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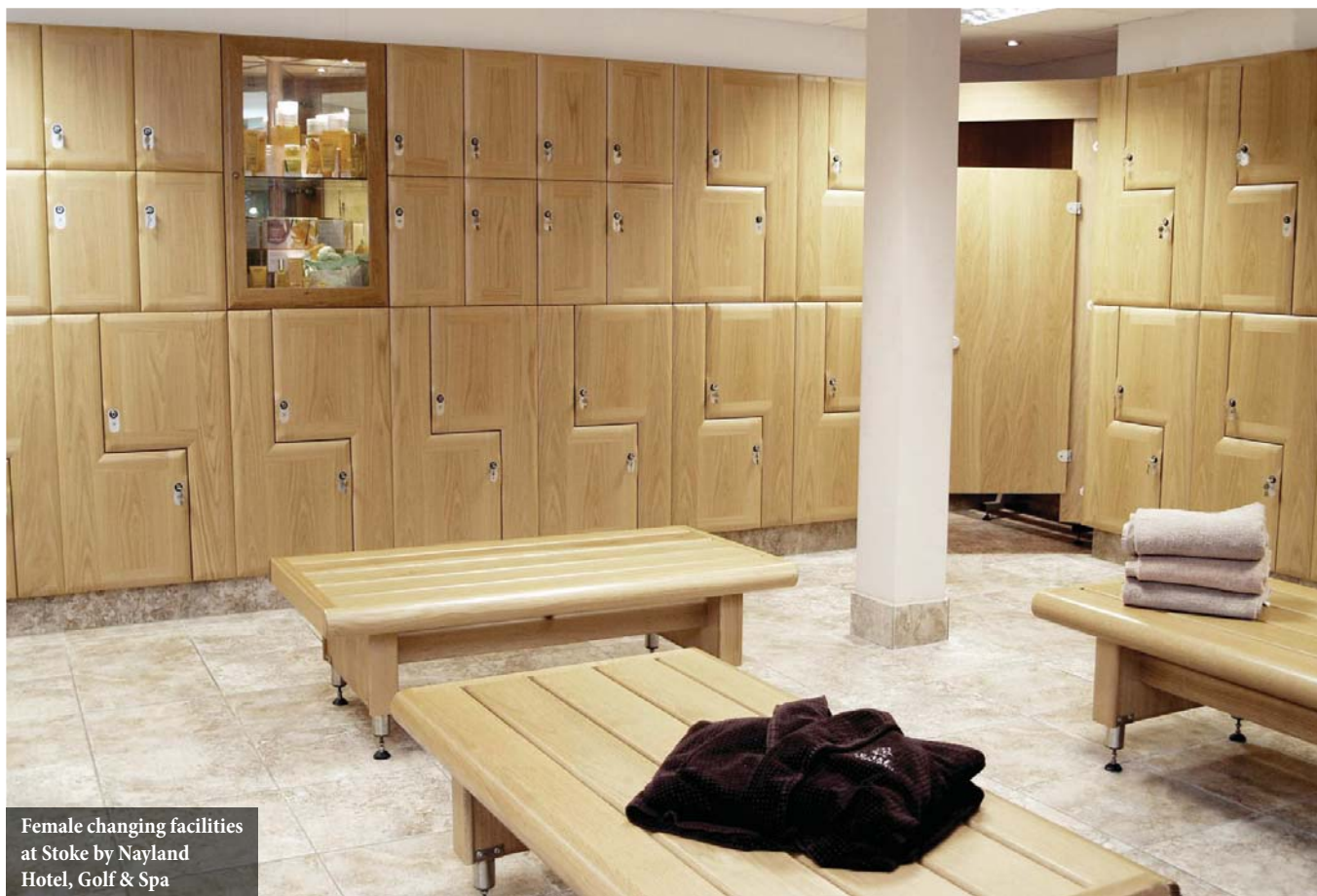
A great changing experience makes all the difference

"We were seeking to achieve a sense of luxury within our fitness and spa changing rooms with integrated product display and locker designs that provide space for robes, slippers and towels for our spa guests.

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Matt Manning:

Operations Director, Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa



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at Stoke by Nayland
Hotel, Golf & Spa

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David Bloomberg: Partner at Old Hall Country Club



A luxury setting at Pennyhill Park Hotel



Titanic Spa: Style meets practicality

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- Wyboston Lakes Hotel
- Calcot Manor Hotel
- The Chapel
- Stanley House Hotel
- Abama Golf and Spa
- The Grove
- Reynolds Fitness Spa

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Xercise4Less to open budget club at Tesco store

Independent budget gym chain Xercise4Less has secured a deal with super-market giant Tesco to open a club at the Tesco Extra store in Stockton-on-Tees.

The 31,910sq ft (2,964sq m) club will have more than 300 exercise stations supplied by Matrix and is the first of a string of Xercise4Less clubs planned for Tesco stores.

Equipment at the Stockton club will be 'zoned' for different activities such as cardio, weights, a combat zone, a large ladies only gym with a wide selection of female friendly weights, and a dedicated personal training zone.

Monthly memberships will be offered from £9.99 and members will have 40 free classes to choose from each week, ranging from Boxercise and TRX to Circuits, Pilates and Zumba. An indoor cycling studio will



Xercise4Less managing director Jon Wright at the Tesco Extra store in Stockton-on-Tees

incorporate the virtual cycling system MyRide, which allows participants to experience cycling tracks from around the world.

Xercise4Less managing director, Jon Wright said: "We're excited to be partnering

with Tesco on this new format, as this helps us further extend our reach, and get closer to people who really need our services.

"By making fitness accessible to more people we hope to have a positive impact on the region as a whole and really add value to the Tesco shopping experience.

