

Police tour Lincolnshire all summer

LINCOLNSHIRE Police are to embark on a crime-reducing roadshow this summer.

Members of the public can meet police mascot Bobby Bear, Lincolnshire Police dog handlers, the roads policing unit and the force dive team.

Other attractions will include a crash car simulator and a police quad bike. Deputy Chief Constable Neil Rhodes said: "These events are a great opportunity for us to discuss our services and the changes we have made recently to Lincolnshire Police to make sure we continue to deliver excellent results in very challenging times."

"We are making good progress in reducing crime across the county and showing a significant improvement in the percentage of crimes solved compared to this time last year."

"However, as well as reducing crime we're keen to reduce the fear of crime and get perception in line with reality."

The roadshow is set to visit Gainsborough Market Place on Monday, August 1.

In the courts

Joshua Thomas Hibbert, 20, of Pasture Road, Barton-Upon-Humber, pleaded guilty at North Lincolnshire Magistrates' Court to criminal damage. He was fined £70, ordered to pay compensation of £95, a victims' surcharge of £15 and costs of £85.

Dementia awareness

DEMENTIA Awareness Week is being marked by the Alzheimer's Society in North Lincolnshire.

There will be information stands and drop in sessions at Scunthorpe General Hospital and Scunthorpe Library this week.

It aims to raise awareness and to provide information about services being developed to improve dementia care locally.

The Alzheimer's Society will be at Scunthorpe General Hospital on Wednesday from 10.30am to 3.30pm and at Scunthorpe Central Library on Friday from 10.30am to 3.30pm.

For further information on Alzheimer's disease, call 01652 680474.



ON SCHEDULE: The Pods leisure centre which will open on Monday.

Excitement over opening of Pods

Leisure centre on track, but swimming will be delayed

SWIMMING facilities at The Pods are set to open after a delay of just a few days.

by Sam Russell
sam.russell3@gsmg.co.uk

As reported, a chemical explosion at the site forced the opening date for the pool to be pushed back while the incident was investigated.

But council bosses have announced that the dry-side facilities at the new £21 million leisure centre in Ashby Road will open on Monday as planned and the pool facilities will open "very soon" this month.

Sports clubs in North Lincolnshire say they cannot wait.

Scott Strong, vice-captain of Scunthorpe Anchor swimming club, said: "All the kids are excited about The Pods opening and all our coaches are looking forward to the move."

"We hope to get swimming clubs from across the region involved."

"The Pods looks really modern and stylish from the out-

side and I'm ready to go down as soon as the pool opens."

He added the swimming club would be holding a meeting about how best to spread the word about the new pool

and get more people involved.

A spokesman for North Lincolnshire Council said: "An 85-plus station, split level gym, six-court sports hall, two exercise studios, sauna, spa bath, steam room and café with seating across two floors and an outdoor terrace,

plus The Little Pea Pods crèche, will all be open from Monday.

"A date has yet to be confirmed for the opening of the swimming pool, but it will be very soon."

The Pods is to celebrate its opening by offering the first 50 gym users a complimentary pedometer.

The first 100 users will also be entered into a prize draw to win a heart rate monitor.

John Briggs, Cabinet member with responsibility for leisure and culture at the authority, said: "I'm delighted that from Monday, people can attend fitness classes, use the gym, sports hall and other facilities."

"We will shortly be opening the pool area and the building will very soon be fully open to the public."

"This marks a significant milestone in the project."

"From the original concept and design to getting building work started and now to seeing it finished is a huge achievement."

while experts from the Health And Safety Executive (HSE) carried out a full investigation.

But bosses have said the pool can open after only a minor delay.

The exact opening date has not been revealed.

Plans to open all facilities at The Pods on Monday were upset after a chemical explosion at the site.

Three men were injured after a mixture of chemicals in the swimming pool's filtration system caused an explosion in the leisure centre's plant room.

Two of the men were hospitalised after suffering cuts, bruising and possible chemical inhalation on Saturday, June 18.

Council bosses announced that the opening of swimming facilities could be delayed

and get more people involved.

A spokesman for North Lincolnshire Council said: "An 85-plus station, split level gym, six-court sports hall, two exercise studios, sauna, spa bath, steam room and café with seating across two floors and an outdoor terrace,

plus The Little Pea Pods crèche, will all be open from Monday.

"A date has yet to be confirmed for the opening of the swimming pool, but it will be very soon."

The Pods is to celebrate its opening by offering the first 50 gym users a complimentary pedometer.

The first 100 users will also be entered into a prize draw to win a heart rate monitor.

John Briggs, Cabinet member with responsibility for leisure and culture at the authority, said: "I'm delighted that from Monday, people can attend fitness classes, use the gym, sports hall and other facilities."

"We will shortly be opening the pool area and the building will very soon be fully open to the public."

"This marks a significant milestone in the project."

"From the original concept and design to getting building work started and now to seeing it finished is a huge achievement."

while experts from the Health And Safety Executive (HSE) carried out a full investigation.

But bosses have said the pool can open after only a minor delay.

The exact opening date has not been revealed.

