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Luxury hotel and spa to open at historic Armagh Gaol

It held murderers and madmen behind its walls for three centuries but now one of Northern Ireland's most notorious jails, Armagh Gaol, is a step closer to becoming a luxury hotel and spa.

A planning application has been submitted which seeks to redevelop the former prison into a mixed-use property which will provide a 65-bed hotel with a spa and conference facilities as well as an education and heritage centre, restaurants, bars and shops.

Trevor Osborne Property Group, in conjunction with the Prince's Regeneration Trust, has been appointed to regenerate the prison by Armagh City and District Council.

The combined £25m investment is a joint private and public venture, which will see the renovation of the historic Grade B+ listed building. It will also enable residential development



The former jail will be completely redeveloped and reopened as a luxury spa resort

and shared public areas as the focus for a range of events, organised cross-community activities and school visits. The hotel will be surrounded by Georgian houses and will overlook the city's famous Mall and courtyard.

In addition to the thousands of members of the public who have recently toured the site, HRH Prince of Wales experienced the historic

building first hand on his recent visit to Armagh City as part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations

Ros Kerslake, chief executive of The Prince's Regeneration Trust, said: "We believe that re-using an area's heritage creates unique and relevant regeneration projects that are sustainable and accessible.

"The Gaol is a beautiful site and to be able to develop it into something that everyone can access and benefit from is an exciting opportunity."

The prison was built on the site of a military barracks replacing an earlier jailed called the Hole in the Wall, which is still in the city centre as a pub in the same name.

In the days of the old jail, prisoners sentenced to execution were marched out onto a hill to be hanged, drawing large crowds. Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=P2b2Y>

£18m ride to open at Alton Towers

Merlin Entertainments has made its largest ever single investment in Alton Towers – a £18m rollercoaster called Secret Weapon Seven. The ride will have a capacity of 65 passengers and a top speed of 52mph.

Replacing the old Black Hole attraction, the 1,170m coaster will have a ride time of 165 seconds. It will add to the existing line up of white-knuckle rides including Air and Rita.

A spokesperson for Alton Towers Resort said: "The ride will have elements that make it different from traditional coasters."

Expansion plans for Wellcome Collection

Wellcome Collection in central London has unveiled a major £17.5m development project which will increase the attraction's available gallery space significantly.

Stirling Prize-winning architects Wilkinson Eyre will transform the venue, bringing new areas into public use and adding a dramatic new spiral staircase and interconnected galleries. The works were commissioned by the collection's owner, Wellcome Trust, as it strives to meet the demands posed by an increase in visitor numbers at the attraction.

Wellcome Collection – a free attraction – was originally designed to accommodate 100,000 yearly visits but over the past year



The expansion has been designed by Wilkinson Eyre

the venue has welcomed more than 490,000 people to its critically acclaimed programme of events and exhibitions. Due to open in mid-2014, the new spaces will create an interdisciplinary and 'curiosity-driven' cultural destination dedicated to medicine, life and art. Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=N5X6A>

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SPORT

Basketball initiative launches

A new initiative run by The British Basketball League Foundation (BBL) will enable thousands of teenagers between 16 and 19 to take up basketball.

BBL will offer a range of three on three basketball activities organised by franchised clubs in Newcastle, Chester, Leicester, Guildford and Worcester.

Players will be offered a mix of basketball sessions including: indoor and outdoor; mixed and single sex; self organised and coach-led; and turn-up & play competitive options.

Sport England's investment of £200,700 will allow the foundation to test which settings and formats are most popular among the teenagers.

A survey, carried out by TNS-BMRB on behalf of Sport England, shows good



The scheme aims to improve participation numbers among the young

potential to get more young people playing basketball regularly. The survey found that more than 50,000 16- to 19-year-olds are playing at least once a month, but less than once a week, while more than 150,000 adults in England say basketball is a sport they would be interested in starting. Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=u6x1Y>

£2m lottery grant brings School Games to Sheffield

Sport England has earmarked £2m of National Lottery funding to bring the Sainsbury's School Games finals to Sheffield in September 2013.

The four-day multi-sport event will take place between 12-15 September 2013 and will be organised by the Youth Sport Trust.

Richard Lewis, chair of Sport England, said: "The programme is helping tens of thousands to develop a sporting habit for life, giving the most talented young people a chance to test their skills against the very best. from around the UK." Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=19k9n>

School sport "vital" for future of sport

Culture secretary Maria Miller has underlined the government's support for school sport by describing it as a "vital" part of efforts to encourage children to get more involved in sport.

Speaking at the School Sport Conference in Kettering, Miller said: "The people who teach children sport know what a positive influence it can be in a child's development and how it can stay with them throughout their lives.

"This is exactly why [education secretary] Michael Gove and I are committed to working together, to ensure that school sport thrives and healthy competition is promoted. Great school sport is key in making sure more children get physically active from a young age."