"We realise that members use our facilities for lots of different reasons.

"For us it's all about offering members flexibility, and taking away as many barriers as possible to help people find time and fit exercise into their everyday lives."

The Tesco deal is part of the company's ambitious expansion plans. Earlier this year Xercise4Less announced a target of opening another 100 clubs in the next three years. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=S2C1M>

11 UK parks to share £23m of HLF Funding

Eleven parks across the UK are set to receive a combined £23m in funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and Big Lottery Fund (BLF) as part of a nationwide restoration project. The HLF had recently commissioned a report looking into the challenge faced by parks, which have struggled in the economic climate.

One notable project that has received funding is Fleetwood's Memorial Park, which has secured a £2.4m investment to carry out a comprehensive restoration of the Grade II listed park.

£27m Stonehenge project underway

A £27m project, part financed by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), has started with the closure of the road running alongside Stonehenge.

A section of the A344, which is directly next to the stones, will now be dug up and grassed over. Once the landscaping work is completed in June 2014, visitors will be able to approach and view the monument from Avenue, which was the intended approach by Stonehenge's prehistoric builders according to experts.

The new Stonehenge visitor centre, located 1.5m (2.4km) away from Stonehenge, is set to open in December. The remaining section of road between Airman's Corner and Byway 12 will become the route of a new shuttle service



The project will look to preserve the ancient site

to and from the Stones. The HLF has contributed £10m towards the project with the remainder of funding coming from commercial income as well as private donations. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=K7K8j>

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SPORT

StreetGames secures £3.38m grant

Sports charity StreetGames has been awarded £3.38m to develop 307 Doorstep Sports Clubs that will seek to improve sporting opportunities within disadvantaged communities. The clubs are designed to be vibrant places where 14-to 25-year-olds can play sports, at low cost, right on their doorstep.

As well as offering opportunities to play traditional sports, StreetGames also offers adapted versions of games, such as Cardio Tennis, Instant table tennis, Rush Hockey and Street Dance. The programme is targeted at the 1.6 million young people who live in disadvantaged areas of England.

Jane Ashworth, CEO of StreetGames, said: "Doorstep Sport Clubs change the sporting and social landscape in disadvantaged areas. This is not just about sport; it's also about



The funding will look to develop 307 new Doorstep Sports Clubs

improving young peoples' lives as they grow and develop as members of healthier, safer, stronger communities. Over the last seven years we and our local network of partners have already brought sport close to the home in more than 200 disadvantaged UK communities at the right time, for the right price and in the right style. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=gsSrT>

Scottish rugby and football given £3.15m facility fund

A £3.15m grant has been created to develop a Scotland-wide network of full-sized 3G pitches for youth football and rugby.

The CashBack for Pitches Fund will use money seized under the Proceeds of Crime Act to help install synthetic grass pitches, with

a focus on projects working with young people in areas that experience problems with anti-social behaviour and crime. The grants - of up to £300,000 - will also prioritise pitch facilities that will be used to drive youth participation. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=2u7z4>

Women's Sport Trust launches

A new grant giving body dedicated to raising the profile and changing the perception of women's sport in the UK was launched on 2 July.

Women's Sport Trust (WST) will be the only grant provider focused solely on female sport and is backed by a diverse range of elite female athletes along with representatives from business and the media. Anna Watkins MBE, Olympic gold medal rower and Patron of the WST, said: "We see ourselves as much as a movement as a grant giving body - focused on attracting new funding and profile for women's sport. We've been amazed and delighted by the response we've already had to the Trust. People are clearly thrilled to have an opportunity to make a difference."



The trust will be the first to offer grants exclusively to female sport

The WST will look to attract new funding into women's sport - providing multiple routes for corporate partners and individuals to donate. The organisation's grants panel will be chaired by Team GB hockey captain Kate Walsh. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=l8p8g>

NGBs 'held back' from major bids

The hosting of major sporting events is becoming a global growth market, but UK national governing bodies of sport are thinking twice about bidding due to the financial risks attached to the process.

A report by the Sport and Recreation Alliance (SRA) shows that 67 per cent of the UK's NGBs see the risk of investing into the - often costly - bidding process as the main obstacle to launching a bid. Bidding for major events has become increasingly competitive, as hosting an event is often seen as providing three benefits; a financial boost for organisers, increasing a sport's profile and improving facility infrastructure.

For the report, SRA anonymously asked the chairs and chief execs of the biggest sport governing bodies in the UK about their experiences of bidding for major events.



The successful London 2012 bid took more than five years to prepare

Half of all respondents also said that the government - both at central and local level - was not doing enough to support bids.

Andy Reed, SRA chair, said: "Our research has shown that the financial risk of holding major events is holding some governing bodies back." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=k7g9y>

PE should be taught as core subject

Experts have recommended that PE should be given the same status as maths, English, science, and Welsh in schools to help tackle the obesity problem in Wales. Current core subjects in Welsh schools don't include PE, which is categorised as a foundation subject.

Out of all children and young people in Wales, more than one-third are either overweight or obese, costing the Welsh NHS more than £70m a year.

A group chaired by Paralympic gold medalist, Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson says if that step was taken, it would be the first country in the world to make the move. The elevation of PE to a core part of the curriculum would mean more time devoted to the subject in addition to teachers being required to be competent to



Making PE a core part of learning would result in more time for sport

deliver the subject on completion of their training. Specialist teachers would need to work with schools to ensure high-quality provision of PE and in addition standards in physical education would be rigorously reviewed by both educational consortia and by schools inspectorate Estyn. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=rov1a>

New £18m leisure centre in Clydebank given the go ahead

West Dunbartonshire Council has announced plans for an £18m leisure centre facility in Clydebank, Scotland.

