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£25.6m Marlowe Theatre unveiled

Canterbury's new £25.6m Marlowe Theatre has been officially unveiled by HRH The Earl of Wessex, following the completion of a two-year construction project.

A gala event marked the opening of the new arts venue, which has been designed by London-based Keith Williams Architects and replaces a former building first opened in the 1930s but that has now been demolished.

The new Marlowe Theatre includes a 1,200-seat main auditorium set across three levels, with an orchestra pit for 80 musicians. Bars, cafés and a piazza also form part of the scheme.

Canterbury City Council (CCC) will manage and own the property, which is set to cater for a wide range of alternative, community and educational projects in the Marlowe Studio.



The new theatre occupies the site of a former building opened in the 1930s

CCC was the lead funding partner in the development, contributing £17m, while further support was provided by Kent County Council and the regional development agency.



Badminton - one of the sports to secure funding

Five sports in bid to secure facilities legacy

Five sports have joined forces with funding agency Sport England in a bid to improve sports hall provision and secure a lasting facilities legacy across the country.

New guidance called *Developing the Right Sports Hall* has been produced alongside the national governing bodies of badminton, basketball, cricket, netball and volleyball.

It is hoped the document will result in a more efficient and flexible approach to constructing new or upgrading existing facilities, while ensuring the right specification and location.

Bletchley Park nets £4.6m HLF grant

Bletchley Park near Milton Keynes has been awarded a £4.6m grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), which will go towards improving the visitor experience at the historic former code breaking facility.

Plans for the attraction include restoring some of the park's most important buildings, most notably the listed wooden huts that were the hub of vital codebreaking activity.

New exhibitions and interactive displays will be created to bring Bletchley's story alive - including educational activities centred around three themes: war, people and puzzles. The grant is dependent on Bletchley Park Trust raising £1.7m in match funding.



The grant will help tell the story of Bletchley Park

The grant was part of a £6.3m funding package announced by the HLF, which also included grants to two other projects - the Grade I listed 'Black Gate' in Newcastle (£1.4m) and the UK-wide Bees for Everyone project.

Leisure schemes miss out on Stirling Prize

Leisure projects have missed out on the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) Stirling Prize 2011 after London's Evelyn Grace Academy picked up this year's accolade.

The Zaha Hadid Architects-designed school held off competition from the Hopkins-designed London 2012 Velodrome to net the award.

Folkwang Museum in Essen, Germany (David Chipperfield Architects) and Stratford-upon-Avon's Royal Shakespeare and Swan Theatres (Bennetts Associates) were also shortlisted for the accolade.

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SPORT

Youth Charter urges legacy debate

Manchester-based organisation Youth Charter has launched a new e-petition calling on the House of Commons to debate the social and cultural benefits of the London 2012 Games.

The group has launched the 2012 Sport Legacy Access For All petition in order to ensure that plans for a sustainable legacy for young people are fully implemented. Youth Charter also said that it is looking to provide a response and contribute to the debate surrounding the causes and lessons learned from this summer's riots.

It follows the launch of the organisation's manifesto earlier this summer, which included a call for free access to sports and leisure facilities for all young people aged under 18.

Youth Charter executive chair Geoff Thompson said: "The 2012 Games present a



Concerns have been raised about the legacy plans for the 2012 Games

huge opportunity for the sporting world to leave a lasting legacy for the young people of the UK but in order to make that happen we need to be sure of the plans that are going to be implemented. The 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games can help address the ongoing social and cultural disaffection of young people that was in evidence this summer."

LFC secures stadium decision extension

Liverpool Football Club (LFC) has reportedly secured more time to decide whether it wants to take up a 999-year lease at Stanley Park for the purpose of building a new stadium.

In July, the Premier League club admitted that plans for the renovation of its current

Anfield home looked "increasingly unlikely" due to a number of planning obstacles.

The *Liverpool Echo* has now revealed that Liverpool City Council has granted LFC a further extension to its end-of-September deadline in which to make a decision.

FAW submits football centre proposals

Plans for the construction of a new training facility in Newport, Wales, have been submitted to the local authority by the Football Association of Wales (FAW).

Newport International Sports Village (NISV) has been identified as the site for the scheme, which will also involve Newport City Council and the Welsh Football Trust (WFT). A dedicated facility for all FAW and WFT representative squads is earmarked as part of the development, along with a Centre of Excellence for coach education and sports science.

The project will include education space; WFT football development headquarters; and the provision of training facilities for international and professional teams visiting Wales.



Plans for the site - which includes a velodrome - have been submitted

Under the plans, alterations would be made to the rear of the existing NISV velodrome to provide storage space, while a number of new artificial and grass pitches will be introduced. The existing skatepark will be demolished to make way for a spectator stand.

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Chelsea FC in stadium proposal

Chelsea Football Club (CFC) has revealed that it has made an offer to buy back the land on which its Stamford Bridge stadium is currently located from Chelsea Pitch Owners (CPO). CPO was established in 1993 in order to secure the future of the west London venue, which had come under threat and left the Premier League club at risk of being made homeless.

However, CFC now believes the "long-term commitment" of its owner Roman Abramovich means that any threat to Stamford Bridge no longer stands.

In its offer to CPO, the club will take on the freedom in return for "effectively" writing off a £10m loan made to CPO 14 years ago to assist in its purchase of the site.

