

Leisure Manager update

We have 3x Young Workers joining us as part of the New College Work Placement Course. These twenty-year-olds are all on the autistic spectrum and will be committed to working with us for 9 months while they learn work skills and build confidence towards trying to get to the level of able to get employment. We have also taken on another young man who will volunteer with us to build confidence and look to get employment too.

Cafe takings are growing with just a new high of £800 taken on a Sunday and the general average of spend in the Cafe moving up weekly too with the Gross Profit margin on food bringing in 62-83% the takings having an average of £250 is developing and further reach increasing steadily. More is being done to get seasonal offerings in and more outreach coming up to get the local businesses in too.

Fitness classes are starting up with a full launch in January, but various classes will start over the next 6 weeks to build momentum for this. The classes will include Aerobics, Legs, tums and bums, Tai Chi, Yoga, Zumba Gold, Boot Camp and chair aerobics. We will push this hard over the next few weeks to have a full offering and all instructors settled in ready for the New Year!

Business Networking Meeting will be done at the beginning of December with a push on the sale of advertising boards and joint ventures. We are hoping to have 40+ businesses coming in and hearing some of the stories of success we have here and present the opportunity to buy boards and space to partner with us on various projects to support the community.

The various snagging issues around the site continue to be monitored with the avoidance of relaying the cycle track key. The edges of the track have cracked badly to the contractors are working on these with the trimming of the track width part of the solution. The main goal here is to keep the five meter width or major work would need to be done.

The top Football field has not worked out well with-it large amount of standing water stopping play so filling of large areas have been filled and we have instructed the pitches to be rolled to help improve the surface. This will require budgeting for next year to have significant works as with 34 teams based here and being a home to 1,000 footballers we have had no field work for years now.

We also now have a full team of positions filled with the addition of a Finance Administrator, second Duty Manager which means we can get invoices back on track and Matt can start to build the other directions rather than operate the site.