

Beach Hub Case Study: Waltham Forest, Score Sport Centre



About Waltham Forest

The Score Sport Centre consists of multi-sports, health (PCT on the first floor) and community facilities located on two separate sites in Leyton, North East London. The two sites occupy 7.3 hectares and the facilities have a combined floor space of 5,495m².

The Score Centre boasts one of the biggest indoor areas within London that is suitable for a range of sports, including basketball, handball, volleyball, wheelchair tennis and Indoor archery.



Construction

Waltham Forest's 3 court Beach Volleyball sports facility, which was previously used as a site for lawn bowls, took just one week to build. The Beach Hub is based around a fantastic, manmade beach, constructed using 920 tonnes of 'Redhill 28 sand,' which has been transported from London's Horse Guards Parade where it was used as part of The 2011 'London Prepares' Test Event.

The sand courts, at The SCORE Sports Centre, in Leyton, are part of the borough's desire to offer beach sports to increase participation in physical activity and sports.

Lisa Wainwright, chief executive of Volleyball England, said: *"Through an innovative partnership between LOCOG, Sport England, and Volleyball England we are delighted to announce these new facilities."*



"This is a fabulous opportunity for Londoners to come along to a local facility and give beach volleyball a go, meet new friends, get healthier and maybe even start a new sport for life."

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The courts will be managed by Leyton Orient Community Sports Programme (LOCSP), who will take bookings and ensure the courts are ready for use. Local clubs will all benefit from the new courts and it is hoped they will be able to attract new players. Regular club sessions, tournaments and volleyball coaching were launched in September at the site.

Type of build: Lawn bowls conversion

Partners: Waltham Forest, Volleyball England, Sport England and LOCOG.

Timeframe of build: 1 week

Cost of build: £108,588.00

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