It comes as CFC revealed that it is considering a move away from Stamford Bridge due to



Stamford Bridge, Chelsea Football Club's current home in West London

"major obstacles" to renovation and in order to generate higher levels of matchday income.

The CPO offer includes a commitment that CFC will not be required to move before 2020 unless within 3 miles (4.8km) radius of its current home and meets a minimum capacity need of 55,000.

New Colwyn Bay complex nears opening

Conwy Council has confirmed that its new centre of excellence for culture, leisure and sport at Parc Eirias, Colwyn Bay, is on track for its official opening next month.

Work on the construction phase of the £6.5m Parc Eirias Events Centre development is now complete, with the fixtures and fittings now to be finalised ahead of the venue's launch. Wynne Construction has delivered the new facility, which provides an indoor arena with a 60m x 40m pitch and a television gantry with playback screen for live analysis.

A heavy weights gym; four changing rooms, one with a plunge bath; a physiotherapy room with three treatment couches; and 10 corporate boxes/meeting rooms are also on offer.



The £6.5m Parc Eirias centre of excellence will open its doors next month

The gym equipment contract was awarded to PerformBetter.

The Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) will base its North Wales Senior Academy at Parc Eirias and outdoor facilities include a pitch with surface supplied by Souter Sports.

BOA signs new agreement with Russian NOC

The British Olympic Association (BOA) has signed a new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with its Russian counterpart to identify areas of strategic partnership.

It is intended that the new agreement will help the two organisations work together ahead

of the London 2012 Games and the Sochi 2014 Winter Games to share best practice.

Information relating to the organisation of the events and the respective "sporting landscape" of both countries will also be made available under the terms of the MoU.

Hunt: 7,439 schools sign up for School Games

More than 7,400 schools have signed up to participate in the government's new School Games initiative, according to culture secretary Jeremy Hunt.

Addressing the 2011 Conservative Party Conference in Manchester, Hunt said the figure represented more than a third of all schools in England.

Earlier this year, Hunt outlined the government's plans for the School Games competition, which is designed to help promote competitive sport to young people in "Olympic-style" tournaments.



The Olympic Stadium's track has been laid down

Olympic Stadium athletics track unveiled

Pupils from London's West Ham Church Primary School have been joined by Paralympic and Olympic athletes to mark the unveiling of the 2012 stadium's new athletics track. Paralympic discus gold medallist Dan Greaves; 1,500m athlete Hannah England; and British long jump record holder Chris Tomlinson all attended a special event on 3 October.

The track at the Olympic Stadium has been supplied by Mondo and was laid in August. It features a Sport FLEX system and is designed to assist athletes achieve faster times.

Mayor: London 'ready' to host 2012 Games

London mayor Boris Johnson has told members of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) that the capital is now "ready" to host the 2012 Olympic Games.

IOC representatives visited London to inspect preparations for the Games, with work now complete on all of the competition venues and handed over to organisers. Major transport infrastructure improvements have either been completed or are "well on track" to be delivered, while entertainment will be available across London at special Live Sites next summer.



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New facilities unveiled at North Somerset venue

New facilities have been opened at Churchill Sports Centre, Churchill Green, by North Somerset Council (NSC) and leisure trust Tone following a £900,000 investment.

A £300,000 all-weather 3G artificial pitch has been provided at the facility, while a new gym with 30 stations and accessible changing facilities have also been created.

The investment by NSC and Tone also included the conversion of an old gym into a multi-purpose studio and an upgrade of the swimming pool lighting.



The centre was designed by Holder Mathias

Afan Lido demolition work now underway

Plans for the multi-million pound redevelopment of the Afan Lido complex in Port Talbot have moved forward after contractors started demolition work at the site.

A £13.6m Holder Mathias Architects-designed facility is mooted for the site, after the existing building was destroyed by a large fire in December 2009.

It is currently proposed that the replacement facility will be completed in 2013, with the initial plans featuring the provision of a six-lane, 25m swimming pool; a four-court sports hall; and a learners' pool.

Wootton Bassett in line for new leisure facilities

Plans for a "multi-purpose community campus" in Wootton Bassett have moved forward after the local authority's area board gave the project the green light.

Under plans backed by Wiltshire Council's Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board, it has been proposed that a split site will be developed to incorporate a range of leisure and community services.

Included in the development proposals is the creation of a campus building in the Lime Kiln area, which will offer indoor and outdoor sports space; a gym and dance studios; and a six-lane swimming pool.

MMA star plans gym expansion

Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) star Khalid Ismail has confirmed plans for the expansion of his Lions Den Gyms (LDG) business at locations "in a radius around London".

LDG was launched by Ismail in 2006 and currently has two centres, one in Chadwell Heath and another in Romford. It is hoped a third site will open in early 2012.

Ismail told *Leisure Opportunities* the Romford club, which was unveiled in early 2010, was funded through reinvesting capital following the success of LDG's first site.

Meanwhile, Ismail has also worked with local community groups in an effort to engage more young people to take up sport and to focus on learning and training.

Ismail hopes expanding LDG and offering a "gym for everyone, no matter what your age,



Ismail plans to expand the Lions Den Gyms brand across the UK

fitness level or background", will help address some issues that led to August's riots.

He said: "There is definitely a call for more centres like ours to be opened in and around London. The riots were about people being drawn into an atmosphere and a way of thinking which is destructive."