Plans for the new Queen's Quay Centre include a competition and teaching pool, gym with 100 fitness stations, eight-court

sports hall, combat dance room, dance studio, multi-purpose rooms and a coffee shop.

Construction is scheduled to start in April 2014 and the facility will replace the current Play Drome which has been sold to Tesco. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=O1eoV>

Wigan acquires site for new training ground

Wigan Athletic Football Club has announced plans for a new training facility after acquiring a golf course and surrounding land in Charnock Richard, just outside of Chorley and less than 10 miles away from Wigan. The Latics had previously proposed to build a new training facility close to Wroughton Country Club, however objections to the proposal and the prospect of a lengthy planning application has seen the club acquire an alternative site. It is hoped that work will start towards the end of the year. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=b1A3T>



The initiative will improve the sport at all levels

WRU to plough £2.5m into Welsh rugby development

The Welsh Rugby Union has announced a £2.5m investment into a range of initiatives to improve rugby across all levels in Wales. The WRU has seen increased financial stability following Welsh success in the Six Nations tournament, which the team has won in both 2012 and 2013.

The funding is in addition to the already budgeted activity in Wales as part of a five-year rolling business plan by the WRU.

The £2.5m investment will be split three ways. Community rugby will receive £1.3m, regional rugby will receive £1m and international rugby will receive a further £200,000. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=doZ1k>

Winter sports get increase in funding ahead of Sochi

Several winter sports will receive an additional investment of £443,200 to help with final preparations for the 2014 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi.

The announcement was made by UK Sport following its annual review of its investment in winter sports. The funding is being used to help teams most likely to win medals at the 2014 games and has been targeted at those sports with the best chances of doing so. The sports to receive extra funding include bobsleigh, skiing, snowboarding, and para alpine skiing.

Caerphilly to benefit from leisure investment

Residents of Risca in Caerphilly, Wales are set to benefit from a £200,000 investment in leisure facilities, as works to improve Risca Leisure Centre are due to be completed by the end of July.

A new gym has been developed at Risca Leisure Centre with more than 50 stations, including cardiovascular, resistance, and free weights equipment.

In addition a new health suite, viewing area and outdoor, five-a-side pitch will also be on offer. *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=R9A9H>*



Northern gyms are more likely to stand empty

People in the north use gyms less frequently

New research shows that gym users in the south are more active and in better health than those in the north.

The payasUgym survey looked at 8,000 gym members, with findings showing that people in the south of England visited their gym far more frequently than those in the north. London occupied the top six spots on fittest postcodes with SE1, SW1, E1, W2, NW3 and N1 coming first to sixth respectively. Manchester is the only northern city to make the top 10 fittest postcodes at number eight. *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=oDoW9>*

Loughborough Leisure Centre re-opens after fire

A leisure centre in Loughborough, Leicestershire is set to re-open six months after it was forced to close because of a major fire.

Loughborough Leisure Centre has undergone an extensive revamp, with almost £1m being spent on repairing the centre. In addition to refurbishments the pool was deep-cleaned, relined and repainted while metal lockers had to be replaced because they melted in the fire. *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=N9X1z>*

ukactive joins 'Fighting Fitter'

The 'Fighting Fitter' campaign, which provides members of the armed forces with discounts at health and leisure facilities across the UK, has seen a huge boost provided with the support of ukactive.

The scheme, launched by the Labour Party in April, originally launched with Pure Gym and Virgin Active offering military discounts at a combined 190 centres.

The addition of Nuffield Health – which is offering a 25 per cent discount on a years membership and David Lloyd who recently offered fee access to clubs for forces and their families over the Armed Forces Day weekend has seen the numbers of participating facilities rise to more than 450.

The campaign has received the backing of former Liberal Democrat leader Ming



The campaign is backed by former Lib Dem leader Ming Campbell (left)

Campbell, who said: "Our service men and women deserve nothing but the best.

"With an increased emphasis on good health, access to a gymnasium can make a real difference to people's lives." *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=W7d5u>*

2013 Flame Award winners announced

The winners of the Flame Awards have been announced during an event at the annual Flame Conference in Telford.

Recognising excellence and best practice in the health and fitness sector, the awards are based on an independent business assessment to help benchmark facilities and the staff who work within them.

This year, winners were announced in 11 different categories. DC Leisure was given the health club operator of the year award, while Ribby Hall Sport and Leisure near Blackpool in Lancashire was handed the club of the year award for sites with more than 3,000 members

Dave Stalker, CEO of ukactive, which organises Flame in partnership with Matrix, said the awards continue to grow in popularity.



The winners were announced at an awards dinner in Telford last week

"The entry numbers for the 2013 awards were up on the year before - which means that people recognise that these are the pinnacle awards," Stalker said. In all the years that Flame has been going, entry numbers have increased and it has become hugely competitive." *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=I4k6W>*

New leisure centre to be built in Warwickshire

A new £1.46m leisure centre in Coleshill, Warwickshire is set to be built after funding for the project was secured.

Based at Coleshill School, the new development will offer a health and fitness club, dance studios, a four-court sports hall, squash

courts and changing facilities. The centre will be open to both school children and the community. Planning permission was approved in April, while additional funding was secured from Academies Capital Maintenance Fund. *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=Z2y9t>*

easyGym opens on Oxford Street

Budget fitness chain easyGym has opened a new flagship club on Oxford Street in the heart of London.

The 26,000sq ft (2,415sq m) club is the company's eighth and the largest yet.

Facilities include more than 200 exercise stations, a large functional training zone, an extensive free weights area and group exercise studios.

Equipment has been supplied by Precor and Escape Fitness, including 113 units from Precor's Networked 880 Line as well as a wide range of Icarian strength equipment.

