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Your monthly newsletter with all the latest news about Plymouth Life Centre

## BOWLS AREA STRUCTURAL STEELS GET LIFTED INTO PLACE



Huge steel beams providing some of the main building structure for Plymouth's new Life Centre have been delivered to the construction site and lifted into place by two 250 tonne cranes.

Nine lorries have carried the building materials to the site, next to Plymouth Argyle's Football ground totaling approximately 220 tonnes of steel. The steel components erected in three parts over the new bowls area span nearly 50 metres in length and nine metres in height.

The main excavation and foundations for the Life Centre are now complete and this steel structure will sit over the new bowls area. Now the steel beams are in place, work will get underway on the rest of the building including the concrete reinforcement for the swimming and dive pools, as well as the public viewing gallery. The Life Centre will open to the public in the autumn next year.

## TOP DOGGY TALENT UNVEILED IN NEW ART EXHIBITION



A new exhibition involving some of Plymouth's dog walkers and their canine companions was unveiled on the hoardings of the city's Life Centre last month, as part of the 'Art in Central Park' initiative.

Artist Jemma Egan was joined by Councillor Glenn Jordan from Plymouth City Council, along with six of the featured walkers and their dogs to show off the 32 unique A1 size 'Top Trump' themed posters to the public for the first time.

While walking in Plymouth's Central Park with her black and white Springer Spaniel, Jemma met and interviewed dogs via their owners asking key questions to award scores for the categories of style, sportability, doggishness, courage and brainpower. She took pictures of them and turned them into the 'Top Dog' installation.

They are displayed on the hoardings opposite Plymouth Argyle's football ground and the dog walkers involved have been given their own individual packs of cards as a special keepsake. Go and have a look and see how your dog compares!

## WHAT FACILITIES WILL THE NEW LIFE CENTRE OFFER?

The Life Centre will be of international quality and a national centre for excellence, providing top-class sport and leisure facilities in Plymouth for everyone:

- A family leisure pool with flumes, 'beach entry' and bubble pool
- A 10-lane, 50-metre swimming pool with moveable floors and submersible 'booms' allowing flexible use
- One of the top four diving pools in the country, also offering a moveable floor so it can be used as a standard pool
- A dry side training facility for competitive divers
- An innovative climbing zone with 15-metre wall, aerial assault course, bouldering and abseiling
- An eight-lane bowls centre which will be one of the best in the region
- A 12-court multi-use sports hall
- One of the largest fitness suites in the city, with around 150 stations
- Multi-purpose areas for dance and martial arts, which can also be used for a crèche and soft play
- A relaxing oasis with sauna, steam rooms and showers
- And a youth gym, squash, training and studio spaces.

To find out more about the Plymouth Life Centre visit [www.plymouth.gov.uk/lifecentre](http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/lifecentre)

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