Fit4less opens new location in Stockport

Fit4less, the low-cost gym concept from *énergie* Group, has opened its 14th UK club in Stockport, with more locations to follow "shortly".

The launch of the 5,000sq ft (465sq m) facility in Stockport comes after the opening of the Fit4less Harteplough and ahead of the "imminent" opening of a site in Port Talbot.

Facilities at the Stockport branch include a cardio theatre and a free weights area equipped by Precor. Personal training and group classes are also available.

David Beattie, brand and marketing director at *énergie*, said: "The Fit4less brand is increasingly popular amongst investors looking to capitalise on the surge in demand for affordable quality gyms.



The Stockport club is the latest addition to the Fit4Less portfolio

"The support network from marketing to training is giving our franchisees all the tools necessary to see memberships come in even before the doors open as well as drive sales to meet and exceed targets."

Buxton Swimming and Fitness Centre reopens

Buxton Swimming and Fitness Centre has been relaunched by High Peak Borough Council (HPBC) and DC Leisure, following the completion of a refurbishment project.

The new-look venue incorporates a 25m, six-lane competition pool and a teaching pool,

plus a 32-station Kinetika fitness suite with Technogym and Escape Fitness equipment.

An official opening event took place to mark the venue's relaunch on 24 September, which enabled visitors to participate in a number of free activities.

Nantwich college gets new gym

The "Olympic Boulevard", a £1.2m extension to Malbank School and Sixth Form College in Nantwich, Cheshire, has been opened for use by students and the local community.

With 1,300 students, the institution has strong links in promoting sport and the values of the Olympic Games, which has seen it receive national and international recognition.

The school's sporting links inspired the design of the Olympic Boulevard extension, which boasts a 100sq m (1,076sq ft) gym fitted with Precor cardiovascular and strength equipment.

Working in partnership with the Parents and Teachers Organisation and the Youth Charter for Sport, Malbank School and Sixth Form College secured 50 per cent of the funding.



The facility's new dual-use health club was equipped by Precor

Cheshire Council Council contributed the remainder of the balance, with the extension also housing a Starbucks internet café; a family learning centre; and an ICT suite.

Headteacher Jeannette Walker said: "To have state of the art equipment available for our students and our community is fantastic."

Acton Baths to close until spring 2014

Ealing Council has announced that Acton Baths will close to the public on 4 December until spring 2014 as part of its plans for a major redevelopment of Acton Town Hall.

The council said it will help members and user groups in finding alternative facilities to use during the closure, with some activities set to move to nearby leisure venues.

A 25m swimming pool; a teaching pool; a large gym; and other leisure facilities are currently being proposed for the multi-million pound regeneration of the complex.

S&P Architects are working with Ealing Council on the plans for the scheme, which will see a library; community spaces; and offices for the local authority also included.



The baths will be closed as part of a large redevelopment of the area

Ealing Council leader Julian Bell said: "When the redevelopment is complete, it will be a fantastic asset for this part of the borough, providing modern leisure and community facilities for the community."

Local authority to close Stratford leisure centre

Newham Council will consult with local residents over plans for a new facility on the site of Stratford's Atherton Leisure Centre, which is set to shut on 31 December.

It is expected that a full public consultation will get underway in mid-November to help

shape plans for the new facility, which will be built on the Atherton site.

The council agreed to close the centre, which is sited less than a mile from the Olympic Park, due to increasing costs relating to the ceiling over its main swimming pool.

Aylesbury Vale leisure project to commence

Willmott Dixon is to start work on a £6.45m revamp of Aqua Vale Swimming and Fitness Centre in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, as part of wider council regeneration plans.

Aylesbury Vale District Council is to undertake the improvement programme in a bid to complement its multi-million pound vision for the town centre.

Work on the Faulkner Browns Architects-designed development is scheduled to be completed in September next year, with the council planning to keep the facility open amid work on the phased programme.



The new Aylesham centre includes a fitness suite

New leisure centre opens in Kent village

A new Hartwell Architects-designed leisure facility has opened its doors to the public on the Spinney Lane sports ground site in Aylesham, near Canterbury, Kent.

Freedom Leisure will operate the new Aylesham Welfare Leisure Centre in partnership with the Aylesham and Snowdon Social Welfare Scheme.

Facilities at the WW Martin-built venue include a 26-station Life Fitness suite incorporating cardiovascular, resistance and free weights equipment, along with 10 outdoor grass sports pitches.

Fusion Lifestyle takes over Charnwood leisure venues

Charnwood Borough Council has said that Fusion Lifestyle has taken over management of Soar Valley Leisure Centre, Mountsorrel; South Charnwood Leisure Centre in Syston; and Loughborough Leisure Centre.

Fusion will invest more than £1.9m in enhancing the facilities at all three centres as part of the deal, while more than £2.4m will be invested in new equipment.

The 10.5-year contract will also see Fusion spend £3.9m on repairs and maintenance. CBC is expecting to save around £4.6m over the lifetime of the deal.

So what should local authorities do?



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the British Hospitality
Association

In a report which the BHA publishes this month – *Hospitality: Driving Local Economies* – we identify each of the UK's 406 local authorities, the number of hospitality employees in each and the value of the industry to each locality. These are figures never before available and highlight how important the industry is to almost every local economy.