The club's functional training space - entitled Freedom Zone - has a selection of core bags, ViPR, TRX and kettle bells among others.

Monthly memberships at the club will start at £19.99. easyGym CEO Paul Lorimer-Wing said: "We're challenging the conventions of



The new flagship club is located in the heart of London's shopping district

both the budget and the premium gyms in the same radical way that its sister brand easyJet transformed air travel.

"Our secret is giving freedom to do more at prices that just knock people out, they're so reasonable." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=l7J8G>

Life Fitness agrees deal with Exeter Uni

Fitness equipment supplier - Life Fitness and the University of Exeter have announced a new partnership for their new fitness centre.

The new centre, which will be located on the Streatham campus, will offer students and the local community new cardiovascular and strength equipment from Life Fitness.

Life Fitness will provide its swipe-screen Discover consoles, Lifecycle exercise bikes and Synrgy360XL hub as part of the new agreement.

The Fitness Centre is due to be completed in October 2013 and will be located on the Sports Park, which offers users an eight badminton court double sports hall, three exercise studios, squash courts, 10 indoor tennis courts, 6 indoor netball courts and a



The new deal will see the fitness centre feature Life Fitness equipment

four lane indoor cricket centre.

Outdoor offerings include a water-based hockey pitch, sand-dressed hockey pitch, MUGA, 3G astro pitch, additional tennis courts and a 25m pool.

Torfaen leisure services in Wales taken over by trust

A not-for-profit trust has taken over management of council-run leisure facilities in the county borough of Torfaen in Wales.

The Pontypool Ski Slope, Cwmbran Stadium and Fairwater Leisure Centre will all be operated by the newly-formed Torfaen Leisure

Trust - a move designed to create a more efficient service.

Torfaen County Borough Council will continue to fund the facilities but have recently had budget cuts of four per cent to five per cent total. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=n6S7t>



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Tourism Funding Shows Progress



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The recent announcement that funding for VisitEngland would not be cut as a result of the Government's spending review and that VisitBritain's budget would only be reduced by 5 per cent is extremely good news for the tourism industry (although that has to be tempered somewhat by the 30 per cent reduction in funding that both organisations experienced as a result of the last spending review in 2010).

Considering that the average non-protected Government Department suffered funding cuts of 10-15 per cent, the 7 per cent reduction in funding to DCMS represents a significant victory for the department in being able to demonstrate to HM Treasury that funding the arts, creative industries and tourism is important in the generation of growth and employment for the UK.

The outcome demonstrates that the Treasury is beginning to understand the economic significance of these sectors to the UK economy and that DCMS is not simply the "Ministry of Fun".

The decision to not cut the tourism budget also highlights that DCMS ministers recognise tourism as a core responsibility within their portfolio. This, again, is a significant victory for businesses and trade associations in raising government's awareness of tourism and the benefits that it provides. While these may seem rather small victories, it must be remembered that it wasn't too long ago that the government and HM Treasury were considering abolishing the National Tourism Boards altogether and the tourism minister of the time asked the question, "What's the point of a Tourism Board when I can find out all the information I need simply by using the internet?"

Thankfully the level of debate has progressed significantly since then. However, there is a final step to be made – for the government to now look at tourism in a holistic manner and address key barriers to growth in order for the returns on VisitEngland and VisitBritain's funding to be maximised.

So just the little matters of VAT, Air Passenger Duty, visas, deregulation and increasing aviation capacity to sort out. Easy.

TOURISM

Parks England to boost tourism

VisitEngland and National Parks England have announced a three-year partnership designed to boost rural tourism and stimulate sustainable economic growth in the British countryside.

Tourism is one of the major contributors to rural economies and the English National Parks alone contribute between £4.1bn and £6.3bn to the economy.

VisitEngland and National Parks England will work together to promote national parks in an attempt to bring more visitors, encourage greater collaboration between national park authorities, share intelligence and collaborate on research programmes.

"Our national parks are among the most treasured places in the country," said environment minister Richard Benyon. "Visitors will



Tourism and parks are major contributors to the UK's rural economies

experience some of England's best landscapes and local businesses will benefit, helping to boost the rural economy."

Penelope Cobham, VisitEngland chair, added: "This agreement outlines a number of important ways we can work together." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=e7a7B>

People Make Glasgow tourism campaign launched

The people of Glasgow are to be at the heart of a new tourism brand which will look to promote the city to the world.

The new People Make Glasgow theme is designed to reflect the Glaswegian character and is part of Glasgow City Council's five year

Strategic Plan which runs up until 2017.

The strategy identified the development of a compelling and cohesive new brand as a major driver through which to articulate the city's credentials across tourism – a priority growth sector for Glasgow.

NI tourism campaign generates £42m

The 2012 tourism campaign for Northern Ireland has returned almost four times its original cost, says a new report. Our Time, Our Place included a global marketing campaign in addition to staging events such as the Irish Open golf tournament and the MTV awards at a total cost of £11.2m

The independent study, commissioned by the Northern Ireland Tourist Board, said that the overall tourism benefit was £42.2m, including money spent by local people and overseas tourists.

According to the report, and additional £17.8m was added to the Northern Irish economy, with an estimated £4.78 return for every



The Our Time, Our Place campaign attracted one million visitors to NI

pound invested, while the total impact to Northern Irish businesses amounted to £67.2m. The campaign reportedly attracted one million visitors. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=w9k1N>

MAKING LEISURE CENTRES BETTER FOR 20 YEARS...



The leisure sector has seen huge growth over the last 20 years. In that time, many of our competitors have come and gone. But this July, GLL, the first of the new breed of leisure trusts in the UK, is 20 years old.

