

LAITHWAITE PARK & WILLIAM FOSTER FOOTBALL HUBS

Two new local social hubs which celebrate sport and promote the health and wellbeing of Wigan borough's communities.

Completion Case Study



KEY INFORMATION:

CLIENT: Wigan Council

LOCATION:

Wigan, Greater Manchester

CONSTRUCTION VALUE:

Laithwaite Park: £3.7m

William Foster: £3.9m

CONTRACTOR: Galliford Try

START - FINISH DATE:

January 2022 to October 2022

SECTOR: Leisure

FORM OF CONTRACT:

JCT Design & Build 2016

DELIVERY TYPE: Two-Stage D&B

"This is an exciting step forward and we can't wait to see the new hubs. Providing facilities like these will have a significant health and wellbeing impact in our communities and making sport available to all is an important part of the Deal 2030."

COUNCILLOR NAZIA REHMAN
| CABINET MEMBER FOR
RESOURCES, FINANCE &
TRANSFORMATION |
WIGAN COUNCIL



PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Laithwaite Park and William Foster Football Hubs are part of a national initiative led by the Football Foundation to build multi-pitch hubs across towns and cities in England, to raise playing standards and opportunities for all. Working in partnership with the Football Foundation, Wigan Council have realised their vision to help reinvest in local communities to provide two new hub sites in the borough. The aim is to provide social hubs which cater for all, with an emphasis on celebrating sport and promoting participation in football and other physical activity to improve the health and wellbeing of Wigan borough's communities.

Galliford Try were appointed by Wigan Council to design and construct two Hubs located at Laithwaite Park and William Foster playing fields in Wigan:

LAITHWAITE PARK

Design and construction of a single-storey, six change pavilion incorporating a multifunction club room space, education room, bar and commercial kitchen, with ground floor plant room, a new 256-space car park, with associated services and external works.

WILLIAM FOSTER

Design and construction of a single-storey with roof level plant deck, four change pavilion incorporating a clubroom, education room, café, new 115-space car park provision, with associated services and external works with a new one-way road system.

CREATING CORE FOOTBALL VENUES FOR WIGAN

Both hubs will be central venues for mini-soccer and junior football through Wigan and District Youth League and the community programmes of Wigan Athletic Community Trust including Premier League KICKS, girls and boys development centres, and post-16 education. The sites are operated by the charity Leisure United, ensuring all surplus income is re-invested back into grassroots football in the borough to help make the game more sustainable.

SUCCESSFUL OUTCOMES

Laithwaite Park won NWCH 'Medium Value Project of the Year' Award 2023, nominated on behalf of the framework contractor partners. This was a great achievement for the project delivery team in recognition of their hard work and commitment to delivering excellence for Wigan Council and NWCH.



Galliford Try's partnered roofing contractor, Saxon Roofing, won NWCH's 'Subcontractor of the Year' award for services to Laithwaite Park and three other Galliford Try projects,

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SOCIAL VALUE OUTCOMES

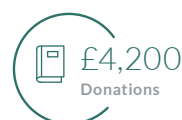
As part of NWCH's KPIs, Galliford Try supported Wigan & Leigh College students providing 2 x 15 day placements to 1st year DSP T'Level students. Following the end of his placement one of the students asked to remain with the site team throughout the summer where he completed 10 weeks further experience. Galliford Try were extremely pleased with his commitment and worked to secure his second year placement on a site in Bolton.

Along with supporting T-level students Galliford Try, also supported a number of local charities. Our original, proposed community donations (£750) was bolstered by a further £1000, as Galliford Try opted to donate it's DfE T'Level placement fee to the local community.

We supported charities as follows:

The recipients were selected following consultation with the Deal for Communities Team at Wigan Council. Galliford Try's Social Value Team contacted or visited all the groups to best understand their work and local community impact.

- Fur Clemt Donation: £750 to help fund additional memberships for those facing food poverty
- ReMade Wigan: Donation: £1,000 to fund creation of a new Sewing Corner



William Foster groundbreaking



Wigan & Leigh College
T'Level Placement, Laithwaite Park