For example, hospitality's share of total direct employment is more than five per cent in over 380 of the 406 UK local authorities. In some areas, Cornwall and Cumbria, for example, it is much higher. The value of hospitality to some areas of the country, such as the Isles of Scilly, Lake District, coastal towns and remote areas of Scotland and Wales, is critical. Without hospitality, these regions would offer very few alternative employment opportunities.

The BHA believes that local authorities – and LEPs which are taking over the work of the Regional Development Agencies – must appreciate the contribution that the industry makes to local economies and to local life and introduce policies to enable it to grow. Achieving our already stated objective of creating 236,000 new hospitality jobs by 2015 rests as much on their policies, their decisions and their support as on the national government's policies.

So what should local authorities do? To begin with, they should recognise the economic and social importance of the hospitality industry and the contribution it makes to local life and prosperity. The government's tourism strategy puts a specific burden on local authorities, local businesses and partnerships to market their area in the most effective way. They should follow up the government's national aims for UK tourism in their own area so that the strategy is supported throughout.

Hospitality accounts for between 5.9 and 11.0 per cent of direct employment and between 3.0 and 7.8 per cent of total GVA of all the LEPs so far established, thus making it one of the most significant industries in any LEP remit.

We call on all local authorities to work with the industry, to establish a blueprint for the growth of hospitality jobs and wealth.

HOTELS

Brits to get 2012 hotel discounts?

Culture secretary Jeremy Hunt has revealed plans for hotel operators across the UK to offer discounts to British holidaymakers next year as part of efforts to boost domestic tourism. Addressing the Conservative Party Conference in Manchester, Hunt said he is in talks regarding the possibility of offering a 20.12 per cent discount at hotels and B&Bs.

The 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and associated events, including the Torch Relay, were highlighted by Hunt as having the potential to "transform" the UK's tourism sector.

Working in partnership with tourism minister John Penrose, Hunt said the government will be looking to turn "strong interest into good business". Last month, Hunt announced that £3m from the Olympic budget had been



Hunt said he is in active talks with the industry over possible discounts

allocated to help boost domestic tourism based around the Torch Relay and the Cultural Olympiad.

Hunt said: "We want to use next year to transform our domestic tourism industry. We want next year to be the year to have a holiday at home."

Councillors back historic Margate hotel plans

A historic property located on the seafront in Margate, Kent, is to be transformed back into a hotel after plans for the scheme were approved by Thanet District Council (TDC).

Proposals to change the use of the Fort Road Hotel from bedsits into guest accommodation

was given the green light, while the council will also pursue its search for a developer.

TDC secured the site in December 2010 with the help of a Compulsory Purchase Order and is now working with Arts Council England and English Heritage to deliver the new hotel.

Mercer Street Hotel reopens in London

The Mercer Street Hotel has reopened its doors to guests in Covent Garden, London, following the completion of a major £15m refurbishment.

The 137-bedroom property, which was formerly known as The Mountbatten, is now part of the Radisson Edwardian group and is sited at the heart of the Seven Dials Village.

Each of the guest rooms incorporate Apple television technology, free wi-fi and services such as free printing to attract business travellers.

At the centre of the property is the Dial bar and restaurant concept, which offers pre-theatre dining and post-theatre drinking. Dial serves contemporary European cuisine using market-fresh UK produce, while the bar offers a mezze menu.



The Mercer Street Hotel has completed a £15m redevelopment

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Special event marks Theatr Colwyn relaunch

A special event has taken place to celebrate the reopening of Colwyn Bay's new-look Theatr Colwyn, following the completion of a £738,000 refurbishment project.

The property, which is one of the oldest operating civic theatres in Wales, received £500,000 from the Welsh Assembly Government towards the programme.

Theatr Colwyn's upstairs bar has now been relocated to the foyer, while a new box office has been created along with office space. Disabled access has also been improved at the town's arts venue.



The Royal Concert Hall will undergo an overhaul

Glasgow arts venues secure further funding

The Scottish Government has announced additional funding towards plans for the renovation of two Glasgow arts venues ahead of the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

Scottish Opera has been awarded £4m worth of investment towards an upgrade of the city's Theatre Royal Glasgow, which will include improved front-of-house areas.

Meanwhile, £7m has been allocated to the city's Royal Scottish National Orchestra in order to help fund a new extension to the Royal Concert Hall, which will feature a new 600-seat venue.

J P Morgan announces new arts investment

Investment bank J P Morgan will invest £600,000 as part of a collaboration with the National Portrait Gallery; the National Theatre; and the Southbank Centre.

The J P Morgan Signature Series is set to comprise a one-year programme, which will support the work of the three arts organisations, while also organising activities for its clients and guests.

Culture secretary Jeremy Hunt said: "JP Morgan has done a huge amount to support the arts and remains a beacon for corporate philanthropy in the UK."

New Year start for Swansea project

Swansea's Glynn Vivian Art Gallery is to close to the public from 30 October ahead of a £6m revamp and extension of the cultural attraction.

Preparations for the scheme are due to commence in November in order to enable the main phase of work to begin in the New Year, which will lead to an increase in exhibition space.

A new lecture and community room; a reading and resource area; and upgraded facilities for schools and colleges are also proposed, along with a new storage and conservation area.