Unlike many private companies, GLL is a staff led charitable social enterprise, dedicated to making leisure centres and libraries better for everyone. We're an ethical business that trades with a social purpose and our staff invest time, energy and effort (along with any financial surplus generated), into helping make life better for our customers through the services we offer.

GLL is as excited about the future today, as we were back in 1993. We recently moved beyond leisure centres and also run libraries, adventure playgrounds, arts, day spas and parks services. But that's not all. We'll be operating two flagship Olympic venues; the Copper Box Arena and London Aquatic Centre on the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park after the successful London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. So, for all our customers, partners and supporters, there are even more exciting times ahead.

To everyone that's played a part in our journey to date, thank you. We look forward to the next 20 years...

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Accessibility – the bottom line



PETER DUCKER

is chief executive of the Institute of Hospitality

You might think that none of your customers are disabled so there is no real need for you to tailor your service to meet their needs. But you would be overlooking the fact that, according to the 2011 UK census, one in six people has an ‘activity limiting’ health problem or disability. In fact, many of your existing customers are likely to be in this group but you may not realise it. Impairments such as arthritis, poor eyesight, back problems and autism are invisible and most people will not mention them when using your facilities.

Importantly, just like elsewhere in the world, our domestic customer base is getting older and with age comes the increasing chance of impairments or disabilities. By 2025 more than a third of the UK population will be over 55.

There is a common misperception that to become fully accessible requires investing huge amounts of money in widening doors and building ramps, but less than 10% of disabled people are wheelchair users. If we think of accessibility in its broadest sense, some small changes can lead to your business being more welcoming to a wider range of people.

In fact one of the most important keys to making your business accessible is staff education and training. Research shows that many of us are afraid of causing offence or not knowing what to do when interacting with a disabled person. But these fears are nearly always unfounded in reality.

With this in mind the Institute of Hospitality has produced three short training films that provide staff with essential but often overlooked knowledge and will give them the confidence to deliver a truly high standard of service to disabled guests.

Hosted by former hotel general manager and permanent wheelchair user Arnold Fewell FIH, the videos are perfect for staff and management training.

These films have now been endorsed by VisitEngland and are available to watch on VisitEngland’s Business YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/VisitEnglandBiz

HOTELS

Hub by Premier Inn given launch

Premier Inn has announced a new hotel concept called The Hub by Premier Inn.

It will be the first hotel where the entire room can be controlled using a specially designed smart phone app.

Guests will have the ability to check in online and control the rooms lighting, temperature when they arrive at their room.

Each room will have an en suite bathroom with shower, wardrobe, desk Hypnos pocket sprung bed, free Wi-Fi and a 40-inch TV in an area of 11.4sq m.

The new band will first open in London’s West End next summer and will continue to target major UK city centres. Rooms will be on average 30 per cent cheaper than a comparable Premier Inn in located in the middle of London.



Hub by Premier Inn rooms will be operated using a smartphone app

Premier Inn’s parent company - Whitbread - has plans for five new ‘hub by Premier Inn’ hotels to be opened this year and have set a target of 40 to be opened by 2018.

Premier Inn say rooms are aimed at those who value “location, price and design” over size. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=M7B7w>

DoubleTree Hilton opens revamped hotel in Dundee

A DoubleTree Hilton-branded hotel has opened in Dundee, Scotland.

The 92-room hotel, located on the site of the former Landmark Hotel, dates back to 1870 and has seen a thorough upgrade to all of its rooms in addition to a fully equipped

health club with indoor swimming pool being installed at the hotel.

Also featured are a restaurant, lounge bar, 130-capacity conference centre and six-acres of gardens complete with maze and fountain. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=n5f9x>

Country house-style spa for Newmarket

A new luxury spa, influenced by its historic country house surroundings, has opened its doors in Newmarket, UK.

Designed by Trevillion Interiors, the spa is themed around the fragrance of traditional English lavender and every aspect of the spa experience from the herbal tea before treatments, to the macaroon’s served in the spa lounge emulates the scent.

The design embraces the natural surroundings to create a stylish yet relaxed feel to the country house.

Large amounts of natural light are use, with floor to ceiling windows occupying the building.

The spa is open to both hotel guests as well as non-guests and has 10 treatment rooms.



Bedford Lodge has added a new luxury day spa to its offering

Facilities include a beauty room for manicures and pedicures and a therapy room for cosmetic doctors offering non-invasive procedures. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=v9a4M>

£10m donation for Tate Modern

Tate Modern has announced a major gift of £10m from the Eyal Ofer Family Foundation to support the completion of the new development at Tate Modern. The donation has raised 85 per cent of the funds that are needed for the £215m 10-storey extension, which will increase space by 60 per cent. It is due to open by 2016.

Eyal Ofer is an international shipping magnate whose business interests include a vast global real estate portfolio.

His family has a long tradition of philanthropy in the UK and overseas.

Ofer's father, Sammy Ofer K.B.E., contributed to major cultural projects in London such as the Sammy Ofer Wing of the National Maritime Museum (opened in 2011) and the restoration of the Cutty Sark in Greenwich (opened in 2012). Through this donation Eyal Ofer aims "to provide continuity to his family's legacy of charitable giving and to broaden public access to contemporary art in the future."

When the completed project opens, it will provide more space for art from around the



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world and enable Tate Modern to explore new areas of contemporary visual culture involving photography, film, video and performance.

Tate Modern will name the exhibition galleries on Level 3 East the Eyal Ofer Galleries.

Eyal Ofer said: "Tate Modern is one of the world's great public art institutions. It is my privilege to be supporting this project as it expands the gallery's exhibition space and enables an iconic institution to enhance the experience and accessibility of contemporary art." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=h5w4C>

Darlington to put art centre up for sale

Darlington Council is set to put the town's former art centre up for sale after efforts to save the property failed.

