



Newcastle Estate Sports & Leisure Club
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COVID SPECIAL

Dear Member

As we are all aware It's been a bizarre year so far, and I wanted to give members an update on the current position of the NESLC Gyms and Sports Hall. In the early days of Covid the officers of NESLC kept a close eye on the Gyms that they operate.

Tyne View Park Gym;

Earlier in the year we took the decision to close Tyneview Park Gym. The gym had been closed for some time due to the facilities being renovated and on inspection of the new facilities it was found that due to the increase in size and the condition of the current equipment, the gym would need substantial funds to enable it to be re-opened. NESLC worked closely with HASSRA to discuss options available. Sadly HASSRA was not in a position to be able to take over the facilities and we therefore took the decision to close the gym permanently. All TVP gym members have now been refunded and the equipment will be removed in due course.

Durham House Gym;

Again, for the same reasons as above we must sadly close the gym at Durham House and this will not be opening again. All equipment will be removed in due course.

Benton Park View Gym and Sport Hall;

As you are aware NESLC Gyms were all run by our Gym Manager-Steve Harris, under SHFC, was running these gyms and Sports Hall on our behalf. Sadly, for us and with a heavy heart we have ceased SHFC contract with NESLC, it's not been a decision we have taken lightly but from a membership funding point of view it's the right decision. I have been in discussions with Steve and the SRM team throughout this period to ensure we have done everything we can for Steve and the gyms. We cannot thank Steve Harris enough for the last 15 years service he has given to NESLC. Many members wouldn't realise the additional voluntary work Steve undertook for the committee during his time with us and many an event would not have gone ahead without his help and support and I am personally very grateful for all his help and support. We are in discussions with our CSSC colleagues to see if they could potentially operate the gym and sports hall through a voluntary committee and this is being taken forward with them now. If anyone is interested in becoming involved in running the gym and sports hall as part of a volunteer team please contact

chairman.twn@csscvolunteer.co.uk

NESLC Sections;

We are currently continuing to support our sections, if you need any help or support during this time please email me on any sports hall queries or to neslcfgyms@yahoo.com Should any sections, when Covid permits wish to consider booking an external sports centre/venue rather than the Amble Inn sports hall please contact Alan Borrowdale by email - Alan.Borrowdale@dwp.gov.uk Any sections that usually use the Amble Inn sports hall may wish to look at alternative venues until the outcome of the

CSSC takeover of the facilities is known.

Gym Members;

Members of the gym can apply for a refund of their fees from the March 13th when the gym was last available. Please supply the following details to neslcgyms@yahoo.com:

Name:

Staff Number:

Date you last joined the gym:

Bank account name:

Bank sort code:

Bank account number:

Don't forget to check the NESLC webpage for current and future offers or join the NESLC Facebook page.

I realise the above is not good news for some but unfortunately COVID has affected many people in different ways. Hoping the future and 2021 is better for you all and wishing all members a very merry Xmas under the current situation. Stay safe and look after each other

Terri Nicholson
NESLC Chair