



Welcome to the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarterly report for 2017/18 from Salford Community Leisure's neighbourhood team in Irlam & Cadishead.

Key highlights this quarter include:

- Half Term activities at Irlam & Cadishead Leisure Centre
- Mixed Martial Arts Event was a huge success showcasing local talent at the Leisure Centre
- Local Primary School Cluster Water Polo / Dodge Ball Event
- Improvements made to the changing room and shower areas
- Synchronised Swimming Christmas Display
- MIND Christmas Craft afternoon
- Irlam & Cadishead Leisure Centre hosted the Salford Schools Athletics Competition
- Irlam & Cadishead College experiencing it's busiest period reflecting the need for quality outdoor football provision
- The Family History Group continued to meet at Cadishead library using the public pcs to investigate their past!
- Local historian Mike Kenwright gave an informative and entertaining talk on Margaret Penn's famous book "Manchester 14 miles"

### South Children's Centre Activities & Services

It is now just over twelve month since the South Children's Centre Service moved from two local Primary schools into the Leisure Centre. The Children's Centre was looking for an alternative venue to keep all sessions open and available for parents who live in both Irlam and Cadishead.

The Leisure Centre was able to accommodate all sessions including the Health Visitor and Midwife services. The benefits of transferring to the Leisure Centre included better parking, a service that could run all year round as opposed to term time only, and of course it's a central location for all parents / carers / guardians.

As well as a good location, by accessing the leisure centre those that had never been before, or were not frequent users, were able to see first hand the variety of activities available for not only their children, but themselves.

The feedback from the Children's Centre Managers is that the sessions and activities have not just continued following the transfer, but they have seen a significant increase in attendances. This is a great example of how co-location of services and effective partnership working can have a positive impact on the community it serves.

#### Customer Feedback for this period:

*"Already recommended to others. Great pool, fab staff good atmosphere."*

*"Staff are always friendly and helpful"*

*"Great facilities & very professional staff. Clean, bright & airy environment in which to enjoy a wide variety of sports & leisure activities."*

#### Forthcoming events and activities:

- February Half Term holiday activities
- Amateur and Professional Boxing Event
- Salford Schools Swimming Gala

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