



Press Release

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Gyms at Fenland's council-owned leisure centres overhauled with new equipment

Fenland gym goers will be able to enjoy all-new equipment at council-owned leisure centres in Chatteris, March, Whittlesey and Wisbech.

The new equipment is coming to Fenland District Council owned leisure centres managed by Freedom Leisure, thanks to a substantial Council investment.

Cllr Susan Wallwork, the Council's portfolio holder for leisure, said: "It's a priority for us to provide quality leisure centres in all our towns due the mental and physical benefits they bring.

"We're delighted to work closely with Freedom Leisure to do this, and, as part of our management agreement, to provide updated kit to keep the centres relevant and inviting.

"We hope our residents enjoy this investment. We encourage everyone – those already familiar with the gym and newcomers – to go along, try the equipment out and enjoy the warm welcome."

New equipment has been installed at George Campbell Leisure Centre, in March, this week (Oct 28).

Gyms at other centres will be closed for three days each to allow extraction of old equipment and installation of new equipment in coming weeks. Fitness classes, pools and other facilities will be open as usual.

Please get updates direct from Freedom Leisure to confirm when closures are in place.

Currently, closure to allow replacement of equipment is planned, at:

- Chatteris Leisure Centre, Monday, November 2, reopening on Thursday, November 5.
- Hudson Leisure Centre, Wisbech, Monday, November 9, reopening on Thursday, November 12.
- Manor Leisure Centre, Whittlesey, Tuesday, November 17, reopening on Friday, November 20.

At Hudson Leisure Centre, work is also being done to improve an area next to the gym to provide a dedicated training space for dynamic workouts, including HIIT and group training.

Ivan Horsfall Turner, Chief Executive Officer of Freedom Leisure, said: "We're excited to see our gyms further enhanced and look forward to inviting members and visitors in to use this excellent new equipment.

"Our thanks to existing customers for bearing with us as the upgrades are made. We'd be delighted to see our usual gym goers enjoying our other facilities on the few days the gyms are out of use. Classes and pools will be available as usual."

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Notes to Editors

Photos:

- Cllr Susan Wallwork with new equipment installed at George Campbell Leisure Centre
- New equipment installed at the George Campbell Leisure Centre

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