School sport is a key factor in trying to make youngsters more active

The conference, entitled Inspiring the Next Generation, reflected on London 2012 and looked at how school sport is evolving to keep young people interested and engaged. Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=B7141>

Olympics '£400m under budget'

The final cost for organising the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games is set to come in under budget, according to figures from the government's final quarterly economic report.

The overall cost of the Games is forecast at £8.921bn, a saving of £377m on the £9.298bn budget. In addition, £103m of contingency is being held to cover the remaining risks in the programme, such as the retrofit of the Olympic Village for legacy use and closing out around 2,000 Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) and LOCOG contracts.

In total, £480m of uncommitted contingency still remains within the budget.

The anticipated final cost (AFC) of the ODA's construction and transport programme is £6.714bn - a decrease of £47m on the previous



Despite fears that the budget would overrun, the Games 'saved' £400m

figure. Savings made by the ODA on its programme have now reached £1.032bn.

Additional finance was released to LOCOG from the funding package, including £26m for capital works with legacy benefits, £16m for Government's share of the cost of the Paralympic Games, and £14 million for venues.

Legacy fund launched for Glasgow 2014

A £10m grant scheme has been launched as part of the Scottish government's plans to create a lasting sporting legacy from the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

The Legacy 2014 Active Places Fund will make grants of between £10,000 and £100,000 available for projects which promise to upgrade local facilities - such as new bike or skate parks, adventure facilities or new projects within school estates.

Minister for Commonwealth Games and sport, Shona Robison, said: "The Commonwealth Games will be the biggest multi-sports event Scotland has ever hosted and provides a unique opportunity to create a positive and lasting legacy for Scotland."

"The Legacy 2014 Active Places Fund will



The 2014 Games will be the largest sporting event in Scottish history

help communities across Scotland improve their facilities and will appeal to Scots young and old to get more active. I want as many people as possible to benefit and to be inspired by the Commonwealth Games to adopt healthier, more active lives."

Rangers hopes to raise £20m on London Stock Markets

Rangers Football Club (RFC) hopes to raise up to £20m by listing itself on the London Stock Market's Alternative Investment Market (AIM). Charles Green, the club's chief executive, said the float will take place before the end of the year and added that he hoped that

many fans would take up the offer of owning a "bit of the club".

Around 26,000 supporters had holdings in Rangers under its previous parent firm and lost them when a new company to manage was formed in June. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=V8b6E>

Sport to play part in positive mental health

Northern Ireland's sport minister Carál Ní Chuilín has called on sports organisations to play their part in promoting positive mental health and to help combat suicide. Chuilín made her plea during the launch of the Suicide Awareness Through Sport campaign which she has asked Sport Northern Ireland to take forward.

She said: "I'm very eager to ensure that the Department for Culture, Arts and Leisure (DCAL) and the agencies play their full part in supporting initiatives aimed at promoting mental wellbeing."



The 360 centre will offer a number of activities

Swansea's 360 watersport centre opens

A multi-million pound watersport project has opened to the public in Swansea Marina, Wales. The project is made up of the new 360 Beach and Watersports Centre opposite St Helen's and is operated in partnership by Swansea University and Bay Leisure.

Olga, Swansea Council's historic 1911 Bristol Channel Pilot Cutter, has also been refitted as part of the scheme. The vessel will provide a classical sailing experience for community groups in future. The scheme's been supported by Swansea Council and Mumbles Community Council.

Funding boost for £11.7m Derry sports complex

The Northern Ireland Executive has given a £656,000 grant towards the new regional centre of sports excellence in Londonderry. The £11.7m St Columba's Park project is being managed by the City Council of Londonderry and will serve as a regional centre of excellence for judo, wrestling and mountaineering.

The campus will also feature a swimming pool, fitness suite, multi-sports hall, office space, changing facilities and a 3rd Generation synthetic floodlit pitch complex. Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=Pococ>

Plans revealed for two new leisure centres in Walsall

Walsall Council has unveiled plans to build two new leisure centres in the borough.

Initial recommendations for the new centres at the town's Oak Park and Bloxwich sites were presented to Walsall Council Coalition's Cabinet on 24 October 2012.

The leisure centre at Oak Park would provide an eight-lane 25m swimming pool, a teaching pool with moveable floor, a six badminton court-sized sports hall, fitness suite, health spa, dance studio and catering facilities. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=L6Y5E>



Plans include a complete revamp of three centres

Consultation begins on £7m Wyre wellness plans

Wyre Council has begun a public consultation into plans to redevelop two of the borough's leisure centres.

Wyre residents are being invited to have their say on innovative plans to upgrade Poulton and Thornton Leisure Centres. In September, Wyre Council announced plans to invest more than £7m in leisure services as part of a programme of work that is set to significantly improve and modernise facilities across the borough.

The improvements include the creation of an extreme sports facility at Thornton Leisure Centre, a luxury day spa and dance studio at Poulton Leisure Centre and an upgraded facilities and a new swimming pool at Garstang Leisure Centre.

The council has earmarked £3.4m for the work at Thornton and a further £1.7m for Poulton – with the rest being spent on Garstang. The plans follow a comprehensive review of leisure provision, which recommended wide-ranging improvements to the three centres.

