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**Community 1st Oldham – Working in partnership to transform local community facilities in Oldham.**

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## Your regular Community 1st update

Welcome to the Summer newsletter from Community 1st Oldham – your regular update of the activities we are working on with our different partners across the borough.

There's lots of news this quarter – the new Fitton Hill Health and Wellbeing Centre (phase 2 of the existing Neighbourhood Centre) is now under construction, the Run4Fun takes place on 30th June and the Energize initiative continues to encourage young people to participate in sporting activities. Read more on the following pages.

We hope you find these newsletters useful and informative - if there are any areas you want to know more about or we can provide support please get in touch.

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## Building a Healthier Future

A key milestone in the development of the new Health and Wellbeing Centre in Fitton Hill was celebrated on Thursday 14th June.

A 'turf cutting ceremony' was held to mark the start of construction, following several weeks of site clearance. Councillor Ateeque Ur-Rehman did the honours with the ceremonial spade to cut the first piece of turf on site and officially got the project started.

The new building will provide GP services in a brand new, purpose-built facility and will adjoin and fully integrate with the existing Fitton Hill Neighbourhood Centre, which opened at the end of February. It will replace the temporary modular building on Deanshut Lane which has been housing the GP practice until a permanent facility could be developed. The new centre will open in early 2013.

Lauren Collins, Chief Operating Officer of Hope Citadel, said: "This ceremony marks an important step in getting the construction phase of the new build project underway. It is essential that the community gets to share this exciting milestone with us and the official ceremony is a great way to celebrate the partnership working that has gone into making this happen."

Neil Charlesworth, Director of Community 1st Oldham Ltd, commented: "It is exciting to see another development get underway that will see local people have access to top quality health services. Together with the existing Fitton Hill Neighbourhood Centre, this new development will provide the people of Fitton Hill with a range of health and community services all under one roof."

Riaz Ahmad, Oldham Clinical Commissioning Group Chair said: "We have been pleased to support the new GP surgery development in Fitton Hill. This will provide much improved facilities for the local community and we are sure it will help to improve health outcomes for patients in the area."



## Community 1st Oldham Helps Under 8s Rugby Team Get Kitted Out

Community 1st Oldham recently helped out an under 8s rugby team in Oldham by providing a donation for a new kit.

The team is newly formed and had no funding for kit or equipment, whereas opposing teams were well-turned out in matching kit provided by sponsors. The donation has enabled the team to buy tracksuits and kit for all the boys.

One of the parents said: "We live in an area where there are few opportunities for youth. As parents we are hoping to develop the team and promote not only a good future for the health and wellbeing of our children, but also strengthen the community spirit in the area."

Community 1st Oldham is pleased to support the Higginshaw ARLFC Under 8s team and wishes them luck in future matches.

## Werneth Primary Care Centre – Highly Commended

Following the news that Werneth Primary Care Centre had been shortlisted for four awards, we are pleased to announce that the centre was highly commended in the RICS North West Awards, Infrastructure category.

The RICS Awards showcase the most inspirational regional initiatives and developments in land, property, construction and the environment, with the Infrastructure category recognising projects that deliver essential facilities and services.





## Energize Update

Five students from Radclyffe School in Oldham achieved their National Indoor Climbing Achievement Scheme (NICAS) level 1 this month, thanks to the Community 1st funded Energize project.

The Energize project is an initiative to inspire people from deprived areas to get involved in sport. Oldham Community Leisure (OCL) is leading on the initiative, working alongside Oldham Athletic Community Trust, Community 1st Oldham and The Oldham College, to deliver a comprehensive programme offering a host of sporting activities, as well as volunteering opportunities and training. Community 1st Oldham and Sport England's SportMatch are providing funding for the project.



Other highlights of the project so far include:

- Zumba classes at Radclyffe, Failsworth and Saddleworth schools and Oldham College have proved so popular that extra sessions are now planned for Oldham Sixth Form College.
- The running club is going from strength to strength with some participants having progressed from being absolute beginners to taking part in 5k park runs and planning to enter a 10k race event.
- Thanks to funding from Community 1st Oldham, Oldham Community Leisure has been able to sign up a new level 2 cricket coach. The cricket sessions are proving extremely popular and talks are being held regarding setting up a new cricket academy for Oldham.
- Two attendees of the water sports activities have completed a five day Pool Lifeguard Training course and are now qualified to find employment in the leisure industry.

The parent of one Energize participant who recently completed life guard training commented: "As the parent of a young person who has had to leave education due to a mental health problem, the opportunity to return to study and be able to access the funding through Energize was a huge step. The result was a totally positive experience which increased my son's confidence which was at an all-time low and provided him with a qualification. Thank you Energize!"

Community 1st Oldham is proud to support the Energize initiative and is delighted that the activities are proving so popular.

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## Run4Fun Returns to Alexandra Park

The annual family Run4Fun is returning to Alexandra Park on Saturday 30th June, hosted by national sports development charity StreetGames and Oldham Community Leisure, and sponsored by Community 1st Oldham. Starting at 11am, the run is free to enter and open to all ages and abilities to run, jog, walk, wheelchair, or pram-push the 1.5 kilometre course around the park. The run is just part of the family fun day taking place at the park – other activities start at 10am and include:

- Oldham Community Leisure's climbing tower
- Street Cheer – a fusion of cheerleading and hip hop
- Cycling with Pennine Care's Activ8Oldham project
- Plus Chaddy the Owl from Oldham Athletic Community Trust will be making an appearance

In addition, there will be appearances from all the partners involved with the Olympic torch event, which took place on Sunday 24th June, and the One Future Sports Awards, which takes place on 29th June. Neil Charlesworth, Director of Community 1st Oldham said: "Community 1st Oldham is proud to support this event. We are dedicated to delivering modern health and community facilities in the Oldham area which really meet the needs of the communities in which they are located, and by working with StreetGames on the Run4Fun activities we hope to deliver events that will bring communities together to have fun and get fit."

For further information on the event, or to obtain an entry form, visit [www.run4fun.co.uk](http://www.run4fun.co.uk) or call **0845 1300849**. Entries can also be accepted on the day.



The Community 1st facilities management team is the first point of contact for any tenant representative issues or queries. Building users **should** liaise with their own centre managers who will ensure any issues raised are dealt with in accordance with established building procedures.



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## Building Management Tips

May we remind our tenants that as the warm weather continues, you will benefit from the natural ventilation that your building provides:

- 1 Open windows first thing in the morning to ensure that fresh air is circulated as soon as possible
- 2 If the air conditioning is turned on, make sure windows are closed
- 3 If you have any air conditioned spaces, keep the temperature at an optimum setting of no lower than 21 degrees
- 4 The heating in your building will not be operational during the summer months, as the external temperature is unlikely to drop below the setting point

## Keep up to date with Twitter

You can keep up to date with all the Community 1st activities in Oldham by following us on Twitter (@Comm1stOldham).

We'll be posting regular updates about news and events across the Community 1st estate.

You'll also notice on our communications we have started to use QR codes – these look a little bit like bar codes and once you've downloaded a free app to your smartphone you can scan the QR code and it will take you directly to a website.

For example, you can reach the Community 1st Oldham website by scanning this QR code with your smartphone:



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