

Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Cllr Lynne Bowen, Leisure and Cultural Portfolio Holder	Council	20 October 2016	8(f)

Executive Report: Leisure and Culture Portfolio Holder

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1** To inform Council of progress on key objectives and the current position on issues within the Leisure and Culture Portfolio, as set out below.

2. Volunteering:

- 2.1** The Volunteer Service attended the Blackpool & Fylde College fresher's week promoting volunteering and in particular the Arts and Events service.
- 2.2** Two Digital Champion volunteers have been signed up and between them they will be training volunteers and residents on basic IT skills and social media. The sessions will be delivered at the Civic Centre.
- 2.3** The Volunteer Service has formed a new partnership with Fleetwood Town Community Trust and its new Traineeships Programme which helps 16-18 year olds develop their CV and career prospects. Volunteering will be offered to participants as part of the programme.

3. Arts and events

- 3.1** Work is underway on the Time and Tides Project. This new arts and research project based at Cleveleys Community Centre will be explaining bereavement and loss through dance, creative writing, music and film. The first creative consultation stage working with funeral directors, church leaders and bereavement services has been completed. The next stage is a number of participatory sessions with young people during the autumn half-term. The project culminates in an exhibition and showcase at Cleveleys Community Centre on Friday 4 November.
- 3.2** A number of professional development sessions have been set up and offered to members of the Wyre Artists Network – HeyWyre. The sessions will be aimed at increasing business acumen and fundraising.

4. Tourism and visitor services

- 4.1** Marsh Mill opened for the Heritage Open Days when a dedicated group of volunteers gave tours. The Kiln House Gallery continues to showcase local arts and there is currently a rolling programme of work by young artists on display. The Mill and Kiln House Gallery will be open until mid-November when it will close for Winter. It will re-open from Good Friday 2017, on weekends only.

5. Sports development

- 5.1** The judging of the Wyre Sports Awards has now taken place and all our winners will represent Wyre at the annual Lancashire Sports Awards which will take place this year on 25 November at the Hilton Hotel in Blackpool. Our winners this year are:

- Community Club of the Year: North West Biathle Hub
- Coach of the Year: Simon Ardron (St Michaels On Wyre Tennis Club and Thornton Tennis Club)
- Young Volunteer of the Year: Mason Seddon (Thornton Cleveleys Football Club)
- Adult Volunteer of the Year: Ian Chappell (Fleetwood Swimming Club)
- School of the Year: Larkholme Primary School and Sacred Heart Primary School
- Lifetime Achievement Award: Sue Morgan and Andrea Hoyle (Wyre Netball Club)
- Service to Disability Sport: Robert Wareing (Multi Stars Disability Sports Club)
- Young Achiever of the Year: Sophie Slater (Everton Ladies Academy)

- 5.2** A number of projects have been submitted for Sportivate funding. The programme gives 14-25 year-olds who are not particularly sporty access to six-to-eight weeks of free or subsidised coaching in a range of sports. Projects include:

- A health and wellbeing project which aims to show participants the link between physical and mental wellbeing and how physical activity can be used throughout their life to deal with everyday stress and anxiety.
- Women's Pilates
- Rock Climbing
- Disability Trampolining
- Women's Horse Riding
- Women's Netball

6. Garstang Leisure Centre and swimming pool

- 6.1** Renovations and improvements to both centres are now complete and feedback from customers on the layout and quality of the facilities has been excellent. Open days for new and existing customers to tour the facilities were held on 24 and 25 September. Early indications indicate that visitor numbers are up.

7. Comments and questions

- 7.1** In accordance with procedure rule 11.3 any member of Council will be able to ask me a question or make a comment on the contents of my report or on any issue, which falls within my area of responsibility. I will respond to any such questions or comments in accordance with Procedure Rule 11.5.

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