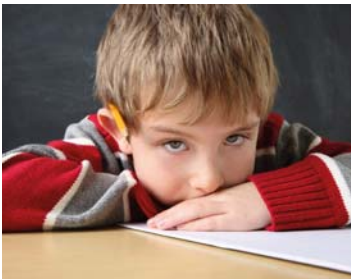
Councillor Lynne Bowen, cabinet member with responsibility for sport and leisure said: "We've listened carefully to what residents have to say about sport and leisure and these proposals are a direct result of that." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=m5X4l>

Exercise helps kids with ADHD

A few minutes of exercise can help children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) perform better academically, according to a new study led by a Michigan State University researcher.

The study, published in the current issue of the *Journal of Pediatrics* shows for the first time that kids with ADHD can better drown out distractions and focus on a task after a single bout of exercise. Scientists say such 'inhibitory control' is the main challenge faced by people with the disorder.

While drugs have proven largely effective in treating many of the 2.5 million school-aged American children with ADHD, a growing number of parents and physicians worry about the side effects and costs of the medication. Matthew Pontifex, assistant professor of kinesiology at Michigan



The performance of children with ADHD improved after exercise

State University said: "This provides very early evidence that exercise might be a tool in our nonpharmaceutical treatment of ADHD. Maybe our first course of action would be to increase school children's physical activity." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=xop8j>

£1.3m gym revamp for Bournemouth uni

Bournemouth University has invested £1.3m in extending and refurbishing the sportBU fitness facilities at its Talbot Campus.

The revamp included doubling the size of the gym and redesigning and refurbishing the fitness suite studios and treatment rooms.

With the aim of increasing membership to around 1,400 within the first year, the new 3,880sq ft (353sq m) gym houses 65 pieces of Precor equipment - including Adaptive Motion Trainers.

The new facilities at sportBU also feature a fully refurbished sports hall, dance activity studio, Health Zone treatment rooms and a new IT management membership system. Used mainly by



The redevelopment has resulted in the gym floor being doubled in size

students, external schools, youth groups and partner sports clubs, the improvements have been made to attract more gym members from local communities. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=wou2U>

Consultation begins on Hounslow wellness board

Residents in the London Borough of Hounslow are being asked for their views on a five-year vision for improving the health and wellbeing of local people at every stage of their lives.

Hounslow's Health and Wellbeing Board is consulting on a new joint health and wellbeing

strategy for the borough. This sets out priorities for joint action by the key commissioners: the council, the clinical commissioning groups and the NHS commissioning board.

The consultation runs until 1 November and the feedback will shape the final strategy.

The Core launches in Falmouth

Fitness entrepreneurs Helen and Tony Tite have launched a brand new gym space at their The Core Fitness and Wellbeing Centre in Falmouth, Cornwall.

The expansion – with equipment supplied by Precor – includes a space covering two floors of the town's Old Post Office Building. It also included a facelift and rebrand of all existing interiors.

The new gym will complement the existing offering, comprising group exercise studios and functional personal training classes using equipment such as Total Gym (GRAVITY), Freeform, TRX and ViPR.

Helen Tite said: "We see this as a natural expansion and the missing complement to our group exercise studios and personal training centre. We recognise that a great workout is



Facilities at the new independently-owned club include a Precor gym

the sum of many parts and we are dedicated to providing maximum flexibility to our clients to assist them in developing a health, fitness and wellbeing programme that fits their goals."

Tite is a specialist exercise therapist and also works with clinical commissioning groups delivering fitness services in falls prevention.

Former boxer to open fitness club in York

Former British boxing champion Henry Wharton is planning to open a gym and fitness centre in York.

To be called Henry's Gym, the new facility will open to members of all ages and is set to become the city's biggest boxing club.

The new 36sq m (9,000 sq ft) gym, once the Regent Cinema, will operate as a health and wellness hub in the local community, with exercise and fitness classes being offered to a broad section of the local community.

Wharton – a former European Super Middleweight champion – went toe-to-toe with the likes of Nigel Benn and Chris Eubank in what was a golden era for British boxing. He is now hoping his latest venture will help to



The gym will be the largest private boxing training gym in the city

develop a talented breed of young Yorkshire boxers, inspired by the heroes of this summer's Olympics and with ambitions of representing their country at the next Games at Rio 2016. Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=H7W5j>

Roko Health Clubs invests £6.6m on clean energy

EuroSite Power, a clean energy provider, has signed a £6.6m contract with Roko Health Clubs to provide heat and power to four of its facilities. The clubs – in Chiswick, Gillingham, Nottingham and Portsmouth – all have indoor pools with spas, saunas and steamrooms as

well as wellness and fitness areas. Under the 15-year agreement, EuroSite Power will operate combined heat and power systems at each site. The clubs will produce 6.6 GWh of energy per annum, while saving up to 694 tonnes of CO₂ each year.

