

PRESS RELEASE

£1.5 million redevelopment kicks off at Longwell Green Active Leisure Centre

A £1.5 million makeover gets underway at Longwell Green Active Leisure Centre this week (10 Feb) enabling it to offer exciting new activities and greater capacity for a growing community.

The redevelopment means the centre, which is managed by the Circadian Trust, will offer improved facilities to its customers and meet increased demand in the local community, which is set to grow due to planned new housing in the area.

Plans for the new and improved facilities include:

- A new fitness studio
- An additional 25 stations in the fitness suite
- New changing rooms including disability changing
- A new entrance to the building and lobby
- More poolside showers

The project is being funded by South Gloucestershire Council and will be delivered in partnership with Alliance Leisure who also partnered on the recently completed Bradley Stoke Active Centre transformation. The architects are Studio Four Architects and the design and build will be carried out by Createability.

Ben Beasley, Director of Commercial Development, said: “Longwell Green Leisure Centre is one of our most popular Active Centres so we are very excited that we are going to be able to both expand the facility and offer a range of new activities.

“The work will result in a significantly improved sports and leisure provision locally, reinvesting in local communities, which is at the core of what we do as a charity.”

The project will be carried out in phases and is due for completion at the end of 2017.

This investment follows the recently completed £3.6 million redevelopment of Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre, including conversion of the squash courts into two new, larger dance studios, adventure climbing walls a three storey soft play in the main hall and 130 additional parking spaces.

Councillor Heather Goddard, Chair of South Gloucestershire Communities Committee, said: “We all need to get moving to stay fit and healthy and that’s why South Gloucestershire is investing in our leisure centres to make sure we have attractive, state-of-the-art facilities to use.

“Longwell Green is already heavily used and we are very pleased to be able to fund these improvements to help it expand even further.

“The families, individuals and sports-club users, as well as the wider community, will benefit from more and improved facilities and although there will be some disruption during the work, the centre will stay open throughout.”

Working in partnership with South Gloucestershire Council, Circadian Trust’s community strategy and overall shared philosophy is to contribute to the improved health, cultural and social wellbeing of the local community improving quality of life.

Ian Cotgave, Managing Director of Createability, said: “We have a long standing relationship with Alliance Leisure Services, Circadian Trust and South Gloucestershire Council and we are delighted to be continuing this at Longwell Green, following on from a very successful project at Bradley Stoke.”

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Notes to Editors

Working in partnership with South Gloucestershire Council, any profit made by the Trust is reinvested to improve facilities, equipment and services for its customers.

About Circadian Trust

- Circadian Trust operates five leisure centre sites and two dual-use sports centres across South Gloucestershire in Bradley Stoke, Downend, Kingswood, Longwell Green, Patchway, Thornbury and Yate and is a company and charity. Working in partnership with South Gloucestershire Council, the community strategy and overall shared philosophy is to contribute to the improved health, cultural and social wellbeing of the local community improving quality of life.
- Circadian Trust is celebrating its tenth anniversary as a trust.
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