



CAMBOURNE

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SPORT AND OLYMPICS MINISTER TO UNVEIL CAMBOURNE'S NEW SPORTS CENTRE TOMORROW

Date: Thursday 1st December 2011
Time: 10am
Venue: Everyone Active leisure centre, Back Lane, Cambourne
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The Government's Minister for Sport and The Olympics, Hugh Robertson, will be in Cambourne tomorrow (Thursday) to officially unveil the community's brand new £2.36 million sports centre.

The opening ceremony is taking place at 10am on Thursday 1st December, after which time local people will be given the first opportunity to experience this exciting new leisure facility funded by leading housebuilders Taylor Wimpey and Bovis Homes.

Neville Stebbing, Taylor Wimpey and Bovis Homes' Project Director for Cambourne, says: "It is a tremendous privilege to welcome such a prestigious guest as Hugh Robertson MP to unveil our fantastic new sports centre in Cambourne.

"The opening of this superb new facility is something local people have been looking forward to for some time, and I'm sure the Cambourne community will take great pleasure in making use of it for many years to come."

Cllr Clayton Hudson, Chairman of Cambourne Parish Council, which has now been handed ownership of the facility by Taylor Wimpey and Bovis Homes, adds: “On behalf of Cambourne Parish Council, I would like to say how delighted we are to have been able to secure the services of Hugh Robertson MP to open our tremendous new sports centre.

“This facility means a great deal to the people of Cambourne and it is fitting that such an esteemed figurehead for UK sport should be here to declare it officially open.”

Thursday’s ceremony will be followed by an open weekend to showcase the new Everyone Active facility, including appearances from Aston Villa and England footballer Darren Bent and Olympic gymnast Beth Tweddle on Sunday.

The entire £2.36 million build cost of the sports centre has been provided by Taylor Wimpey and Bovis Homes, with the homebuilders making an additional contribution of £34,000 towards internal fixtures and fittings.

The new centre features a spacious four-court sports hall which covers an area of nearly 600 sq m, as well as a fully equipped gym and a separate dance studio. It also includes changing rooms, a meeting/reception area, full disabled access, plus 144 car parking spaces and 60 cycle parking spaces outside.

Construction of the new facility was carried out by main contractor RG Carter Thetford Ltd, and it is being managed by specialist leisure firm Sports and Leisure Management Ltd (SLM), under the ownership of Cambourne Parish Council. South Cambridgeshire District Council and Sport England were also heavily involved in the design and planning of the project.

Cambourne is a new settlement to the west of Cambridge which is being jointly created by Taylor Wimpey and Bovis Homes, and currently comprises about 3,200 occupied homes, with a further 100 properties under construction.

A new phase of development will see the community grow to a total of 4,250 homes, plus public open spaces and community facilities set within the 405-hectare site.

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