Budget chain The Gym Group acquires three sites

Budget chain The Gym Group is continuing its aggressive expansion in the UK by acquiring three new sites.

The new clubs will be located in Gloucester (a 16,000sq ft site), Newcastle-upon-Tyne (17,000sq ft) and Peterborough (15,000sq ft). Cushman & Wakefield advised the company on all three sites.

Earlier this summer, The Gym Group reported an "outstanding year" in which it saw continued turnover and membership growth despite a "flat market place". Details: <http://lei.sr?a=q8c6r>



The elderly would benefit from regular exercise

Charting exercise levels could improve patient care

Adding a vital sign for exercise as an assessment tool in clinical settings could improve patient care, according to research published in the official journal of the American College of Sports Medicine.

The study, published in the November edition of *Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise*, shows that asking patients about their current exercise habits could be an important piece of a patient's care and treatment that is often ignored.

The authors of the report reviewed data from April 2010 to March 2011 from more than 1.7 million outpatient visits to Kaiser Permanente care centre in Southern California, US. Kaiser Permanente began using the exercise vital sign in October 2009. Patients at Kaiser are routinely asked questions about their usual daily levels of activity and are assigned a minutes-per-week value based on their answer.

The study demonstrated that a greater disease burden increased the likelihood of physical inactivity among the sample patient population.

Karen Coleman from Kaiser Permanente's Department of Research and Evaluation said: "This research offers preliminary support that implementing an exercise vital sign in addition to the traditional vital signs – pulse, blood pressure and temperature."

Destination winners and losers



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There is currently much talk of the UK having a two-tier economy with continuing growth in London contrasting sharply with stagnation in regional economies. This dichotomy is highlighted by increases in wages and property values in London while both wages and house prices are falling in most other areas of the UK.

Despite the rise of the staycation and the subsequent 14 per cent increase in domestic tourism revenue last year, a similar two-tier economy is starting to emerge in the tourism industry. Not every domestic tourism destination has benefited from this boom in domestic tourism expenditure.

The reason for this is to do with who is undertaking staycations. VisitEngland states show that those in the AB socio-economic group are now taking 28 per cent more holidays in the UK than they were before the recession. By contrast, those in the DE socio-economic groups have reduced holidays by 13 per cent. Put another way, people who can afford to take holidays are cutting costs by holidaying in the UK while those on low incomes are simply not taking holidays.

This has a significant impact on different destinations. Destinations that appeal to people in higher socio-economic groups are gaining most of the benefit from staycations, while those destinations that have traditionally appealed to lower socio-economic groups are simply not getting visitors.

One of the interesting, although probably unsurprising, aspects of the research is that although higher socio-economic groups are economising on their holiday expenditure, this does not mean that they're trading down in terms of the destination. For example, someone from a higher socio-economic group will not economise by going to a cheaper lower socio-economic destination. Rather they will economise by finding cheaper ways to stay in their preferred destination (ie, using a self-catering property) or reduce the length of their stay.

And, as a two tier economy isn't good for the UK as a country, a two tier tourism economy is not in the best interests of the tourism industry.

TOURISM

Football tourism worth £706m

Figures released by the national tourism agency VisitBritain show that nearly one million overseas visitors attended a game of football in the UK last year.

It is estimated that foreign football tourists spent around £706m, the equivalent of £785 per fan and £200 more than the average 'non-football' visitor (£583). Around 40 per cent of foreign fans going to a football match said that watching sport was the main reason that they were visiting the UK.

The global appeal of the English Premier League (EPL) was further strengthened when VisitBritain joined forces with the EPL back in 2008 to help promote the home of football in key overseas tourism markets. There is also clear evidence that it is not only London which benefits from football tourism. Nearly 20 per cent of football visitors



Nearly a million overseas visitors attended a game of football in 2011

went to Old Trafford in Manchester, followed closely by Anfield in Liverpool.

Sandie Dawe, chief executive of VisitBritain, said: "Football helps drive inbound visits by inspiring travel to the UK at traditionally quieter times of the year." Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=cod4e>

Isle of Man awarded Dark Skies Discovery status

Seven sites around the Isle of Man have been designated Dark Sky Discovery Sites under the Dark Skies Discovery Initiative, an international scheme operated by the UK Science and Technology Facilities Council. It's hoped that the Island's dark skies will encourage

more visitors to the Isle of Man, particularly during the dark winter months which are perfect for stargazing.

Manx National Heritage (MNH) will now be working with stakeholders to maximise opportunities from the island's new status.

Government tourism policy faces criticism

Tourism prices need to be more competitive and visa restrictions should be relaxed, especially for Chinese visitors, if the UK is to remain competitive for tourism and build on the Olympic legacy, says Nick Varney, chief executive of Merlin Entertainments.

Speaking to the *Financial Times* earlier this month, Varney attacked the government, complaining that it doesn't take tourism seriously enough – manifested in the departure of permanent tourism minister, John Penrose, in the latest cabinet reshuffle.