The Arts Centre in Vane Terrace closed in July last year as part of the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan budget decisions and following lengthy consultation with the arts community and public. Previous plans for the centre that included developing a hotel and offices fell through due to lack of financial funding.

The council has pledged to consult on how to re-invest proceeds from the sale in local arts projects. It will work with the arts community through Creative Darlington to ensure successful delivery of this.

The Council's Cabinet have now recommended that the site be remarketed for sale, with suitability for a range of uses subject to planning permission, to secure a future



Previous plans to revamp the property fell through due to lack of funds

for the former Arts Centre.

Nick Wallis, Darlington Council's Cabinet Member leading on the arts, said: "We all share their disappointment that, in current market conditions, this has not been realisable. The Council feels it now needs to move to resolve the future of the Vane Terrace building." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=toa6E>



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Historic Scotland invests £1m in Iona Abbey

Historic Scotland has completed a £1m redevelopment project to enhance the visitor experience at Iona Abbey on the island of Iona.

The investment included the creation of new interpretation and permanent exhibitions, including a museum devoted to the most important collection of early Christian sculptures in Britain and Ireland.

There is also an audio tour, which takes visitors on a journey through Iona Abbey from the 6th century to the present day. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=S8T4D>



The rides would nearly treble the size of the park

Adventure Island planning Southend's largest rides

Southend's Adventure Island could be about to get two new rides, much larger than anything else in the park.

A 196ft Starflyer carousel and a 147ft tall Ferris wheel are the two proposed rides for the theme park. If approved, the two rides would almost treble the size of the pleasure park's existing tall rides with the current highest ride - Skydrop coming in at 68ft tall. A planning application has been submitted by Phillip Miller's Stockvale Group alongside SK Architects of Leigh. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=X7C3X>

Winehouse exhibition opens at Jewish Museum

An exhibition on the life of singer Amy Winehouse has opened close by to the street where she died.

The Jewish Museum in Camden Town, London, has worked alongside the singer's family to gather her clothes, record and photograph collection for the exhibition.

Abigail Morris, chief executive of the museum said: "Everyone thinks they know who Amy Winehouse is and they've seen the pictures, but actually she is somebody's little sister. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=d8D8v>

English Heritage receives £80m

English Heritage is set to receive a financial boost after a government investment of £80m to help establish a charity to care for the National Heritage Collection on a self-financing basis.

English Heritage will receive the one-off lump sum to support its plan to transfer management of the collection to a charity, licensed by English Heritage's governing body. Sites such as Stone Henge, Dover Castle and Kenwood are included in the 420 sites that make up the National Heritage Collection (NHC), which will remain in public ownership. The new charity will have more freedom to generate greater commercial and charitable income to safeguard the collection.

The new charity is aiming to be set up by 2015 and will be completely self-financing, no



Wrest Park, one of English Heritage's most recent major projects

longer needing tax-payer support.

"This is an excellent outcome to an extremely challenging spending review," said a statement by English Heritage. "This year we have been celebrating 100 years of state protection for heritage and this sets the scene for the next century." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=1U9S4>

HMS warship may become new attraction

A decommissioned warship could be making its way back to Edinburgh as a tourist attraction, following a petition by a former crew member of the vessel to save it from the scrapheap.

Paul Gibb, who served on board the HMS Edinburgh as a marine engineering mechanic from 1991 to 1994, launched the Save HMS Edinburgh petition which seems to have had an impact after Scottish Parliament Member Margo MacDonald organised a meeting to discuss the idea of moving the warship to the Scottish capital, stating that such a move would be a great boost to the city's economy.

The 30-year-old vessel was the largest of the Type 42 destroyers, but has now been



The destroyer was decommissioned last month after 30 years of service

replaced by the new Type 45 destroyer. The HMS Edinburgh, which underwent a £17.5m refit in 2010, was decommissioned two weeks ago after serving in the Falklands, Far East and the Baltic. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=b6q8b>

British Museum brings in record visitor numbers

The British Museum has recorded its best spring ever, thanks in part due to the success of the temporary exhibition on the ancient Roman sites of Pompeii and Herculaneum.

Life and Death in Pompeii and Herculaneum, will run until the end of

September and has doubled its projected numbers, bringing in 287,000 visitors.

It is predicted to be the third most popular exhibition in the 260 years the museum has been open. With a reported 1.7m people visiting since 1 April. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=Woq9b>

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The new centre has been given council backing

New Ellesmere Port centre given the go-ahead

The first images of a £15m leisure centre in Ellesmere Port, Cheshire have been revealed after plans were given the go ahead.

The project, which will be located at Ellesmere Port was given unanimous backing by members of the Cheshire West and Chester (CWaC) Council, along with a similar project, which is set to be built in Northwich. The building is not without query however. Labour group leader at CWaC, Justin Madders, questioned whether the authority was getting value for money after reports that Crewe is getting a 50m pool and lifestyle centre for just £10m. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=b6Y9W>

Funding secured for National Museum of Flight

The Heritage Lottery Fund has announced its support for the next phase of a Development Plan to transform the National Museum of Flight, located at East Fortune in East Lothian, Scotland.

The £3.6m project will see National Museums Scotland restore two nationally significant Second World War hangars and create new exhibitions within them.

The hangars are part of the East Fortune Airfield Scheduled Monument.

Built in 1940-41, they were originally designed to last approximately ten years. The project will conserve the original building fabric of the hangars and to restore them to their original condition.

The aircraft on display in the hangars will benefit from the buildings being heated for the first time. Once restored, these two hangars will focus on military aircraft and leisure and smaller civil aircraft.

