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## Work to start on Leiston Leisure Centre within days

We're really excited about work starting at Leiston Leisure Centre, which will bring state-of-the-art leisure facilities to the area.

The work will be completed over several stages with an initial closure period of about six months needed to undertake structural work.

The centre will partly reopened to the public once the first stage is completed, and we expect the whole centre to be fully reopened in summer 2019.

I want to thank members and the community for their support for the redevelopment so far. I understand the closure will cause some inconvenience but the work is much-needed so we can bring the ageing facility up to the standard we want for our leisure facilities.

Deben Leisure Centre has now been open for just over two months and has been off to a great start.

Finishing the refurbishment on time and on budget was a major achievement for everyone involved, and it is great to see the local people enjoying the new facility.

If you have any comments or want more information about one of the projects, please email the team on

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# £3.5 million refurbishment to start at Leiston

## Transforming Leiston Leisure Centre



We are just a couple of days away from work starting to transform Leiston Leisure Centre into an exciting, modern facility.

The centre will be closed to undergo a £3.5 million refurbishment on Friday 31 August, 9pm.

The new leisure centre was designed with the Council's leisure development partner, Pulse Design & Build and operators, Places Leisure.

The new enhanced facility will include an extension and the first floor will feature a large gym with modern equipment, including zones for cardiovascular, strength and resistance.

There will be a new high quality village style changing room by the pool. This will be family friendly with cubicles for parent and child, sepa-

rate changing areas for groups, which is open to the public when not in use, and individual changing cubicles and showers.

The reception area will have a coffee shop and a soft play area for children, which will provide a great view of the pool.

A new health suite, featuring a sauna and steam room, a feature shower and a relaxation area, will be accessible from the pool area.

There will be more fitness classes available with two new dance studios and a group cycling studio, which will also serve as multi-bookable rooms.

The two squash courts had been removed from the original plan, but following feedback from the squash club and other users, these have been retained.

## Aspiring photographer's photo welcomes visitors to Deben Leisure Centre



This is Tom Andrews, one of the Council's Planning Services Support Officers. In his spare time, Tom is an up and coming photographer, and a very talented one at that.

So when we needed to commission a picture that captures Woodbridge for the entrance of the new Deben Leisure Centre, we didn't have to look very far.

Tom said: "As someone starting out in the world of photog-

raphy, it was fantastic to be given this opportunity by the Council.

"Landscape photography is a passion of mine, so this was a fun project to work on, and I hope you'll enjoy looking at it when you visit Deben Leisure Centre.

If you would like to see more of Tom's work, you can visit his website at

[www.tomandrewsphotography.com](http://www.tomandrewsphotography.com)

# Two months in for Deben Leisure Centre



## Deben Leisure Centre hits the ground running

It has been a great start for Deben Leisure Centre as the new state-of-the-art leisure facility attracts the crowds.

The centre reopened on 20 June '18, following a £3.5 million refurbishment.

There was a great turnout for the opening week, with over 1,300 people diving into the pool and the new gym being put through its pace. In total, a whopping 2,000 people visited the centre in the first week alone.

Deben Leisure Centre continues to do extremely well with new membership sign up comfortably exceeding expectations.

## The facilities aren't the only thing that has been improved

The centre now offers longer opening hours to fit around people's schedule and is open Monday - Friday 6am - 10pm and Saturday and Sunday 7am - 8pm.

If you want more information about Deben Leisure Centre, including the facilities available, timetables and more, go to [www.debenleisurecentre.co.uk](http://www.debenleisurecentre.co.uk)

## Felixstowe consultation

Following the recent work undertaken by The Sports Consultancy on Suffolk Coastal District Council Leisure redevelopment programme and the possibilities for Felixstowe, a programme of public consultation was held earlier this year.

This included an online public consultation survey using a Survey Monkey consultation between 19th February and 30th April 2018. An impressive total of 996 individuals completed the survey. Thank you to everyone who took the time to give us their comments.

The Leisure Team also held presentations for local community groups and at events during the same period.

Some on the outcomes from the survey show:

- 65% of respondents don't use sports facilities outside of Felixstowe.
- The 5 most popular activities were:
  - Leisure swimming
  - Swimming to keep fit
  - Gym/health and fitness activities
  - Exercise classes
  - Racket sports
- 68% of respondents travel to the leisure centre by car.
- 48% of respondents would be prepared to travel 5 to 10 minutes to a new leisure centre.
- 51% of respondents prioritised the proximity of facilities to a free car park with 51% ranking this as the most important. It was not so important for leisure facilities to be located near a school.