During its closure, a series of workshops for local schoolchildren and adults will take place at alternative venues across the city, while some works will be put on display elsewhere.

Graham Thomas, the council's cabinet member for culture, recreation and tourism, said:



The gallery will be temporarily closed to allow the £6m redevelopment

"This redevelopment scheme will create a new and exciting visitor experience and bring the attraction into the 21st century, while conserving the original character of the building."

Funding for the project has been contributed by the Welsh Assembly Government, Swansea Council and the Arts Council of Wales.

ACW announces Power of the Flame launch

Arts Council of Wales (ACW) has announced the launch of the Power of the Flame legacy project, which will comprise five major projects to mark the London 2012 Games.

Legacy Trust UK is funding the Power of the Flame initiative, which is set to see a range

of cultural activities and events take place throughout the country.

ACW chair Dai Smith said: "The aim of this ambitious programme of events and activities is to inspire and engage with the children and young people of Wales."

'Strong financial year' for National Theatre

The National Theatre (NT) has announced that 2010-11 was a "strong financial year", with its income increasing by nearly 9.5 per cent compared with the previous year.

In its annual report, the body revealed its production of *War Horse* at the New London Theatre generated £13.9m at the box office and a surplus of £2.9m alone.

Attendances for *War Horse* averaged at 97 per cent during the 12-month period, with attendances at shows staged at its South Bank home averaging 90 per cent in 2010-11.

The surplus generated by *War Horse* has now gone towards the NT Future project, a planned £70m redevelopment which the organisation said is now at the detailed design stage.



The theatre saw income increase by 9 per cent on the previous year

More than £30m has been secured towards the total cost of the scheme, which included a £10m gift from NT board member and Traveler founder and chair Lloyd Dorfman.

Catalyst scheme details revealed

Arts Council England (ACE); the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF); and the government have announced further details of a £100m scheme that has been designed to increase philanthropic donations.

Full guidance for applicants to the Catalyst scheme has been published, with heritage groups now able to submit bids for support under the first part of the programme.

The £100m fund comprises three strands: the first being the £55m Catalyst: Endowments strand jointly funded by ACE, HLF and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport. Groups will be able to apply for an endowment worth between £500,000 and £5m, which will have to be at least matched through private giving. The Catalyst Arts: capacity building and match funding scheme will see £30m invested by



The scheme aims to increase the number of philanthropic donations

ACE to support groups that have already had some success in fundraising.

The catalyst Arts and Catalyst Heritage fundraising capacity building programme will see £7m invested by ACE and £5m invested by the HLF. A further £3m will also be made available by ACE to help increase knowledge sharing.

WB's Harry Potter tours to open in March

Details of some of the experiences visitors can view on a new behind-the-scenes tour of the *Harry Potter* movies from 31 March 2012 have been announced by Warner Bros.

Warner Bros Studio Tour London-The Making of Harry Potter will boast some of the iconic sets included in the films, including the Great Hall and Dumbledore's office.

Other sets to be included will be the Ministry of Magic; 4 Privet Drive; Gryffindor's common room; and the Hogwarts bridge.

The new *Harry Potter* attraction has been designed by US-based exhibition design company Thinkwell and will cover more than 150,000sq ft (13,935sq m) at WB's studios in Leavesden, Hertfordshire.



Tickets for the Harry Potter experience went on sale on 13 October

Rupert Grint, the actor who played Ron Weasley, said: "The sets all have tiny little details that you may not always notice in the films, but when you walk through them, you can see all the work that's gone into them."

Two firms to work on Welsh heritage sites

Branding and design agency M Worldwide and fit out contractor Datum Contracts have been appointed to work on retail and visitor centre concepts at historic attractions across Wales.

New retail and visitor facilities at Conwy Castle, which are to be open by Easter 2012,

will benefit from M Worldwide and Datum Contracts' new approach as part of a trial.

M Worldwide will be responsible for drawing up design principles that can be applied across the Cadw estate, which will then be implemented by Datum Contracts.

Royal Albert museum to open in December

The Royal Albert Memorial Museum (RAMM) in Exeter is due to reopen on 15 December, following the completion of a £24m redevelopment of the attraction.

The building is one of Britain's largest regional museums and the current works are the first major development at RAMM since its foundation in 1868.

As part of the refurbishment, late 20th century fittings and additions were stripped out uncovering original architectural features and revealing the splendour of the property's original Victorian spaces.



The Cardigan Castle in Ceredigion, Wales

Cardigan Castle secures £4.5m revamp funding

An extensive £10m restoration of Cardigan Castle is set to get underway after it was announced that £4.5m had been provided by the Welsh Assembly Government.

The Cadwgan Trust is leading efforts to revitalise the historic west Wales property and has now secured £4.3m from the European Regional Development Fund.

Meanwhile, more than £460,000 has been contributed by the Welsh Assembly Government through its historic environment agency, Cadw, to make up the remainder of the investment.

Museum of Somerset reopens in Taunton

The new-look Museum of Somerset has reopened to the public at Taunton Castle, after a £6.93m transformation that increased its exhibition space by 50 per cent.

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

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

Devon's Bovey Castle launches new Sundari Spa

Bovey Castle, Devon, has been unveiled as the home of a new UK flagship spa for Sundari, the ayurvedic-inspired brand established by yoga enthusiast and model Christy Turlington.

