

NORTHALLERTON SPORTS VILLAGE

Community Briefing

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Welcome to the fourth 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.

Progress update

The capital works on the first phase of Northallerton Sports Village were completed in July. The site remained closed to the public to allow the recreational grassed areas to establish. Opening of the site was then further delayed due to a delay in the transfer of the land from the developers to the Council. Although the transfer of the land is still not complete, we are now able to allow public access onto the site which includes the one-kilometre circuit, amenity grass and car park. This area is due to be opened imminently. However, organised activity, that would require a licence, is not currently permitted.



A planning application is also currently under consideration to create a pedestrian access from the Brompton end of the site (north of the bridge).

Outstanding Works

The land that includes the grass-crete access road providing access to, and underneath the bridge, and the area within this (bridge, pillars, banking, fencing and gate) remains the responsibility of the developer. The Council is aware that there are still works to be undertaken by the developer, which includes the removal of the graffiti underneath the bridge. The Council will screen as much as possible until it is removed and is working with the Police and other agencies to consider ways to prevent further occurrences of graffiti in the future. To report any issues related to this area of the site please email: northyorkshirecustomerservices@taylorwimpey.com.

Hedge Maintenance

Our parks and ground staff have recently been undertaking maintenance works to the hedge along Northallerton Road. They advised that the hedge needed to be cut back to approximately 7 metres high to allow the bottom of the hedge to flourish and create a safer habitat for nesting birds.

Allotments

As part of the sports village development 18 small allotment plots have been created, which are enclosed with fencing. Each plot has a water collection point and shed. Once the land has been transferred into the ownership of North Yorkshire Council the management of the allotments will be passed to Northallerton Town Council.

Future plans

As previously reported all 8 North Yorkshire Council's became one organisation on 1 April 2023. The new North Yorkshire Council's Sport and Active Wellbeing Service is now tasked with completing a major Strategic Leisure Review which will include the production of a new county wide Playing Pitch Strategy. These strategies will be used to help inform future phases for this site.

The Northallerton Environmental Enhancements Project (phase 1) is part funded by the European Regional Development Fund with a grant of £503,706.



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