Varney's comments came in the same week that VisitBritain launched a strategy to attract an extra 40 million visitors by 2020. The comments also follow a difficult summer



Varney accused the government of 'not taking tourism seriously enough'

for visitor attractions, during which visits to the UK were down by 20 per cent. The falls have been attributed to a combination of poor weather conditions and the London Olympics. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=D1Y8Q>



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It's commonplace for managers to bemoan the lack of skills among their workforce and how 'they' should do something about the problem. Quite often, the problem is far closer to home, and it would do many managers no harm to look into the mirror and ask themselves whether they are doing all they should to maintain their own professional development.

At a time when the integrity of managers has been called into question in a number of sectors (not just banking), it is perhaps worth taking note of a recent survey undertaken by the Chartered Management Institute (CMI). This looked at what motivated managers to improve their qualifications, and, more significantly, what benefits they and their organisations had derived. A key finding from the survey was that some 90 per cent of managers agreed that their management and leadership qualifications had helped them at work, with a similar number agreeing that the investment was worthwhile.

Perhaps most important, more than 80 per cent of those surveyed said they were able to pass on their new skills to others leading to improved team performances.

With the UK's hospitality sector predicted to grow by 2.5 per cent next year (outperforming the wider economy), the CMI's message should have a real resonance.

The demand from businesses in the sector for skilled people to meet this growth is rising rapidly, and it is not just at the operational level. The predicted increase in the number of new manager appointments means there is now significant pressure on managers to be as highly qualified as possible.

One clear way in which to demonstrate such commitment is for managers to become members of their appropriate professional body, such as the Institute of Hospitality.

All professional bodies possess a variety of readily-available tools to assist managers with their continuing professional development. They also have established Codes of Practice, to which their members adhere. Leading by example need not be that difficult, and your professional body can help you on the way.

HOTELS

Architects named for luxury hotel

The Peel Group has appointed architects Allies & Morrison to design its new luxury hotel project in Manchester.

Architects from across Europe were invited to take part in a competition - organised by the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) - to design the hotel, which will be located on the site of the former Worsley New Hall in Greater Manchester.

Worsley New Hall was a historically significant manor house that was visited in its time by both Queen Victoria and King Edward VII. The original building was demolished in 1949 but Peel - which owns the land - plans to redevelop the site as a golf course and hotel and bring the hall's Victorian gardens back to life.

Allies & Morrison were selected unanimously by RIBA after fighting off competition



The historic New Hall as it once was - plans now include a luxury hotel

from architects such as Edward Cullinan Architects and Feilden Clegg Bradley.

Peter Nears, strategic planning director at Peel, said: "I'd like to thank RIBA for running an excellent competition and look forward to working with Allies & Morrison." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=c2a7h>

Scottish hotel industry experiences 'difficult year'

The Scottish hotel industry is experiencing a "difficult year" according to the latest figures from accountants PKF.

Average occupancy rates for the summer months are down by 2.8 per cent compared with 2011 levels, with hoteliers in Edinburgh

being particularly badly hit - occupancy is down 8 per cent in the capital.

Hotels in oil-rich Aberdeen continue to buck the trend with a 21.3 per cent increase in room occupancy during July alone. Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=B4F8a>

Accor Group opens 'tech hotel' in London

French hotel giant Accor has opened a 'high tech' hotel in Blackfriars, London.

Novotel London Blackfriars incorporates the latest technologies including tables fitted with televisions so guests dining alone will be entertained.

Multimedia tables housing iPads for each guest also offer a selection of apps with the latest news items, information on events and what's happening in London. A further set of iPads with games to keep children entertained are also on offer while the lobby area incorporates a Microsoft Surface table.

For business customers, the hotel features seven meeting rooms that boast smart whiteboards as well as an area where they can play Wii



Modern technology and gadgets - such as iPads - are used across the hotel

games during breaks. The hotel also has an area dedicated to relaxation that includes a sauna, a jet pool and an indoor swimming pool. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=i9c6z>



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Funding for Staffordshire Great War Trail project

Staffordshire County Council has been awarded £80,00 by the Arts Council to develop a trail for the county's commemoration of the Great War.

The project is being led by Staffordshire County Council on behalf of the Staffordshire Museums Strategic Consortium and will commemorate Staffordshire's involvement in the Great War, improve the historical research base, and explore how the Staffordshire Great War Trail can be developed. *Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=F56n>*



The Fitzwilliam Museum was targeted by thieves

Museums need to make security a priority

Thefts at regional museums are all too frequent, according to a BBC investigation by *Inside Out*, which was aired in the east of England on 22 October.

The programme discovered 110 thefts have taken place over the last six years, including millions of pounds worth of Chinese art from the Fitzwilliam museum in Cambridge and a rhino horn from Ipswich. A large number of thefts have received no publicity, as museums are concerned about compromising the security of their artefacts. *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=s6V4g>*

Cornish mine museum gets Your Heritage grant

The Grade II-listed King Edward Mine Museum near Camborne in Cornwall has been awarded a Your Heritage grant of £35,700 by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The Heritage grant has been match-funded with £10,000 from Cornwall Council and £2,477 from the Rural Development Programme for England.