Therapists from the luxury hotel and sporting estate have worked alongside a team from Sundari on the development of exclusive treatments using ingredients sourced from around world.

All treatments are based on the 'dosha' of each client, with all signature rituals and therapies lasting more than 90 minutes in duration to start with personally-tailored yoga stretches. Bovey Castle's Sundari Spa currently includes five treatment rooms; a relaxation room; and a salon, as well as a sauna, a steamroom, a whirlpool and a fitness suite equipped by Precor.



The spa area includes a relaxation area with pool

New-look leisure centre unveiled in Ballymoney

Ballymoney Borough Council (BBC) in Northern Ireland has unveiled the new-look Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre in the town, following its forced closure earlier this year due to a fire.

Pulse was appointed by the local authority to undertake a refurbishment of the venue, which features a revamped fitness suite fitted with new Pulse Fusion cardiovascular equipment.

In addition, Pulse has also created a new health suite comprising a spa bath; a sauna; an ice bowl; a seated relaxation area; a steamroom with crystal feature; and heated loungers.

Meanwhile, Pulse's contract with BBC will also see it provide ongoing sales and marketing support for the next three years at the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre.

New Como spa for London hotel

Singapore-based hospitality operator Como Hotels and Resorts has announced that the Shambhala Urban Escape is to open at its Metropolitan London property on 16 October. The group said its facility, which will provide an "intimate, results-driven spa", aims to demonstrate its holistic approach and offer treatments developed at resort spas across the world.

Linzi Coppick of Forme UK has led the design of the new Como Shambhala Urban Escape, which features six treatment rooms; two of which will be double and offer steamrooms.

The new spa also includes an expanded gym and yoga facilities, while the reception will have a dedicated retail space stocking Como Shambhala products. Treatments will include Dr Perricone, with the Metropolitan London



The recently launched Metropolitan now has a brand new luxury spa

set to become one of the first UK spas to work with the US product line.

A spokesperson said: "The space is designed for city dwellers, hotel guests and visitors to the capital and has been designed based on the popularity and the deep loyalty shown to the Como Shambhala brand worldwide."

Raithwaite Hall to open luxury spa

Aromatherapy Associates has been appointed to supply the spa at Raithwaite Hall Country Retreat near Whitby, North Yorkshire, UK which is scheduled to open in October. The international health and beauty group has been chosen as the property's spa partner in advance of its grand opening, with day spa and overnight spa break services to be offered.

Facilities at the Raithwaite Spa will include four treatment rooms; a relaxation lounge; and a steamroom, sauna and whirlpool, along with a heated swimming pool and a gym.

Aromatherapy Associates will offer a full range of treatments as part of the deal, which will include manicures, pedicures, massages



When open, the spa at the resort will include four treatment rooms

and facials, plus hand and feet therapies. The group has also created bespoke services for the spa, such as the Ocean Breeze, which will involve the use of body brushing and massage, and the Ramblers Retreat.

New managing director for Champneys

Champneys Health Resorts Group has announced that US-born Alex De Carvalho has been appointed as the UK-based spa operator's new managing director.

De Carvalho joins the company with around 20 years of international hospitality sector

experience, which has included senior roles at Hilton and InterContinental Hotels Group.

"Champneys has a chance to be the leading health and wellbeing brand in the UK, helping our customers to relax, rejuvenate and detoxify their mind and bodies," he said.

Trust plans new 'flagship wood'

A new 460-acre (186-hectare) "flagship wood" will be created between Ashby-de-la-Zouch and Coalville, Leicestershire, in a bid to help mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee next year.

The Woodland Trust (WT) is behind plans for the publicly-accessible woodland and is now looking to raise £3.3m to acquire the site, which is within The National Forest.

It is hoped the woodland will establish a "living legacy" from the Diamond Jubilee and forms part of the trust's efforts to double native woodland cover by 2050.

Around 10 million people will have "easy" access to the woodland once established, while also attracting wildlife species such as the yellowhammer and marsh tit.

Sue Holden, chief executive of WT, said: "We need help to create woodland for the



The trust is now looking to raise £3.3m to secure the Leicestershire site

nation, to give everyone access to the beauty of the natural world and create a legacy for the Queen's Jubilee.

"It's a chance to celebrate the reign of one of our best-loved and longest-reigning monarchs while educating people about the need to increase woodland cover in the UK."

Expansion planned for National Parks

Natural England has announced that it has agreed to adopt recommendations to expand the boundaries of the Lake District and Yorkshire Dales National Parks.

If approved by the secretary of state, the proposals will see a total of 500sq km (193sq miles) of National Park land added across both of the two areas. Under proposals for the Lake District National Park, an area from Birkbeck Falls Common to Whinell Common in the east and part of the Lyth Valley to the south will be added.

Meanwhile, parts of the Orton Fells to the north of the Yorkshire Dales National Park and a number of locations on the western perimeter of the current boundaries will be added.

Natural England chair Poul Christensen said: "[The decision to proceed] represents an opportunity to ensure that these special landscapes are looked after for the future."



The Lake District is one of the two National Parks that will be expanded

£2.3m HLF grant for Swansea's Penllergare Valley Woods

Swansea's Penllergare Valley Woods are to undergo restoration work after the trust leading the proposals was awarded more than £2.3m from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF).

The Penllergare Trust has successfully secured funding towards the revamp of the

Grade II-listed woodland through the Parks for People programme.

