

Transcript - Freeman's Quay Leisure Centre Pool Reopens

[Nigel Dodds – Strategic Manager for Leisure. Nigel is standing next to the pool at Freeman's Quay Leisure Centre.]

[Video Clip: Girl swimming under water and raising her thumbs at camera.]

[Text: Freeman's Quay Pool Reopens]

[Nigel Dodds] So here, here we are, Freeman's Quay. The pool here has been closed for the last five and half months, while we carried out some essential maintenance work. We have took that opportunity not just to re-tile both pools, but we've done things like, behind the scenes we have added a UV system in which will improve the water quality here.

[Video Clips: Different shots of Person swimming in pool.]

[Text: Try it, love it, thrive.]

[Video Clips: Person swimming in pool. Swimming pool drained of water.]

The job has been quite a long job. We have had to drain one point four million litres from, from the pool, a job in itself. That takes about a month to do. Prior to that the eighteen-tonne floating floor had to be propped up with ninety-six props, so divers had to go underneath the floor and do that before we could take the water out and, so, it has been a long job.

[Pictures: Various shots of propped up pool floor.]

[Video Clips: Girl diving into pool and swimming underwater. People swimming in pool.]

But, it has been a very worthwhile job, its, its almost ready at this moment to go, we are just doing final tests.

[Shaun McGuinness Operations Officer, Freemans Quay. Shaun is standing next to the pool at Freeman's Quay Leisure Centre.]

[Shaun McGuinness] The pool will, will be back to a, to a fully used eight lane twenty-five metre pool. While, while the damage was in-situ, it was, it was effectively a six-lane pool, it was six lane galas. We are now, we are now, sort of, fully competition ready and full programme. With the new programme ready to go as soon as possible.

[Video Clips: Various clips of people swimming in pool.]

[Text on Sign: Freeman's Quay Leisure Centre opened by Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal on 26 September 2008.]

[Nigel Dodds] We have also took the opportunity, because the centre is eleven years old, and in that eleven years we have had about five million people through the doors, and so we have totally refurbished the wet side changing village.

[Video Clips: People entering Freeman's Quay Leisure Centre. Signage to changing rooms. Lockers in changing room. Empty changing cubicles in changing room.]

And as of Monday, when we open the wet side changing village, we will start to refurbish the dry side changing, so there will still be some disruption but, you know, all for, all for the good.

[Video Clips: People at reception of leisure centre. Shot of refreshment area at leisure centre.]

[Pictures: Image of a weightlifting class. Image of a man on a treadmill and another using a punchbag.]

And we have put new flooring and decoration throughout the building, so the building itself looks a lot lighter, a lot brighter and it's ready to, to, to welcome our customers, new and old, back into this, this fantastic centre.

It, it, it feels brand new again, so we are very excited about it. We have got new products coming in over the next five or six months, you know, we will put information out telling them about new aqua classes.

[Video Clips: Various clips of people taking part in an Aqua-cycle class.]

We're going to introduce Aqua-cycle in January, so there will be taster sessions for customers then, so it's a fantastic time here at Freeman's Quay, myself and all of the staff are really excited about this new era that begins on Monday.

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