



Tom Gale

FACTS

Free access to centres for talented sports people



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Wiltshire Council offers a variety of support to talented sports people competing in either an Olympic or Paralympic sport, or a sport recognised by Sport England and who is a member of a National Governing Body (NGB) development squad. FACTS provides free access to the fitness suites and swimming pools (public sessions subject to availability) at leisure centres managed by Wiltshire Council and centres operated by Places for People Leisure Ltd.

Several Wiltshire athletes already enrolled on the scheme include Paralympic gold medallists Stephanie Millward and Aaron Moores, Paralympic cycling British Champion Lauren Booth, GB athletes Tom Gale and Sophie Papps and British Para Snow sports team member Jennifer Kehoe.

Aaron Moores MBE – Swimming

London 2012 silver medallist – S14 100m Backstroke

Rio 2016 gold medallist – S14 100m Breastroke

Having access to a fitness suite in Trowbridge, when I was home from my performance training centre in Wales, was essential on my road to Rio gold! Continued access means that I know I can still focus on my strength and conditioning training when I am back in Wiltshire and is vital on my journey to retain my Paralympic title in Tokyo in 2020.

Lauren Booth – Paracycling

British Champion – C4 Flying 200m and C4 500m Time Trial

Member of British Cycling's Para Pathway Squad

I undertake a weekly strength and conditioning session with my coach at Springfield Community Campus. This support from Wiltshire Council, being able to access the centre on a regular basis with their helpful and friendly gym staff, is essential as my training builds toward the Tokyo Paralympics in 2020.

Tom Gale – Athletics: High Jump

2017 Under 20 High Jump Indoor National Champion. UK Under 20 Number 1, Member of British Athletics Futures Programme

As a young athlete my FACTS membership has made a huge difference to my training, especially the ease of which I can now access a leisure centre. It has really enhanced my training and helped me to develop the strength and techniques that have enabled me to break through on to the GB Athletics team.

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-supporting-athletes

Who is eligible?

Any sports person, aged 16 years and over (younger applicants may be considered on a discretionary basis), who is competing for GB at either a senior or junior level and is on a NGB development squad in either an Olympic or Paralympic sport or a sport recognised by Sport England either as an individual or as a team member. Applicants must be Wiltshire resident (excludes Swindon).

What can Wiltshire Council do to help athletes?

We will give the athlete free use of the fitness suites (including induction) and swimming pools during public sessions and subject to availability and usual terms and conditions of use.

All other activities will be charged at normal prices

Free membership will be given for a year after which the athlete will need to submit a renewal letter including a letter from their National Governing Body.

What does Wiltshire Council want in return for assisting athletes?

The athlete may be requested to attend a maximum of two Wiltshire Council Leisure Services promotional events in the calendar year. Advance notice of these events will be given and agreed with the athlete when appropriate to their training and competition schedule.

For further information and to discuss a potential application please contact Tamzin Earley, Funding and Events Officer – Tel: 07824 414507 or email: ffopgrants@wiltshire.gov.uk

How to apply

The athlete will need to submit a supporting reference letter from a representative from their NGB, for example a coach or performance director, and send it together with the completed application form.

FACTS application

Name:

Date of birth:

Address:

Contact telephone number:

Contact email address:

Sport:

Club:

NGB development squad:

Level of competition:

**Leisure centre
most often used:**

Please note that only the fitness room and swimming pool facilities are free under this initiative; other facilities or classes can be booked but will be charged at the full price.

Please return the completed application form with the accompanying NGB reference letter to:

By email: ffopgrants@wiltshire.gov.uk

By post:

Tamzin Earley

Funding and Events Officer

Sports Development

Wiltshire Council

Five Rivers Health and Wellbeing Centre

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