The HLF grant will help provide new visitor facilities, including bilingual interpretation, and will hopefully lead to an increase in visitors to 130,000 a year once work is complete.

Additional funding for Welsh National Parks

National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) in Wales are to receive a further £1.9m from the Welsh Assembly Government over the next two years. Welsh environment minister John Griffiths said £1.2m would come through the Sustainable Development Fund to National Parks and £700,000 towards the country's AONBs.

The fund aims to "engage" communities in sustainability projects and it is hoped that the investment will encourage the development of more schemes.



The South Bank gardens are set to be overhauled

Work to begin on South Bank's Jubilee Gardens

Work is to begin "imminently" on a major refurbishment of the Jubilee Gardens on London's South Bank after Frosts Landscape Construction was appointed contractor.

West 8 are behind the design of the £3.2m scheme, which will deliver a new green landscape featuring 70 new trees and flowerbeds to replace the current gardens.

The refurbishment is being managed by the Jubilee Gardens Project Board, which includes Southbank Centre; Lambeth Council; the Jubilee Gardens Trust; and Transport for London.

Work begins on Maidstone park overhaul

Maidstone Borough Council (MBC) has announced that work has now commenced on the multi-million pound rejuvenation of the Kent town's Mote Park.

Construction company Gallagher has moved on site to undertake the 10-month refurbishment, which has benefited from a £1.8m Heritage Lottery Fund grant.

MBC is investing £700,000 in the scheme, which will comprise the restoration of the 1840s waterfall; an upgraded Boat House Area; and the restoration of an 1800s pavilion.



The Wave Hotel will be built as a modular property

Modular build planned for Butlin's Bognor Regis hotel

United Modular Solutions has been appointed by Sir Robert McAlpine to provide modular build services on the new £25m Wave Hotel and Apartments at Butlin's Bognor Regis site.

The eight-storey property will be constructed using the volumetric modular system and it is expected that more than 530 units will be used in the development process. Located on the western side of the holiday resort, the 244-bedroom hotel is set to include a series of white render curves and balconies to ensure a nautical theme.

Wakefield gallery nets British Design Award

Hepworth Wakefield, the David Chipperfield Architects-designed art attraction in Yorkshire, has been crowned Best Architectural Achievement at the British Design Awards 2011.

The building held off four other shortlisted projects to pick up the accolade, including work by RHWL and Richard Griffiths Architects at London's St Pancras Renaissance Hotel. Heatherwick Studio's UK Pavilion at the Shanghai Expo 2010 and Plasma Studio's Creativity Pavilion were also in the running for the award.

Hull sports village plans scrapped?

Plans for a multi-million pound sports development in Hull appear to be dead after the local council reportedly refused to sell the city's KC Stadium and surrounding land. According to the *Hull Daily Mail*, Hull City Council portfolio holder for leisure and culture Terry Geraghty told businessman Assem Allam that the land would not be sold.

Allam told the newspaper: "I am only sorry the community will be deprived of a first-class sporting facility for all the family, which would have been open every day."

OPLC reveals public space shortlist

The Olympic Park Legacy Company (OPLC) has announced which design teams have been shortlisted to draw up plans for "two new distinctive areas" to be created in East London.

A major public space is being planned for the southern part of the Olympic Park, which is to be located between the Aquatics Centre, the Olympic Stadium and the ArcelorMittal Orbit.

It is hoped the South Park space will create an urban landscape similar to the South Bank and will incorporate a visitor centre, water features and play facilities.

Meanwhile, a second area to the north of the park will be located in the green river valley



An indicative image of how the Olympic Park's southern area could look

and boast a visitor centre and a multi-purpose indoor space for community use.

Five teams have been shortlisted for the South Park competition:

Crieff Hydro unveils £100m plans

Crieff Hydro resort in Perthshire has tabled plans for a £100m expansion of its facilities. The privately-owned resort's owners have submitted a Proposal of Application Notice to Perth & Kinross Council for a major development at a site located north of the A85 and west of the village of Gilmerton.

The plans include the development of 200 lodges; a 100-bed care home/assisted living centre; a range of leisure facilities, such as a swimming pool and health club; and ancillary retail, café and farm shop.

A spokesperson for the resort said: "Prior to any actual planning application, the process dictates that we undertake a public consultation on any plans by mid November. The purpose of public consultations is to encourage communications and open relationships



The hydrotherapy resort was first opened in 1868 by Dr Thomas Meikle

between developers and communities - making the planning process more open and inclusive - something that we are fully committed to."

Crieff Hydro is one of Scotland's oldest trading companies and is managed by fifth generation descendants of Dr Thomas Henry Meikle, who founded the hotel in 1868.

Green light for Fulham riverside scheme

Hammersmith and Fulham Council (HFC) has approved plans put forward by developer St George for a new riverside development, which is set to regenerate the Fulham Reach area of London. Located on Distillery Lane, the scheme is to comprise a gym; restaurants;

a swimming pool; and a boat club, alongside nearly 750 residential apartments.

The local authority has also negotiated a £12m Section 106 agreement with St George that will be invested in improvements to the surrounding areas.

