

# NORTHALLERTON SPORTS VILLAGE

## Community Briefing

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### Welcome to the Third edition of the Northallerton Sports Village Community Briefing

These community briefings are issued to keep you up to date with the latest progress of Northallerton Sports Village. You can also keep up to date by visiting our [webpage](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk) at [www.northyorks.gov.uk](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk).

### New Council

On 1 April 2023 Northallerton Sports Village was transferred to North Yorkshire Council, which replaced the eight authorities that provided district and county services.

### Latest news

Phase 1 of the Sports Village is almost complete. On the existing Stone Cross site ecological works have been undertaken, including enhancements to Willow Beck, the removal of some trees and the planting of approximately 3000 native trees, and the installation of bird and bat boxes around the site. These enhancements are to improve biodiversity and for the provision of habitats for local wildlife in the long-term.



To the north of Stone Cross, a new car park and 18 allotments, each with its own shed and water butt, have been constructed. The allotments will be leased to Northallerton Town Council who will manage these moving forward.

The one-kilometre fitness track has been tarmacked in two colours (black and red), with white lining, distance markers, and bat friendly solar lighting studs placed around the route.

A new wetland area has been created north of the bridge with a variety of plants surrounding it. Wildflower and grass seeding has been undertaken, which will become more evident as the site develops.

And look out for five interpretation boards around the site, these provide useful waymarkers as well as providing interesting information about the site's flora and fauna.



### **Drone footage**

To demonstrate how we have spent the European Regional Development Fund grant we have produced a short video. To view the video please click [here](#).

### **Official opening**

The land north of Stone Cross remains closed, as it continues to be the responsibility of the contractor. This is to allow the seeding of the grass pitches time to establish. As soon as this land is handed over to the council it will be opened for public use, so until this time, people should not be accessing this area to allow the seeding to establish.

Once open we will be organising an official opening. We envisage that the opening will be in the next couple of months, and we will keep you updated as plans for this develop.

### **Future plans**

The Council will start to consider future phases of the development which may include the creation of sports pitches, however these plans are still to be worked up and further information will be shared in due course.

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