

Executive Summary

The Vision for High Peak Sport and Recreation

The High Peak will be a place where all residents will have the opportunity to participate in sport and recreation, as often as they wish, to a level that suits their personal goals and aspirations.

There will be opportunities for people to participate in a wide range of activities, both formal and informal. Sport and recreation will be provided by coaches and leaders appropriately qualified, licensed, experienced and deliver high quality equitable opportunities.

Active lifestyles will mean that residents of the High Peak will be at lower risk of ill health connected with sedentary lifestyles, and the involvement of people in sport and recreation will contribute to an improved sense of well being for individuals and communities.

How are we going to achieve this vision?

The High Peak Sport and Recreation Strategy sets out our plans for the next five years which will take us towards our vision.

We will achieve this vision through our aims of:

- 1) More people participating in sport and recreation
- 2) Enhanced communities through sport and recreation
- 3) More places to take part in sport and recreation
- 4) Pride in High Peak sport and recreation
- 5) Quality service for sport and recreation

1) More people participating in sport and recreation

We aim to increase levels of participation in sport and recreation across all sectors of the community, but with particular emphasis on under represented groups in sport - young people, women and girls, disabled people, people from deprived backgrounds, and people living in isolated rural communities.

We also aim to increase levels of participation in officiating and leading in sport and recreation. We will do this through training and education, scholarships for voluntary sports leaders, support, mentoring and volunteer recognition programmes. We particularly aim to increase the proportion of people in sports leadership from under represented groups listed above.

2) Enhanced communities through sport and recreation

Sport and recreation are useful vehicles through which individuals and communities can be encouraged to develop. The Sport in the Community element of our strategy explains how we will develop a broad base of participation, empowering and developing local people and communities to improve their own sporting infrastructure, and to improve individual and community well being through sport and recreation. The communities of the High Peak will be consulted and will influence the implementation of this strategy from start to finish.

3) More places to take part in sport and recreation

The High Peak Sport and Recreation Strategy will build on work already underway to produce a Derbyshire Sports Facilities Strategy and the Playing Pitch Assessment currently being produced. Our strategy recommends that we identify the facility priorities for the High Peak by 2003, with a facilities and funding strategy incorporating maintenance and refurbishment of current facilities, as well as plans for future new facilities. Facilities planning will take place with full involvement of the local community, and will incorporate private, public and voluntary sector providers.



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4) Pride in High Peak sport and recreation

Sport and recreation is a part of the culture of the High Peak. There are hundreds of volunteers and paid sports leaders and thousands of participants who deserve recognition for their efforts and their achievements. Through this strategy, we will invest in the sporting superstars of the future, give credit to local volunteers in coaching and leadership at every level. We will celebrate our sporting successes, and we will encourage people to take pride in their involvement. This will be achieved through an annual Sport and Recreation Conference. We will also develop further our volunteer recognition schemes, and promote the achievements of the High Peak both within and outside our boundaries.

5) Quality service for sport and recreation

Through thorough consultation, reflection, review and forward planning, we will ensure that the sport and recreation development service for the High Peak is of excellent quality and offers best value for money for High Peak residents. This will be achieved through critically reviewing the services on offer and maximising the investment in High Peak sport and recreation through working in partnership with other local and external partners from the public, private and voluntary sectors.

Implementing the Strategy

High Peak Borough Council and our partners will work together in driving forward sport and recreation development starting with this five year strategy. Each year, we will work with the private, public and voluntary sectors through the new High Peak Sport and Recreation Forum to identify key actions and targets for the forthcoming year. Through these action plans, High Peak sport and recreation will gradually move towards the achievement of our five year aims, and our vision for sport.

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