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The Council is seeking an innovative delivery partner who can demonstrate they have the necessary experience, skills, resources and capacity to provide and develop the sports development services. This includes delivering coaching/instructing of activities in traditional sports, dance activities, walks, fitness based provision and extreme sports for a wide range of audiences including providing diversionary activities, activities for over 50s, women and girls, disabled people and activities in deprived areas of the borough.

The successful provider will be required to have fully qualified instructors, coaches and equipment to provide all activities to a high standard. The provider will also be responsible for carrying out CRB checks and other checks required for the delivery of the service.

The deadline for expressing an interest by requesting and returning a completed Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) is 5pm on the 11th November 2011.

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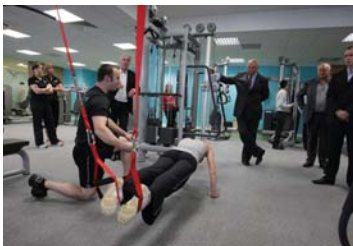
New resources for exercise referral award

Ofqual-approved accreditation body Active IQ has launched new eLearning and online resources in support of its Level 3 Certificate in Exercise Referral.

The award is designed for advanced instructors and personal trainers looking to work with special populations in areas such as cardiovascular and mental health issues.

Resources will offer greater support to learners working to build on existing Level 2 and 3 skills and provide a greater understanding of medical conditions.

Active IQ director Julian Berriman said: "The Level 3 Certificate in Exercise Referral is a very modern qualification, both in terms of content and learning methods, and is now a pre-requisite for Level 4 entry.



The new online courses target advanced staff and personal trainers

"While the course content reflects contemporary industry initiatives towards greater integration with the health sector, the supporting eLearning and online resources demonstrate Active IQ's commitment to innovative health and fitness qualifications."

Grants for leisure/hospitality training

The government has revealed that the first round of bids to the Growth and Innovation Fund will include a £1.7m grant being made available to increase skills in hospitality, while active leisure will benefit from nearly £900,000.

Skills Active will create a Group Training Association for the Sport & Active leisure sector that will help employers shape and invest in training.

It will be given a target of increasing the volume of apprentices from 11,000 to 18,000 per year.

Skills Active will also deliver projects designed to improve the access to specialist training and qualifications for workers in the playwork and fitness and leisure sectors. Meanwhile, People 1st will create a Hospitality Guild which will broker 500 new apprenticeship places, introduce four voluntary licence



Active leisure has been given a grant of £900,000 towards training

to practise schemes and help 15,000 unemployed people to find work.

It is part of a £20m matched funding scheme to help employers deliver more effective skills solutions through more apprenticeships, new professional standards and closer partnerships with education and training providers.

HE institutions to submit courses for endorsement

Higher Education Institutions are being urged to submit undergraduate courses in sports development, sport management, fitness, playwork and sports coaching for endorsement through a new national scheme launched by SkillsActive.

The new Higher Education Endorsement Scheme has been developed following a consultation period and pilot scheme involving academics, employers and students. It's the first time the sports and fitness sectors have partnered to offer industry endorsement.



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To apply, please send a CV and covering letter with details of your current salary and your salary expectation for the role marked 'Private and Confidential' to: David Pugh, Chief Executive Officer, Liverpool County FA, Liverpool Soccer Centre, Walton Hall Park, Liverpool, L4 9XP.

Closing date for applications:- 12noon, 28 October 2011.
Interviews will take place on 11 November 2011.

£8m G Casino opens in Stockton

Grosvenor G Casino has officially unveiled its latest property in Stockton-on-Tees, which follows an £8m investment and is the second Rank Group venue in the area.

Sited next to Rank's Mecca Bingo venue, the 21,000sq ft (1,951sq m) casino will provide 13 gaming tables; 26 electronic gaming terminals; and jack-pot slot machines.

The new casino also features a 100-seat poker room, which can be used for private functions and conferences, along with a 56-seat restaurant called The Gallery and The Lounge bar area.

Grosvenor G Casino Stockton general manager Cate Rodden said: "The Grosvenor G Casino brand is all about providing people



The venue offers a range of services and is Grosvenor's second in the area

with all the makings for a great night out, including great value food and drink and regular live entertainment, and the new Stockton Grosvenor G Casino does just that."

Isle of Man plans hotel and casino complex

Firms interested in working on a new five-star hotel and casino complex on the Isle of Man (IoM) have been invited to come forward by the island's government.

It follows the announcement that a second casino licence had been granted and aims to

help the government diversify the island's economy, while meeting market demand.

A hotel and casino with leisure facilities is mooted, while the lack of duty of 'terrestrial casinos' and no limits on slot machine numbers is set to appeal to potential partners.

Anglesey forest plans announced

Forestry Commission Wales (FCW) has confirmed plans to transform Newborough Forest on Anglesey, North Wales, into a "major asset" that contributes to the island's economy.

A number of recreation facilities are being proposed for the area under the new plans, which have been drawn up following consultation with stakeholders.

FCW is planning a £600,000 development to include catering and beach goods retail outlets, along with a bicycle hire facility and the establishment of a pony trekking business.

Plans submitted to Isle of Anglesey County Council also comprise 29.6 km (18.4 miles) of waymarked horse riding routes and 17.7 km (11 miles) of family-graded cycle routes.

FCW local area manager Tim Gordon-Roberts said: "The proposal will provide at least five days' worth of all-weather, outdoor family-



Newborough Forest is bordered by Llanddwyn Beach

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