

Honiton Leisure Centre changing rooms update (October 2021)

LED Community Leisure would like to notify Honiton Leisure Centre customers and wider community that the much-anticipated refurbishment works to the swimming pool changing rooms will commence next month.

The refurbishment of the changing rooms at Honiton swimming pool remains a key priority for both LED Community Leisure and East Devon District Council (EDDC). Both parties have put in considerable work to plan the new and improved changing rooms.

The date for these works to begin has now been confirmed as 15th November 2021, with the new changing rooms due to open to the public in February 2022.

The refurbishment of the changing rooms have been two years in the planning. The project was due to commence in 2019, however following the discovery of a large crack in the wall of the female changing rooms, which required extensive surveying, various surveys of the mechanical systems in the pool hall and then the impact of the COVID 19 Pandemic, meaning many specialist contractors being either furloughed or unable to quote for the works this project has suffered significant delays.

LED Community Leisure and EDDC have worked hard over the last 6 months to secure a reputable contractor and have then worked with them to finalise the plan for a changing room refurbishment that is both affordable and something that everyone can be proud of.

The project was due to start on site in September 2021. Sadly, this date has been forced back due to supply chain issues and in particular, difficulties in procuring some specialist parts that are not readily available in the UK. The revised start date is now the 15th November 2021.

Peter Gilpin, CEO for LED Community Leisure said: "LED Community Leisure would like to assure customers that our teams have been working tirelessly to bring these improvements to fruition, it is clearly in nobody's interests to be without these much-needed improved changing rooms. Our management team have worked hard to find a way to not only open the pool but ensure it can remain open and operate within COVID-19 Secure guidelines during difficult circumstances.

On behalf of LED Community Leisure and EDDC we thank you for your continued patience and understanding. We will bring you more updates as work progresses via the LED Honiton Leisure Centre and LED Community Leisure Ltd Facebook pages. We appreciate the current arrangements are challenging and express our apologies for these unprecedented delays and any inconvenience caused."

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