

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

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For the period October to November 2022

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Leisure Centres

September returned the expected slight drop in visits across the 6 facilities, with 39434 visits being made. Memberships remain strong across the 3 leisure centres with 3622 individual members currently signed up.

Energy costs and their effects on the industry are being closely monitored but as things stand no action is to be taken by Everyone Active and there has been no specific request made of NNDC.

Countryside

Joseph our Assistant Countryside Ranger has left the team to go and complete his studies at Bristol University. We will be seeking to replace this role. The team are now entering the period of the year where most planned practical management of the woodland sites takes place, and this will be the team's focus throughout the Autumn and Winter.

We held a fancy dress Halloween trail at Holt Country Park with 53 children and 52 adults in attendance. These numbers were pleasing given the slightly lower than usual attendances we saw at the summer events.

Wild by Nature Forest School returned following their summer break and are now operating 4 days a week, offering a selection of different classes and clubs for preschoolers through to adults

Beaches

We held an end of season de-brief with the RNLI team at Catfield who reported a good summer with nothing of any significant concern. Their full report for the season is being finalised and will be shared in the coming weeks.

The group which was set up to discuss plans for tackling Jet-Ski issues is due to meet again shortly to keep these conversations going to have a plan in place before next spring.

Health and Wellbeing/Sports Development

There is no progress on either of the proposed 3G pitch projects at this stage the team continues to work with lease holders to progress this matter.

Active NoW is progressing with the £12500 for North Norfolk being targeted in Cromer to support a 'Health by Stealth' type approach whereby we seek to mix traditional and non-traditional physical activities to help to get people active. This still requires sign off, but we are hopeful that this will be achieved.

The first Reef Triathlon was delivered successfully by the team, with 70 participants and a real inclusive and feel good atmosphere. The event attracted a considerable number of first-time participants. We are hopeful to be able to continue this event in future years.

Pier Pavilion

We have been supporting Openwide with the promotion of the Christmas Show. This runs from 26th of November to 30th of December 2022. A series of video clips to share on our Social media channel are planned and underway. We have also secured an advert in the Outlook magazine for the show and are actively seeking further ways to support them.

Markets

The Wednesday market in Sheringham has now stopped for the winter.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

There are meetings forthcoming with both Everyone Active and Openwide.

3 Meetings attended

I have attended all regularly scheduled meetings and briefings in this area. On 31/10/22 I attended the North Norfolk Health and Well Being Partnership's workshop on matters affecting older people where Sean Pasque of NoW presented the Health by Stealth project to member of the partnership.

