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# inspiredspaces Nottingham Autumn Newsletter



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Welcome to our autumn newsletter.

## A word from our GM...

Welcome to the latest update from Nottingham's Local Education Partnership! It has been 6 months since I came on board as General Manager and we have seen a wide variety of projects completed, started and reviewed. I joined the partnership at an exciting time - to lead the team into a new phase – seeing the successful completion of the BSF programme, with some iconic and innovative buildings constructed to enhance the learning environment for young people, starting the final large scale leisure project to create a world class sporting facility at Harvey Hadden and developing the partnership to support NCC's vision for regeneration and growth within the City.

We are now well on the way to transforming ourselves from an education-based project vehicle into a route to delivering the ambitions of the City Council. To aid the re-launch, we plan to rename the partnership in the New Year to **Innovate Nottingham** - so look out for the new logo and spread the word about who we are!

**Ken Powell, inspiredspaces Nottingham General Manager**

*Right: the new branding for Innovate Nottingham*



## FOREST RECREATION GROUND

The historic Forest Recreation Ground has been returned to its former glory following the completion of a £5.2m heritage restoration project. On 31st August the Lord Mayor and Lord Lieutenant of Nottingham officially opened the Forest Recreation Ground Project with various Councillors and dignitaries present. Feedback on the quality and finish of the construction was extremely positive and forthcoming.

Works have included restoration of the historic entrances and Grade II listed lodge, refurbishment of the pavilion with a new café, changing facilities, toilets and community space as well as improvements to pathways, lighting, play and sports facilities, planted areas and visitor information.

The project which saw Carillion as construction partner has provided multiple training and employment opportunities for local people. Carillion Apprentice David Nield, 19, from Long Eaton said: "It was a great scheme to be involved in. This was my first restoration job and the skills required are unlike anything else."

### Key information:

- The restoration works at the Forest Recreation Ground supported 23 apprenticeship placements
- 33 work experience placements took place there during the duration of the project
- 23 entry-level jobs were filled
- Work-based training was given to 111 people through the course of the works



*Right: Carillion Apprentices David Nield and Kingsley Moore in front of the newly restored Lodge.*

# Making a splash! Nottingham's newest leisure centre starts on-site!

## HARVEY HADDEN LEISURE CENTRE

Following a turf-cutting ceremony on 9<sup>th</sup> September, construction work has now commenced at the Harvey Hadden Leisure Centre, the final project in Nottingham City Council's ambitious Leisure Centre Transformation Programme.

The new facility will have improved access and state of the art facilities including a 50 metre swimming pool with adjustable pool floor that splits into two 25 metre pools, two multi-use activity studios, 100 station gym, health suite complete with Jacuzzi, Steam, Sauna and Relaxation space, café and new changing facilities.

*Right:* Turf cutting taking place at Harvey Hadden. Picture courtesy of Nottingham Post.

Portfolio Holder for Communities, Leisure and Culture, Councillor David Trimble, said: "We'll be working with the LEP to recruit and train local people during the building phase which will give the area a boost in terms of job creation whilst supporting the construction industry."

Carillion, the construction contractors, have already hosted their first Business Action on Homelessness work placement at the site.



The new leisure centre is due for completion in spring 2015.

*Below:* The latest artist's impressions show how the new building will look from the outside and the internal design of the 50m pool with spectator seating and viewing area.



### **Harvey Hadden Iconic Bid Update:**

Nottingham City Council has accepted an award of £1,941,239 from Sport England following a successful funding bid to further develop Harvey Hadden Sports Complex and Park.

The Council submitted a bid to Sport England's Iconic Facilities Fund in December 2012 which proposed to build a 1.5km closed road cycling circuit, expand the athletics track, add three new squash courts and upgrade the existing football pitches to include new outdoor changing facilities.

Additional funding totalling £480,000 has been secured from England Athletics, The Football Association, England Squash and Racketball, British Cycling and Notts Athletics Club as part of the bidding process, increasing the total of the Harvey Hadden re-development scheme to over **£16m**.

# What else have we been up to?

## LIVE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS:

**Primary School Maintenance Programme-** After a slow start during the summer holidays, the PSMP is now up and running with the October half term works being delivered successfully on time and budget. The NCC Project Manager has given positive feedback in the last review session and planning is now underway for 2014 projects.

**Farnborough School-** The handover of the school took place on 30th August as planned. The Carillion Building Team have done a tremendous job in turning around what was a key project, well behind programme with huge risks, in to another success story and continued delivery record for us. The school and authority are delighted with the result and it is amazing to think that a school of this size has been built in less than 12 months. Howard Barnes, Head Teacher at Farnborough said: "as you know I have nothing but praise and gratitude to the key personnel on site who worked so hard to achieve the handover date, they managed to facilitate early access to site for key school personnel which really enabled us to start setting up and familiarising staff with the new building. We were able within two days to set up the new school ready for the new term- quite an achievement."

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY:

- In July, team members from inspiredspaces Nottingham helped the Farndon Green Residents Association in Wollaton plant flowers in roundabout planting baskets, sponsored by Carillion Building.
- The LEP team handed over a host of BREEAM 'excellent' certificates to our partners at Nottingham City Council.
- In July, we partnered with The Renewal Trust in St Ann's and our supply Chain partner, Capita, hosted a fortnights work experience placement for Gary Patel- *far right with his mentor.*
- In September Carillion's joinery subcontractors J&P joinery, agreed to sponsor and fix together some new railway sleeper flower beds for the Wollaton Park Community Association. Team members from inspiredspaces experienced an enjoyable day helping to clear the communal gardens- *top right.*
- Also in September, inspiredspaces held its annual coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Support's 'World's Largest Coffee Morning' raising £154.70- *right.*
- We sponsored Nottingham City Council's 'GEM Awards' which took place on 12<sup>th</sup> September.
- Carillion, with services being procured through inspiredspaces Nottingham, are sponsoring the North of England Education Conference, taking place in January 2014 in Nottingham city centre.
- Two LEP employees are now trained up to be 'Job Coaches' for Business in the Community.



## BUSINESS ACTION ON HOMELESSNESS UPDATE:

In November 2013, supply chain partners of inspiredspaces commenced hosting fortnightly work experience placements for **six** Business in the Community clients, looking to get back into the workplace.

Many thanks to Carillion, Nottingham City Council and Nottingham City Homes for their continued support of this worthwhile programme.