

### The Herts Olympic & Paralympic Legacy Partnership

The Olympic and Paralympic Legacy Partnership has now been in place for over six months and you may wonder who we are.

Following the fantastic Olympics and Paralympics in London 2012, in Hertfordshire we decided to create a Legacy Partnership which was a continuation of the Herts is Ready for Winners Board. Our purpose is simply 'delivering the Olympic and Paralympic Games legacy for all the people of Hertfordshire'.

This is our first newsletter and it tells the story of who we are and what we have achieved to date. It also tells you how you might be involved and how to communicate with us about what you are doing so we can spread the word.

### The Partnership

We now have 26 subscribing partners and a range of supporters, followers and sponsors. Our website gives you the details so go to [www.hertsisreadyforwinners.co.uk](http://www.hertsisreadyforwinners.co.uk) and Twitter, HertsReadyForWinners, keeps you up to date. It is a unique partnership networking with a very varied range of individuals and organisations united in their desire to deliver a lasting legacy from the once in a lifetime opportunities the Games offered.

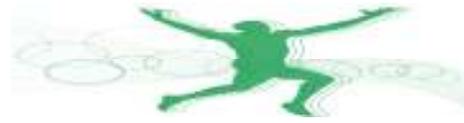
### The Board

Each subscribing Member has a place on the Board together with special co-options such as Michael McGrath [www.musclehelp.com](http://www.musclehelp.com) for the voice of disability and Heather Allen [www.volunteerdacorum.org](http://www.volunteerdacorum.org) for volunteering.

The Board meets 4 times each year and to date we have had 2 meetings which covered a wide range of topics.

You could become a subscribing Member or a sponsor and if you want to know more contact John Fuller at [hertsolympiclegacy@gmail.com](mailto:hertsolympiclegacy@gmail.com)





## What have we done?

We have been able to provide funding support in partnership with Herts Sports Partnership (HSP) for 5 projects to date. Each one has to be sustainable and clearly be a part of the legacy delivery. Here they are:

### Coaching Bursary

We have provided funds to establish a Coaching Bursary Scheme and a first award has gone to Isabella Collanfrancesco. She was presented with the award by the Board Vice Chairman, Councillor Paul Mason (Broxbourne Borough Council) on 7 June at the Lee Valley White Water Centre.



### Disability Sport

A fund in support of disability sport has been established and HSP has secured additional funds so a programme is being developed.

### Herts Youth Games

Funding support for the next 3 years from the Partnership and support from County Council Locality Budgets has helped to ensure the Games will continue. This year they will be held at Wodson Park Sports and Leisure centre [www.wodsonpark.com](http://www.wodsonpark.com) on 7 July and you would be welcome to attend.

### An Anchor Club at the Lee Valley White Water Centre (LVWWC)

The LVWWC is undergoing a £6.4m legacy development and the British Canoe Union will locate there later in the year. With the links to the Young Mariners Boat Base in Cheshunt and an initial meeting at LVWWC earlier in the year, supported by the Partnership

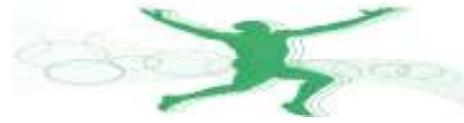
and HSP, it is hoped to develop a Club at the Centre.

### Handball Clubs

The success of the sport at the Olympics was followed by many enquiries for participation after the Games. With not a single club in the County funding with HSP has seen the proposed development of an initial 4 clubs across the County.

### Volunteering

An event which attracted nearly 200 of the GamesMakers was held last year and it is hoped another can be held this year, so keep a look out for what is planned. Volunteering is a key legacy ambition and engagement through the Volunteer Centres a key objective for us. Want to know more, then go to [www.volunteerdacorum.org](http://www.volunteerdacorum.org)



## Education Pledge

The purpose of the Education Pledge (EP) is to inspire schools to continue to commit to the 7 Olympic and Paralympic values demonstrated through the legacy work they undertake with their young people.

This substantial project has secured the following wide range of partners:

- Warner Brothers Studios
- Hatfield House
- Lee Valley Regional Park Authority
- Herts Sports Partnership
- Paradise Wildlife Park
- 5 Hertfordshire Leisure Trusts
- Broxbourne Borough Council
- B3Living
- Ashley Wilde Ltd
- Hertfordshire Catering Ltd
- Hertfordshire County Council

The value of their sponsorship exceeds £28,000 and it was successfully launched at the Warner Brothers Studios on 14 June.

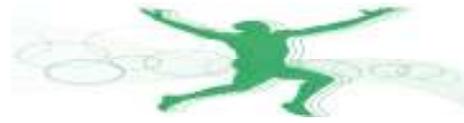
Managed by Hertfordshire's Education Department and supported by the Paralympic Gold Medalist, Giles Long MBE, the Education and Early Intervention Director, Justin Donovan, accepted all of the pledges given by the sponsors. Also present were pupils and students from the Breachwood Green and Richard Hale Schools and the photos tell the story.

37 schools which entered the competition for the sponsors awards have won prizes which they will use for the benefit of their students.

The project will run again next year as sponsors have committed for at least 2 further years, so schools should look out for details which will be sent to them.

Other projects including a repeat of the successful Healthy Eating programme in schools last year and a journey overseas for the Glasgow 2014 Mascot, Clyde, are planned for 2014.





## Looking Forward Together

### International Links

As a result of the London 2012 pre-games programme a formal agreement between the British Virgin Islands (BVI) and Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) was agreed and signed at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office with the Minister present. This has resulted in exchanges from schools and visits from their Education Minister and Premier. A school students visit will take place on 18 and 19 July.

As a follow up the BVI representative has visited to explore a pre-games visit for their Commonwealth Games Team in the build up to Glasgow 2014 and our other visiting 2012 teams have also been contacted to learn of their plans. So you could find a visiting Games member near to you.

### Communications

Our website is active at [www.hertsisreadyforwinners.co.uk](http://www.hertsisreadyforwinners.co.uk) and

we Tweet at HertsReadyForWinners. Press Releases are produced for major events and a great deal of email traffic via [hertsolympiclegacy@gmail.com](mailto:hertsolympiclegacy@gmail.com) is managed each day.

So we can be contacted and are willing to promote any activities of yours which can be linked to the legacy.

### Sponsorship and Membership

We are always looking for new sponsors and have a range of projects which we can provide for you, one of which is bound to link to your own ambitions and objectives. We have a document we can send to you so you can see what is on offer and your association with us can yield mutual benefits.

Just one example is the links established with the Onslow St Audrey's School in Hatfield. A link the School has with Lord Salisbury of

Hatfield House led to a link to the Partnership and then to Herts Sports Partnership. What the School has achieved for its students with its inspirational Deputy Head and the developing Partnership can be illustrated in the following link <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PLr0Xh5KSHc> (video sponsored by RYA).

You can also become a Member for a modest subscription, so again enquiries to [hertsolympiclegacy@gmail.com](mailto:hertsolympiclegacy@gmail.com)

### The Future

The Partnership is looking to what its future might be and if you have any views on whether we should continue beyond 2013 then please let us hear them via [hertsolympiclegacy@gmail.com](mailto:hertsolympiclegacy@gmail.com). Delivering a lasting legacy is a real challenge but this newsletter does show what solid partnership working can achieve. And if you join with us then together we can be even more effective.