

## Monthly Round-Up

### Yate Outdoor Sports Complex Celebration

On Sunday 15th September 2019, Yate Town Council celebrated the completion of two major projects carried out at Yate Outdoor Sports Complex; the refurbished track and athletics facilities as well as the newly replaced astroturf all-weather pitch.

Councillors were joined by representatives of YOSC Ltd, local users, stakeholders and also Charles Berkeley, High Sheriff of Gloucestershire.



Everyone expressed delight at the newly refurbished and upgraded facilities, bringing YOSC up to a highly competitive standard.

The refurbishment of the track and athletics facilities was made possible with funding from Yate Town Council, South Gloucestershire Council s106 monies and Sport England, while the Astroturf replacement project was funded by Yate Town Council, Sport England, Ibstock & Entrust Communities and Suez Landfill Community Trust.

Councillor Karl Tomasin, Chair of Yate Town Council, commented:

"I'm very proud and delighted that at YOSC we now have a refurbished track and athletics facilities and newly replaced astroturf all-weather pitch.

We now have a top-class sports complex for our community to use, compete and excel on.

It was wonderful to see so many people taking the opportunity to use the facilities here on Sunday and it's great that it will be here for many more years to come."

The official opening took place on the morning of an Avon Track and Field event, hockey matches, and Yate Rugby Tots training, demonstrating how well used the site is.

YOSC is a multisport site including athletics facilities, running track, grass pitches and a sand-based Astroturf pitch adjacent to Brimsham Green School in North Yate. Please see the YOSC website for more details.



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### Boxing and Community Building

Yate Town Council (YTC) has been working with Yate Amateur Boxing Club (YABC) for the last 18 months to re-home them in purpose-built premises onsite at Yate Outdoor Sports Complex, home to an athletics and track facility, astroturf pitch, football and rugby pitches.

YABC is currently homed in a portacabin with no heating, deteriorating equipment and with premises that are too small to accommodate both male and female boxers and not suitable for para-boxers. South Gloucestershire Council deemed the current building unfit-for-purpose and advised of its intention to demolish it in the very near future.



The Town Council now has planning permission and is seeking a loan from the Public Works Loan Board for the project, as well as continuing to work with YABC to source funds for the rebuild. The new community building will provide more space and storage. Male, female and disabled changing facilities and toilets will be available onsite at YOSC, encouraging female and para boxers to start attending the club.

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### Communities Week

The 9th to 15th September was 'Communities Week'.

Yate Town Council is proud to support and represent the people of Yate with the aim to improve the quality of life for residents in our community.

We provide a range of facilities and amenities for all to enjoy. From the Pop Inn Cafe to the Armadillo, from the nature reserve in Kingsgate Park to the skatepark at Peg Hill, we hope there is something for everyone.

Along with our facilities, we arrange annual events for the community including; Easter Egg Extravaganza, Yate Rocks!, St George's Day celebrations, carol concerts and much more!

Thank you to all the community groups, volunteers and people of Yate who make our community such a great place to live, to work and to visit.





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### Kingsgate Park Outdoor Gym Equipment

We are excited to let you know that our new outdoor gym is being installed at Kingsgate Park during September / October.

The gym will include 8 items of hydraulic equipment and will be suitable for a wide range of people of varying ages and levels of fitness.

Details of an official opening, complete with equipment demos, will be shared in due course.



Yate Town Council successfully bid for s106 money and were awarded £40,000 for this enhancement to Kingsgate Park.

### Yate Ageing Better Consultation

Yate Town Council has commissioned a public consultation about 'Yate Ageing Better' to help improve the quality of life for older people living in Yate. We want to find out how we can make Yate a great place for people to get older, so that their lives can be happy, fulfilled, active, energetic, positive and rewarding.

The consultation will find out how aware older people are of what there is already in Yate, what else older people would like to have and what the Town Council can do to fill the gaps.

The researchers that have been commissioned are both older people themselves and have been and will continue to be out and about in Yate to find out about existing provision and about what else is needed. They would like to talk to anyone who can contribute opinions and ideas on things that make the lives of older people better, any new facilities or activities that are wanted and to find out what might prevent an older person from leading a full and active life in Yate.

The questionnaire is available, with a freepost address for responses - please contact Yate Town Council to find out where you can pick up a copy or look on the Town Council website.



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- active and energetic;
- positive and rewarding.

To do this, the Council has commissioned a public consultation to help them improve the quality of life for older people living in Yate.

They want to find out:

- how aware older people are of what there is already;
- what else older people would like to have;
- what the Council should do to fill the gaps.

The researchers, Anna Rossetti and Eddy Knasel, are both older people themselves.

We shall be out and about in the town this summer to find out about existing provision and about what else is needed. We want to talk to everyone who can contribute opinions and ideas on:

- anything you are involved in that makes your life better;
- new facilities or activities for older people you would like;
- what stops you from having a full and active life in Yate.

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