The King Edward Mine (KEM) is the oldest complete mine site left in Cornwall and the funding will support the development of a larger programme of events and activities for families, local people and schools.

Plans submitted for Power Station

Detailed plans for the first phase of Rafael Viñoly's Battersea Power Station masterplan have now been submitted to Wandsworth Council. The project in Nine Elms in London was granted outline planning consent in 2011 and the new application provides a detailed specification for the first stage of the development.

The application covers the details of the scale of the buildings and structures, the external appearance and the landscaping within Phase 1.

A linked application has also been received covering the internal configuration of the residential units, parking and servicing, as well as sustainability, energy and waste strategies.

Phase one consists of two buildings of varied heights between eight and 18 storeys. They will be built to the west of the power station building on land which is currently vacant.

It would provide 800 homes, a hotel and space for cafes, restaurants, bars, a gym, pool, spa, theatre and office studios.

A new six-acre public park would form the setting for the new buildings.



Viñoly's plans include two hotels and a range of leisure facilities

A Malaysian consortium of S P Setia, Sime Darby and the Employees Provident Fund (EPF), completed the purchase of the iconic site earlier this year.

The new owners are implementing the approved masterplan for the 39-acre plot which includes the complete regeneration of the listed power station.

The masterplan covers a full mixed-use redevelopment including new homes, offices, shops, restaurants and hotels as well as community, cultural and leisure facilities. *Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=N2Pof>*

Museum of Somerset open after £7m revamp

The Museum of Somerset in Taunton has now fully reopened following a £7m redevelopment of the site.

The Earl of Wessex officially opened the attraction during a visit to the region. The Earl also opened a new bridge connecting the museum to a newly created Castle Green public space.

Somerset County Council (SCC) invested £1.8m in the project, which is designed to explore the story of the county from prehistoric times through to the modern day.

The Heritage Lottery Fund provided a £4.8m grant for the scheme.

Exhibits at the revamped attraction include the Frome Hoard, one of the largest collections of Roman coins found in the UK. A learning centre and a café are also on offer.

Birmingham-based fit-out contractor The Hub was appointed to work on the scheme by SCC last summer, which has also



The Earl of Wessex opened the newly refurbished regional museum

included the provision of a gallery for touring exhibitions.

David Hall, Somerset County Council's cabinet member for heritage services, said: "We were delighted to welcome The Earl of Wessex to Taunton and to the Museum of Somerset, and to show off the wonderful achievement of everyone involved." *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=yuu4s>*

Swansea gallery gets a boost

Glymm Vivian Art Gallery in Swansea has been given a boost following the receipt of funding its £6.7m revamp from a Welsh regeneration programme.

The art gallery is currently being redeveloped in a bid to conserve the original character of the 1911 building while also bringing the attraction up to date with 21st century requirements. Expected to open next year, the gallery was awarded £250,000 from the Welsh Regeneration Area Programme following a previous contribution of £300,000 from the fund. The funding will go towards a complete refurbishment of the building, a new entrance and re-cladding of the 1974 gallery extension. Other features of the project will include a new glazed link structure, a new entrance and shop at street level and additional



IMAGE: POWELL DOBSON

Powell Dobson architects are responsible for designing the new gallery

space for the display of collections, workshops and exhibitions.

Once complete, it is hoped the gallery will attract around 90,000 visitors a year, double its previous visitor numbers. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=S3j7h>

Arts Council invests £1m in City of Culture 2013

The Arts Council has invested £1m in the Derry City of Culture 2013 programme.

The organisers of the event will use the funding to support local arts organisations to present world-class standard work to international audiences during the event, which

includes 18 new art projects. The programme will consist of theatre productions, live music showcases and dance performances.

The full City of Culture 2013 events programme will be announced shortly. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=Y2T2d>

Winners of Strategic Touring grants named

Arts Council England has this month announced the successful applicants to the fourth round of its Strategic Touring Programme.

A total of £2.6m has been awarded to five organisations – Chrysalis Arts Development, The Dance Touring Partnership (DTP), Multistory, Rural Arts North Yorkshire and The Touring Consortium Theatre Company (TCTC).

The largest single grant (£1.1m) was given to TCTC which will use the funding to present five large scale productions at its member venues in Blackpool, Bradford, Cheltenham, Darlington, Nottingham, Wolverhampton, Wycombe and beyond. DTP will use its £990,428



IMAGE: TCTC / NORDY CLARK

TCTC production of The Diary of Anne Frank with Christopher Timothy

grant to expand its touring network across seven regions to deliver high quality dance productions in areas of low engagement. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=Y3W6m>

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£4m revamp at Lancashire spa

A new £4m privately-owned luxury day spa is set to open in Burnley during early 2013.

The Woodland Spa will be located within the 100-acre Crow Wood leisure complex, owned and managed by father and son team Andrew and Oliver Brown.

