

# Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council

## Update on TMBC Activity in Tonbridge and Malling

Parish Partnership Panel

June 2018



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## Larkfield Leisure Centre

- **Larkfield Leisure Centre** – investment in new gym and free weights area, two new dance studios and improved changing areas. Official opening later this month.



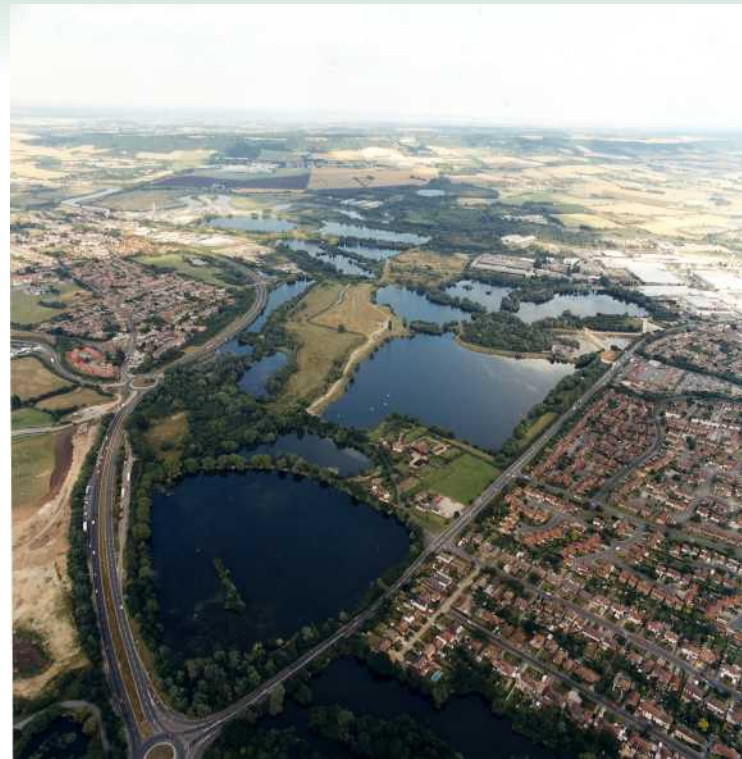
Phase 2 of the £1 million development project has now started and includes an extension to the existing Gym, which involves knocking the existing Free Weights Area into the current Exercise Studio. Half the Studio will form the Immersive Spin Studio and the other will house a brand new 12 station functional training rig.

The new Outrace functional training rig will be a great addition to the Gym, as it offers a multitude of workout options including suspension training, body weight training, assault courses, there's even a squat rack and rebound trampoline. You can workout on your own, as part of a group or join in XCUBE and XCUBE HIIT classes. We've also added a new EXCEL XCUBE class for 11 to 16 year olds.

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## Leybourne Lakes Country Park

- **Leybourne Lakes** – investment in new parking, interpretation and play structures. Consideration being given to future development opportunities



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## Healthy Living

- New health walk set up in East Malling
- Snodland surgery walk has had very good numbers with a number of people referred by their GP.
- Counterweight at Snodland and Borough Green surgeries are working well with clients having success with weight loss. Also starting soon at Kings Hill.
- Promotion of OneYou during the launch week in January with a presence in Larkfield Leisure Centre. Also gave a 2 minute talk to the runners at Park Run.



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## Business Engagement & Support Activity

- **Business Engagement Events** – most recently in May 2018 in partnership with Snodland Town Council and Barclays.
- **Free One-to-One Business Support** for local businesses commissioned by the West Kent Partnership.
- **Signposting to business grants and loans opportunities** – such as LoCASE; Innovation Funds and Small Business Boost.
- **Regular Monthly e-Bulletin to over 650 business contacts.**



Are you running a West Kent **MICRO** business?

**NEW SERVICE**

Funded by:

**ACCOUNTING  
ADVICE**



- Need to talk finance?
- Meet FCA accountancy professionals
- Personal - one hour sessions

Part of our **FREE\*** business programme for access to useful and practical support with one to one advice and guidance.

In association with The **SARGEANT PARTNERSHIP**, in SWANLEY

**DATES AVAILABLE:** APRIL 26,  
MAY 17 and JUNE 14  
between 10am and 3pm

\* For residents in Tonbridge & Malling, Tunbridge Wells and Sevenoaks local authorities.

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## Working for Rural Businesses

- **Village Stores Initiative** – the Borough Council have commissioned ACRK to provide support to rural retailers. So far supported 10 rural stores.
- **Rural Rate Relief** – rural shops and pubs continuing to receive 100% relief (TMBC topping up the 50% mandatory rate relief)
- **West Kent LEADER** – grants for rural businesses. Nearly £250k awarded to T&M rural businesses so far and many more applications in the pipeline.



**Free advice, support and help in accessing funding\* for Rural Retailers throughout Tonbridge and Malling**

\*funding includes West Kent LEADER (which can part-fund capital expenditure that helps your business grow) and LOCASE (which can help towards capital expenditure that improves energy efficiency of your business)



This initiative is a co funded project between Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council and Action with Communities in Rural Kent



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## Prioritising the Employment and Skills Agenda

- **West Kent Enterprise Adviser Network** – linking businesses with local schools to develop strategies for meaningful careers development.
- **Skills 3030** – partnership with FSB and local schools to link students with local business.
- **Skillsfest** – opportunity for businesses to promote their sector to schools across West Kent.
- **Jobs and Training Fairs** – next one in Aylesford on 18 October 2018.



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## Environmental Initiatives

- **Great British Spring Clean – over 50 events in March 2018 with 13 Parish Councils host their own events. Engaged over 2000 residents and collected over 600 sacks of waste.**
- **Now over 300 individuals registered with the Street Monitor Scheme.**
- **Now over 132 individuals and groups awarded as Environmental Champions, with this 10<sup>th</sup> year of celebration aiming to broaden recognition of volunteering across the borough.**