A German-built rocket-powered ME 163 Komet; a Hawker Siddeley Harrier; and a Mark XVI Spitfire, are some of the military aircraft that will be on show. The National Museum of Flight houses the majority of the national aviation collections that are in the care of National Museums Scotland. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=9O1c1>

Mayor approves Earls Court demolition plans

The proposed £8m redevelopment of Earls Court in London has been given the go ahead by Mayor of London Boris Johnson.

The Earls Court Exhibition Centre is to be demolished as part of new plans to create a 77-acre redevelopment site in Earls Court and West Kensington.

The ambitious proposals, drawn up by Sir Terry Farrell for Capital & Counties Properties, include leisure facilities, hotel and retail space, a new primary school, library, an integrated health centre and five-acre public park. The 10m sq ft (929,000sq m) plan will span the two boroughs of Kensington & Chelsea and Hammersmith & Fulham and is expected to provide 7,500 new homes.



The historic Earls Court exhibition hall is to be demolished next year

Boris Johnson said: "I'm in no doubt that the development will provide a massive boost not just to this part of the capital, but to London's wider community as well."

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=8X1H9>

Stadium funding for Northampton FC

Northampton Town football club have announced plans for the redevelopment of Sixfields Stadium, increasing ground capacity to around 10,000.

Not only will the redevelopment increase ground capacity, but in addition, a hotel, corporate boxes, a conference centre and improved facilities are set to be constructed as part of the redevelopment.

The deal, which has been agreed with Northampton Borough Council, will see a new East Stand constructed and the existing West stand being comprehensively upgraded to provide it with a 'new look'.

David Mackintosh, Northampton Borough Council leader said: "We have agreed a redevelopment partnership with Northampton Town Football Club that involves a housing scheme and small scale, local retail development on land, upon which the football club have a 150-year lease."

Planning applications for the stadium will be submitted later this autumn in hope for the stadium to be ready in time for the start of the 2014/15 season. Cobblers chair, David Cardoza, said that the plans were looking to "make the club self sufficient in the long term".

Northampton Borough Council are loaning the football club £12m to allow the



The capacity of Sixfields will be increased from 7,600 to 10,000

redevelopment to go ahead as soon as possible.

• It is understood that Coventry City Football Club (CCFC) is close to agreeing a ground-sharing deal with Northampton FC.

CCFC has been looking at options for a new stadium after being involved in a rent dispute with Arena Coventry Ltd (ACL) - the owner of its home ground Ricoh Arena.

Last season, Coventry attracted an average attendance of 10,948 at the Ricoh Arena, their home for the past eight years, while Sixfields currently has a capacity of 7,653.

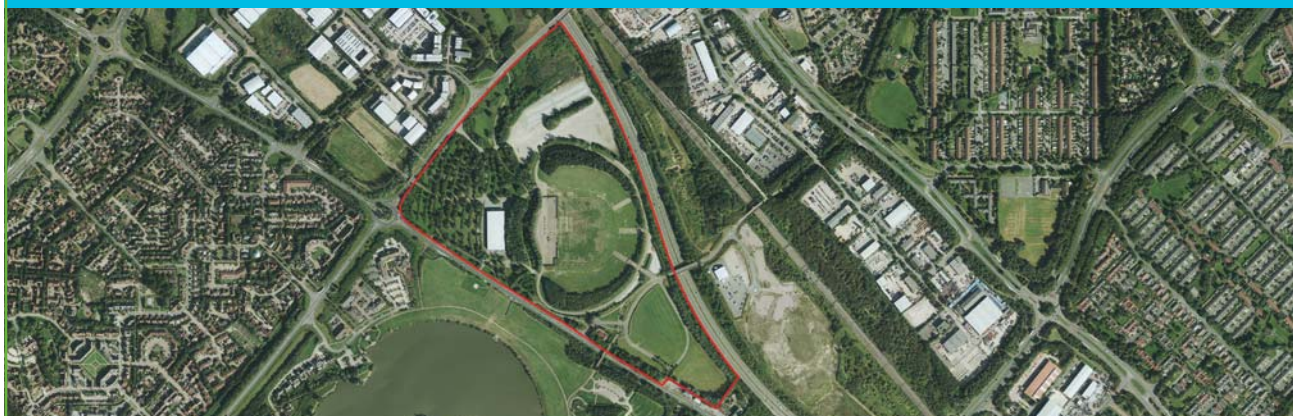
The development of Sixfields into a 10,000-capacity venue could mean that CCFC would make Sixfields its home for the next few years until it secures a site for a new stadium. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=Y9M6y>

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Early expressions of interest are encouraged via the Council's electronic tendering system In-tend.

A marketing/presentation event for service providers invited on to the tender short list will be held on **Thursday 15 August 2013 (successful Contractors will be invited by phone and email)**. This will involve visits to all four sites included within the package.



The tender evaluation will be based on a combination of quality and financial return and tender documents providing further details will be released to short listed contractors week commencing 19 August 2013, allowing an 8 week period before tender submission. We expect to award the contract week commencing 16 December 2013.

The contract will be for 7 years with an option to extend, subject to both parties agreement, with various extensions for up to a further 7 years. The successful contractor will commence the contract from 1 April 2014. The Council considers that TUPE may apply to this contract. Within the Contract the Council will be including the option, to include during the contract term other community facilities where sporting activities take place, such as community halls and village halls.

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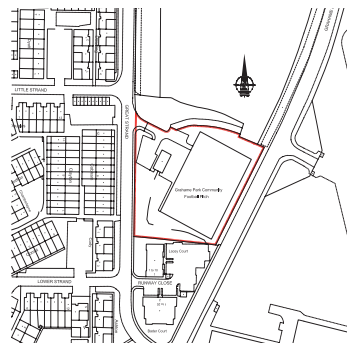
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Since joining SkillsActive last summer, I've come to see how effective professional registers can be right across the active leisure, learning and wellbeing sectors, and most importantly, how they can be of real value to every industry stakeholder.