The spa has been designed by Andrew Parker Architecture with Malcolm King of IDP Design and Procurement responsible for interior design.

The spa will have three specialist pools, two hot tub spas and an extensive thermal experience suite. The thermal experience will offer a heat and ice journey, which will include use of the serenity pool and an indoor to outdoor infinity edge pool which leads you to one of two outdoor hot tubs, and an outdoor sauna.



The new spa boasts three specialist pools including a hydro-pool

It also boasts a 6.8m hydrotherapy pool, salt steamrooms, experience showers and an ice fountain. The therapy suite will offer 10 single and one double treatment room, a relaxation room with ambient lighting and a lounge.

Falmouth Beach Club and Spa reopens

Falmouth Beach Hotel in Cornwall, which was devastated by fire six months ago, has reopened its Beach Club leisure centre.

The indoor pool and leisure complex were largely undamaged by the fire but due to health and safety concerns were forced to close.

All wellness and fitness facilities are now running and exercise classes will restart in the coming weeks.

A full-scale demolition was carried out on the remaining hotel building after it was too badly damaged to save. With the demolition almost complete, owners are planning a new hotel for the sea-front site. It will keep with the original design but will maximise the number of sea view



The wellness facilities at the Beach Club have now fully reopened

rooms. Plans for the new hotel were submitted for planning permission in September, with a decision expected within 8-12 weeks. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=X7Zot>

Groupon survey shows spa market is still challenging

The majority of spa owners (68 per cent) are confident 2013 will bring higher revenues than 2012. This is one of the findings of Groupon's spa survey, which questioned 180 spas. The market is still challenging, with 57 per cent of owners saying their revenue was either lower

(15.9 per cent) or not changed much (42 per cent) compared with 2011.

More than one third believe that marketing is the key to success, while 23 per cent said education was a key area. Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=c801W>



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The proposed 13,300-capacity Tigers stadium

Castleford Tigers stall on stadium plans

Rugby team Castleford Tigers may be forced to shelve plans for a new stadium and look at redeveloping its current ground.

Last year, Castleford signed a deal to sell its ground to a supermarket, which would fund the development of a new 13,300-capacity stadium at out of town entertainment and retail centre, Glasshoughton.

However, at a meeting with fans, Castleford chief executive, Steve Ferres, described the team's financial situation as precarious. "The current business model is not working," he said. "We are falling short of Super League's model club and we therefore need to look at ways to work smarter and generate new revenue streams."

A new membership scheme will be part of the 2013 season ticket and 5,000 season-ticket holders are being targeted to ensure the club's survival. As RFL regulations are now being relaxed regarding Super League stadium requirements, the team may be able to redevelop its current site. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=G3f8h>

Telford's £250m regeneration underway

Building work on the £250m Southwater complex in Telford is now underway. The centre, which includes a mix of cinema, restaurants, bars, hotels, offices and housing, is slated to open in 18 months.

Telford and Wrekin Council is hoping the Southwater scheme will become a major regional leisure and business attraction. Council leader, Andrew Eade, says: "The Southwater regeneration scheme will transform Telford town centre into a vibrant social and economic hub and give the borough a centre to be proud of."

This investment is part of a £0.5bn regeneration of the town to replace existing secondary schools and regenerate historic local centres.

Redcar to sell leisure property to raise funds

Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council (RCBC) has put the site of Redcar Leisure Centre up for sale as part of plans to raise funds.

The local authority is hoping to see a return of around £18m on the sale of the leisure centre and three other properties – the former Eston Town Hall, the Register Office in Guisborough and Redcar Youth Centre.

Redcar Leisure Centre sits on a 4.72-acre seafront plot and is set to close when a new £31m Redcar Leisure & Community Heart opens in the town centre in 2014. Willmott Dixon has been appointed to build the new complex, which has been designed by leisure specialists S&P Architects in collaboration with Plus Three Architecture.



The old centre will be sold to fund a new £31m leisure centre (above)

A health and fitness suite and a junior gym for children of all ages will be among the new facilities, along with a 25m, six-lane swimming pool, a training pool, a learning pool and a sports hall. Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=Z4C6v>

London's O2 Arena put up for sale

The American concert venue giant, AEG, which owns the O2 Arena in Greenwich, is up for sale, which could see the break up of the group. Anschutz Entertainment Group, owned by Anschutz Company, is the world's second largest concert ticket and live music company.

AEG has transformed the beleaguered Millennium Dome into a 20,000-seat arena and shopping complex, which, measured by ticket sales, is the most popular music venue in the world.

AEG also owns concert venues in Berlin, New York, Shanghai and Sydney as well as the Los Angeles Galaxy soccer team (home to David Beckham) and the Los Angeles Kings ice hockey team. Corporate advisor, Blackstone, is working on the sale, which is speculated to be worth \$7bn (£4.25bn, 5.4bn euros).



Measured by ticket sales, the O2 is the world's most popular music venue

• Earlier this year, AEG Europe launched its new Up at The O2 tourist experience, which takes visitors on a guided expedition across the roof of the O2 Arena.

