in their communities and find it a challenge to attend in person.

This in turn, will develop a series of priorities for clubs as most club activities outside of participating have been put on hold over the summer months. This means that A4T staff are developing different ways to engage and club volunteers to renew safeguarding and first aid certificates to ensure they maintain their Clubmark status and compliance.

There are many sports that are still not yet competing in the leagues and offering very little competitive opportunities for their members.

There are also a number of community based projects linked to NGB developments including a 'Game On' project for Ollerton for juniors to play football. This was originally taking place on the outdoor all weather pitch operated by the Dukeries Academy however due to Covid-19, the School are not allowing any external activities to take place so the activity may move indoors into the leisure centre sports hall to restart the sessions as soon as possible.

Due to the FA national guidance, the indoor walking football sessions that have been taking place at Newark Sports and Fitness Centre for many years have not yet returned however the team have

been working with Newark Town Football Club to take this group of adults under the clubs' banner and offer training outdoors.

There have been many enquiries regarding funding and support and advice has been provided to Newark Castle Archers, Ollerton Town Bowls Club, Newark R&M CC, Southwell Town BC, Coddington & Winthorpe CC, Caythorpe CC, Balderton Cricket Club, Lowdham Parish Council for a variety of different projects, with some submitting an application to the Councils Grant Aid Scheme.

Funding has been secured from Badminton England & Greater Nottingham Badminton Network to fund 50% coaching fees to allow Newark and Sherwood based schools to access quality badminton coaching in school and after school time – with a particular emphasis on schools based in the Sherwood side of the district.

A community basketball project is being developed in partnership with the School Games Organiser, Sherwood Forest Education Trust, Dukeries Academy, Town Council and local coach to access basketball sessions within the community of Ollerton. Local primary school events have previously been well attended, but there is a large drop off at secondary school level. These sessions will be held either in the leisure centre or on the community courts, directly after school time to encourage maximum participation –

Club support and guidance with Covid-19 protocol has been provided to the following clubs who have also booked partner site facilities:

1. Balderton Badminton Club
2. Newark Judo Club
3. Shotokan Karate Club
4. Pro Martial Arts
5. Notts County Cricket – Super 1s (Disability group)
6. Kixx
7. Theatre Train
8. Play Netball
9. Newark Castle Keepers Netball
10. Warriors JFC
11. Pylons Badminton
12. Norwell Badminton
13. Newark Town FC