



Reduction in pitch prices

PRICES at council-run sports pitches are set to be cut after concerns were raised over affordability.

A pilot scheme offering revised prices will be discussed by Wrexham Council's executive board tomorrow, as the council plans to review how its 27 pitches and 13 changing rooms are managed and operated.

Cllr David A Bithell, lead member for environment and transport, said: "Concerns have been raised recently by clubs in the Sunday League of the cost of monthly and season tickets.

"We appreciate their concerns, as we want to do everything we can to encourage people in the county borough to keep fit and healthy, and community sporting leagues play a big part in that.

"During this pilot scheme, we will also carry out consultation to determine people's views on the running and management of the pitches in general."

The council manages and maintains 26 bookable football pitches, one rugby pitch and 13 associated changing rooms

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grounds across the county borough and condition of some of the facilities, particularly the changing rooms.

A Wrexham Council spokesman said a "wholesale review of the management, control and operation of these facilities" is planned, so that the authority can "continue to encourage engagement in sports and expand its healthy lifestyles initiatives – as well as providing an opportunity to boost football and sports club membership."

During the review, a revised set of pay-as-you play prices will be in place as part of a pilot.

Cllr Joan Lowe, lead member for health and adult social care, said: "Sports pitches and public participation in community sporting are an integral part of keeping people healthy, and we want to ensure they are kept to a high standard.

"We would encourage anyone who uses these pitches to discuss use with us while this consultation takes place."

● WREXHAM Council's revised sports pitch fees:
Pay-as-You-Play
Adult – £54 pitch and changing facilities, £27.90, pitch only/youth – £15.50, £10.90.
Season ticket/block booking
Adult – £600 pitch and changing facilities, £300 pitch only/youth – £170, £120.



■ Above, Ben Griffiths helps out with the feed the dinosaurs game.

■ Left, Dai Davies with the carnival kings and queens.

Ex-Reds star on hand to crown carnival royal family

CROWDS gathered at a primary school to enjoy all the carnival spirit at an annual event.

Ysgol Bro Alun in Gwersyllt hosted the annual summer carnival organised by its parent teacher association (PTA).

The event had to be moved inside due to the poor weather on Saturday morning but despite that the event was a success with £1,800 raised by the PTA for the school.

Kendal Goode, Ysgol Bro Alun PTA secretary, said the day had been "fantastic".

"It went really well despite the weather," she

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said. "We had to move it inside in the end because it was pouring down.

"We had a good turnout and we were still able to get the bouncy castle and slides up inside so there was plenty for the children to do. It was a fantastic day."

Former Wales international and Wrexham goalkeeper Dai Davies opened the carnival and crowned

the carnival retinue, as well as judging the winner of the cake competition.

There were judo displays, visits from Frozen favourites Elsa and Ana and Welsh character Magi Ann.

Members of the Wrexham Riders motorcycle group attended the carnival dressed as superheroes to greet the children and draw the raffle.

Staff from Techniquist also set up their stardome at the school and gave short shows about space.

Mrs Goode said the carnival had been a very successful event each year since the school opened in 2013.



■ Judo displays were held during the summer carnival at Ysgol Bro Alun.

Probe launched as woman dies after head injury

A WOMAN has died after suffering a head injury.

North Wales Police started an investigation into the incident and have confirmed there are no suspicious circumstances.

The woman, of Oak Alyn Court, Cefn y Bedd, was admitted to Wrexham Maelor Hospital on Friday

morning but later died.

No details about what happened have been released by the police.

A police spokesman said: "North Wales Police commenced an investigation following the death of a 48-year-old woman from Cefn y Bedd, who had been admitted to Wrexham Maelor hospital

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with a head injury earlier that day.

"North Wales Police can

confirm that following investigation, they are not treating this incident as suspicious."

A neighbour, who did not wish to be named, described the death as "absolutely tragic".

"When my husband went to work at about 8am, there wasn't a single police car around. But when I left the

house, at about 10am, four police cars were parked outside the house," she said.

"When I got home that afternoon, forensics and detectives were going in and out of the house.

"I just can't believe it. They're my neighbours, it's absolutely tragic."

The coroner has been informed.