The tensile fabric walkway is suspended 52m (171ft) above the ground. Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=a4M1N>

Spanish developer acquires Admiralty Arch

Admiralty Arch – the iconic gateway between The Mall and Trafalgar Square in the heart of London – will be transformed into a luxury hotel and restaurant. Built in 1912 as a memorial to Queen Victoria, the historic Grade I-building has been leased by the UK government to

Spanish company Prime Investors Capital (PIC) for a period of 99 years.

PIC is a private equity group run by Spanish property developer Rafael Serrano Quevedo. It is believed the group paid around £70m for the property. Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=U4U7T>

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£17m College Sport fund launches

Sport England has launched the College Sport Makers (CSM) initiative - a five-year programme aimed at improving sporting opportunities for students in further education. A £17m investment will fund 150 new jobs for full-time sports professionals at colleges across the UK. So far, 117 colleges have successfully bid for the funding.

CSM will help individual sports to market their opportunities to students as well as linking colleges with community sports clubs, running leagues and sports groups and offering coaching for certain sports. Every sports professional employed under the scheme will be expected to help hundreds of students to make sport play a bigger part in their everyday college lives.



The initiative will result in 150 new full-time coaches at UK colleges

Richard Lewis, chair of Sport England, said: "Too many teenagers drop out of sport when they leave school, as it gets squeezed by competing demands like studying, work and relationships. This will show young people how to build sport into their schedules."

YST joins forces with YMCA

Youth Sport Trust (YST) and YMCA have announced a new partnership designed to enhance both organisations' reach within schools and communities.

The joint venture will see YST being able to access YMCA's extensive community network of clubs and events for young people.

YMCA will benefit from making its apprenticeships schemes, training courses and its awarding body arm more available for school leavers.

John Steele, chief executive of the YST said: "This new partnership with YMCA allows us to work with an organisation that is as driven as us to give every young person a positive start in life."

"We want to capitalise on this remarkable year for sport and reach as many young people as possible through our work, which is why



YMCA will make its apprenticeships and training available to YST

this partnership is so exciting."

Jonathan Martin, chair of the YMCA's Physical Activity Steering Committee, added: "This is an exciting partnership for us. Our work focuses on communities but the school environment has a huge influence on young people." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=Y21cx>

Team GB to spend 5,000 days mentoring students

Budding athletes could be taught by the likes of Mo Farah and Jessica Ennis if an idea mooted by culture secretary Maria Miller comes to fruition. Miller wants Team GB's Olympic heroes to coach kids at school. Speaking at the Conservative party conference, Miller

promised to build on the Games' success, creating a legacy which will inspire youngsters to become gold medalists.

Miller said: "Between them, our Olympic athletes will dedicate 5,000 days a year to mentor and encourage young people in sport."

Creating a skilled workforce means safeguarding growth



IAN TAYLOR
is chief executive of SkillsActive

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£125m casino complex to open

Resort Worlds Birmingham leisure complex is set to open at the National Exhibition Centre (NEC) in Birmingham by January 2015.

It will comprise a Genting casino as well as a 176-room hotel and spa. Other facilities include a cinema and extensive conference areas as well as a factory outlet centre.

Casino operator Genting UK are beginning work on the £125m leisure complex after appointing contractor Galliford Try. The development will be Genting's first Resorts World in the UK and Europe but will join a number of Resorts World complexes across the world.

Peter Brooks, president and chief operating officer of Genting UK, said: "This is a



The Leisure complex is Genting's first Resorts World in the UK

significant and complex development and we required a construction partner with the experience to manage such a large scale project." Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=eob6n>

Kickstarter UK website set to launch on 31 October

US-based crowd-sourcing website Kickstarter will make its services available to UK entrepreneurs from 31 October.

The launch of Kickstarter UK – announced first in a tweet earlier this year – will allow small business and entrepreneurs to launch

their projects using funding acquired through the public investing in them. Created in 2009 by Perry Chen, Yancey Strickler, and Charles Adler, Kickstarter has helped fund a range of ventures – such as feature films and stage shows. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=F4w9Y>

London cinema receives £1.5m grant

A historic London cinema, which hosted the first public screening in the UK, is being restored after receiving a £1.5m grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The Regent Street Cinema, within the University of Westminster's flagship Grade II listed building, will reopen to the public, filmmakers and students in 2014.

The Heritage Lottery Fund award will support the restoration of the cinema by helping to evoke its 19th century heritage. The cinema hosted the Lumiere brothers' moving picture show in 1896. The grant will also help to bring the cinema up to date with the latest technology, making it accessible and available to public audiences and the film industry.

Additional funding from Quintin Hogg Trust and the Garfield Weston Foundation have brought the Tim Ronalds Architects-



The cinema is due to reopen to the public in 2014

designed project closer to reaching the £6.1m required to complete the project.

Sue Bowers, head of the Heritage Lottery Fund, said: "This cinema has an important place in the world history of film." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=m4wj>

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