Professionalisation registers are over-arching groups that ensure competency levels are adhered to and kept relevant. They not only serve the public, but are also of immense value to any credible employer who does their utmost to ensure they're employing the best people with the right qualifications. Establishing a professional register is one thing, but ensuring it is credible and successful is no mean feat.

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TRAINING

Workforce development initiative launches

SkillsActive and the Sports and Play Construction Association (SAPCA) have teamed up to launch a brand new workforce development skills initiative.

The scheme will look to outline the skills and training needed within the sports and play sector and to provide a 'road map' for their delivery.

The initiative will be divided into two phases. The first phase will look to identify the size, scope and demographics of the sports and play sector as a whole – as well as measure and analyse the sector's specialist workforce and its specific training needs.

Data collection will be undertaken using a combination of an online survey, focus groups and one-to-one meetings with SAPCA members and other industry professionals.

Following the data collection, a second phase will then be launched, during which SkillsActive will analyse the information and create a workforce map.



The scheme will chart the size of the sports construction industry

The map will then provide the basis for the industry's future educational programme.

SAPCA chair Eric Page said: "We strongly believe that education and training is central to the continued improvement of sports and play facilities.

"A thriving industry with a highly-skilled workforce is also essential for the future success of British sport post London 2012." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=h8Qoz>

YMCAfit launches instructor bursary

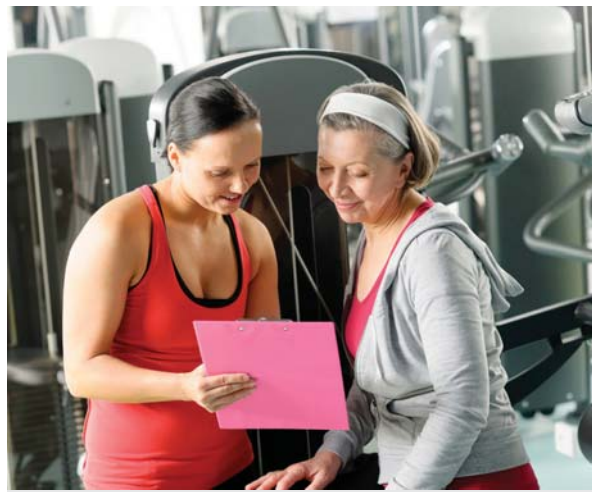
Training company YMCAfit has launched a £50,000 bursary in order to subsidise the cost of its current specialist populations' training courses.

By offering course subsidies worth up to 25 per cent, the charity is aiming to increase the number of fitness professionals who can safely teach groups such as pregnant women and new mothers, older adults and people with a range of disabilities.

Many of the groups are at present unable to take part in exercise because facilities or instructors are unable to cater for their specific needs – something demonstrated by research conducted by YMCAfit and Aspire.

Aspire conducted research that shows two and a half times fewer disabled people take part in sporting activities compared to non-disabled people.

Denise Page, head of YMCAfit, said: "We passionately believe that everyone should be



The bursary aims to help trainers to safely teach older gym members

able to take part in some form of exercise, regardless of age, physical condition or ability.

"It is important that we encourage fitness instructors to cater for the needs of groups that are often excluded from regular exercise such as older people, pregnant women and people with disabilities. This is the key driver for the launch of the specialist course bursary."

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Sheffield arena set for major refurb

The Motorpoint Arena in Sheffield has closed for the first time since it opened in 1991 to undergo a multi-million pound refurbishment.

For nearly two decades Motorpoint Arena (formerly the Sheffield Arena and the Hallam FM Arena) has been the only major concert and sporting venue in the Yorkshire region.

Things have changed however as the city of Leeds are now constructing an arena of comparable size at a cost of £60m, which will be in direct competition with the Sheffield venue. The £3.5m

project will see the construction of a new roof and the replacement of all 12,500 seats in addition to having new toilets, lighting and refurbished catering outlets installed.

In the past year, more than 700,000 people attended events at the Motorpoint Arena and with improvements currently underway,



The Motorpoint Arena is now facing competition from the Leeds Arena

officials are hoping that the figures will rise without losing customers to the new First Direct Leeds Arena.

Work is scheduled to be completed in September; the same month in which the First Direct Arena will officially open. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=xoc20>

Plans revealed for £6m Youth Zone

The first images and design plans of the new Wolverhampton Youth Zone facility for young people aged between eight and 19 have been unveiled. Wolverhampton City Council, The Morgan Foundation and the charity OnSide are working on plans to develop the purpose built centre.

Situated on land between School Street, Worcester Street and Little Bricklin Street, the centre will offer a range of activities including sport, fitness, dance, arts, music, media and self improvement.

Plans drawn up by HB Architects show a two-storey building featuring a four court sports hall with facilities for indoor tennis, badminton, football, netball and basketball and a separate climbing wall.

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The £6m centre will also have an outdoor recreation area, kitchen and café area selling healthy food and drink, multi purpose areas for dance, music, arts and crafts, gaming and DJ-ing, martial arts and boxing facilities. There



The centre will cater for sport, fitness and dance

will be a Chill Out zone for relaxing, eating, drinking and entertainment and recreation area with pool table, small games and table football. Meanwhile, quiet rooms will be used to offer mentoring support, counselling, advice and enterprise activities. The design work is continuing and it is hoped that construction could begin next year, with the centre opening for the first time in 2015.

OnSide said: "This is a massive development in scale and what it will mean to young people." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=v1U5S>

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