Pool chemicals caused explosion

PLANS to open all facilities at The Pods on Monday were upset after a chemical explosion at the site.

Three men were injured after a mixture of chemicals in the swimming pool's filtration system caused an explosion in the leisure centre's plant room.

Two of the men were hospitalised after suffering cuts, bruising and possible chemical inhalation on Saturday, June 18.

Council bosses announced that the opening of swimming facilities could be delayed



BIG BANG: The pool area of The Pods.

while experts from the Health And Safety Executive (HSE) carried out a full investigation.

But bosses have said the pool can open after only a minor delay.

The exact opening date has not been revealed.

Energy scheme inquiry to open

A PUBLIC inquiry into a proposed multi-million pound renewable energy plant near Brigg is set to resume this month.

As reported, developer Eco2 wants to construct a straw-burning biomass plant at the former British Sugar site in Scawby Brook.

Planning permission for the plant was originally refused by North Lincolnshire Council for highway and environmental reasons.

Eco2 then appealed against the decision and a public inquiry into the scheme was adjourned in March, after plans to alter the access route from the B1206 were submitted at the last minute.

At the time, Government-appointed planning inspector Clive Sproule ruled there should be more time for consultation on the alterations.

The inquiry will recommence on Tuesday, July 19, and is scheduled to run for four days. It will be

held at Kingsway Consulting in Kingsway, Scunthorpe, beginning at 10am.

The development would comprise of a turbine and boiler hall, two storage barns, a wood storage and a lagoon.

As well as facing opposition from the council, the developer is also battling against the Scawby Brook Residents' Association, which has objected throughout the application process.

In Brief

Burglar before court for violation of his curfew

A BURGLAR has been handed an extended curfew after failing to tell authorities he had moved to a new address.

Chase MacKenzie, 20, of Elsham Walk in Gainsborough, was handed an eight-week curfew, to run between 7pm and 5am, by Lincolnshire magistrates after pleading guilty to burglary.

But he was brought back before the courts after he violated the curfew by failing to tell security firm G4S his new address after being thrown out of the house where he was living.

Jolyon French, appearing for the Probation Service, said: "The curfew was imposed on suspended sentence to run from May 18 for eight weeks."

"However, the owner of the household where he was living said she was no longer there for the curfew to be carried out there and had been excluded from that address."

Mark McNeil, defending, said: "He was living at his friend's house, whose mother evicted them from the property because she was unhappy with her son being there. Mr MacKenzie hadn't done anything wrong."

"He now resides with his girlfriend and young stepdaughter and contacted G4S to tell them he was leaving the property, but not of his new address. It's an unfortunate set of circumstances."

"Chase has learned that if he has any difficulties in future, he has to keep everyone informed."

MacKenzie admitted violating the curfew and magistrates extended it to run for a further two weeks to run until Friday, August 12.

Your news

Open bowls drive sessions take place each Thursday from 2pm to 4pm, at the Playing Field, Silver Street, Barnetby. Entry is £1 per person which includes tea and biscuits. All are welcome to join in and play for cash prizes. For more information, ring 01652 688246 or just turn up before 2pm on the day.

Publish your community news for FREE. Tel 01724 273136 or e-mail newsdesk@scunthorpetelegraph.co.uk

MP grills Prime Minister

A LINCOLNSHIRE MP has asked David Cameron for reassurance on Britain's mission in Libya.

Gainsborough MP Edward Leigh sought assurances from Prime Minister David Cameron that Britain's mission in Libya is "entirely humanitarian" and there is a "genesis of a deal here".

Mr Leigh said: "If Gaddafi is prepared just to hold what he has in Tripoli, we could then achieve a compromise and the end to this war."

Mr Cameron said Britain's role was clearly set out in the UN resolution.

He said: "It is not about regime change."

For breaking news 24/7, visit www.thisisscunthorpe.co.uk

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORWICH & THE NORFOLK BROADS

Fri 30th Sept to Mon 3rd Oct

£109⁹⁹ PER PERSON

LIMITED OFFER

(SINGLE SUPPLEMENT 89 PER PERSON PER NIGHT)

Great Yarmouth is a lovely coastal town blessed with golden sands and beautiful surrounding countryside. The welcoming Hadleigh Gables Hotel occupies a fantastic location overlooking the sea with far-reaching views and comfortable en suite rooms.

For our included excursion we spend a day on the magical Norfolk Broads, calling at historic Norwich and then charming Wroxham, this unique area's waterside capital.

Call 08448 11 11 26

Calls cost up to 5p per minute from BT Unlimited Weekend Plan. Mobiles and other providers' charges may vary.

Just Go! Holidays • Pate Court • Cheltenham • Glos • GL50 4DY

www.justgoaholidays.com

Formerly known as the COACH HOLIDAY.com

ABTA

The Travel Association

SUPERB 4 DAY BREAK

Just go! HOLIDAYS by COACH

- 3 nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- 1 FREE excursion
- Return coach travel from SCUNTHORPE, BRIGG

ALL HOLIDAYS ARE FULLY BONDED.

TOUR REF: 712186