



# **WALKER ACTIVITY DOME 'OUR STORY SO FAR'**

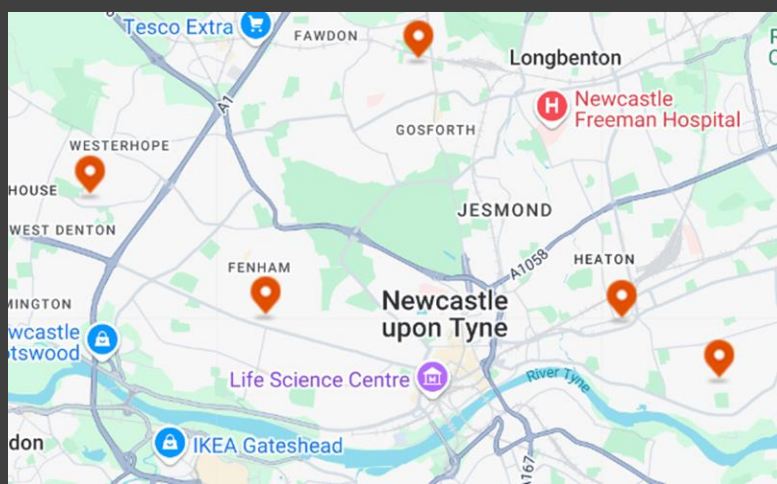
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# GLL IN NEWCASTLE

- Ran the contract since 2014/15
- **5 Centre's:**
  - Gosforth Leisure Centre
  - West Denton Leisure Centre
  - East End Pool
  - Newcastle Trampoline Park & Gym
  - Walker Activity Dome
- **Over 1 million Visits per year**
- **1705 children learning to swim in our Centre's each week**
- **5563 HF members using our facilities**
- **42 Sporting clubs training from our Centre's in Newcastle**
- **£2.8million in Social Value**
- **21 GSF Athletes – £13.5K funding in 2024**



12/5/2024





# GLL IN NEWCASTLE

- Working to meet the demands of challenging demographics to increase usage and engagement.
- Working to be seen as a key part of the preventative Governments Health Agenda.
- Working with partners to develop Modern Sport & Leisure Facilities and to transform community engagement where existing facilities in place.



# 'The Dome'

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“Walker Activity Dome is located on the east side of Newcastle and known locally as “The Dome”. The centre has a long and positive history in the heart of Walker, dating all the back to November 1965 when it first opened.

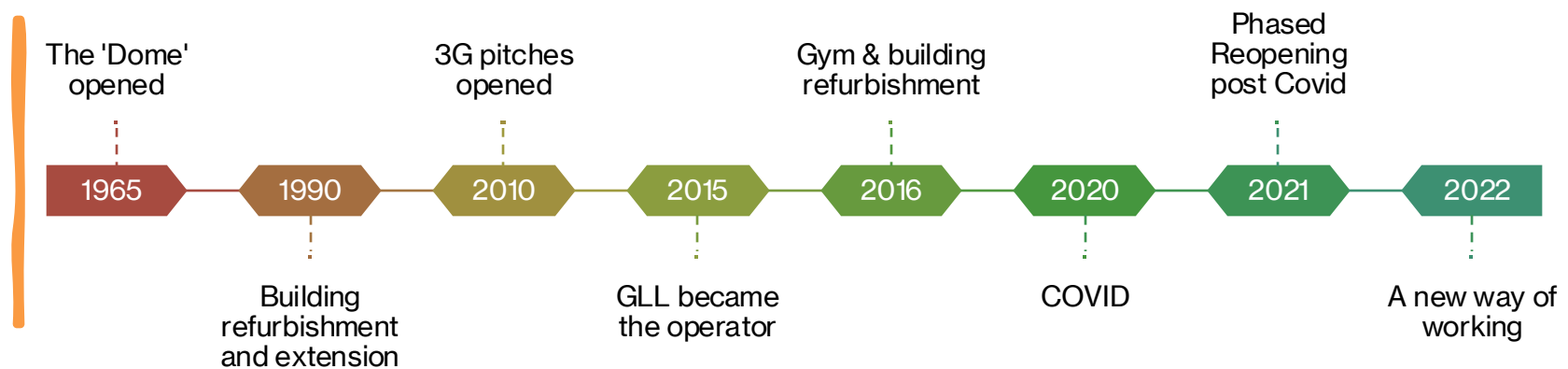
“The Walker ‘flying saucer’, otherwise known as the Lightfoot Sports Dome, is one of the earliest, radical designs for leisure centres in the UK. The building was designed by Williamson and Faulkner Brown & Partners and strongly inspired by Pier Luigi Nervi’s Palazetto dello Sport (1957) in Rome, Italy.

This structural system allowed for an unobstructed internal diameter of 61 metres, becoming one of the largest domes in Europe at the time of its completion, alongside one of the country’s first sports centres.



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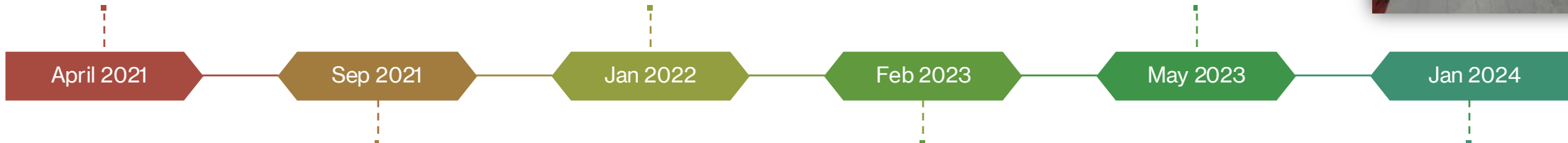




Reopened 3G Football Pitches

Reopened Sports Hall and Activity Rooms, and launched event programme

Agreement with NES



Reopened inside Library and Foyer

Opened Table Tennis Club

Agreement with NEAT





# Building a community focused Centre



# A sustainable business, major event programme and protecting the planet

We have built a sustainable business model by diversifying all areas of the business.

Working with new community partners with longer term lease agreements such as NES and Newcastle Libraries.

Developing a new event programme which generates over 150k income per year.

Staff development, training and buy in.



We now host between 10 and 15 major events each year including Boxing, Wrestling, Roller Derby, Dance, Comic-Con, and Ju Jitsu!

To maximize each event, we also run bar and catering areas to ensure everyone attending the event has access to food and drink.



Newcastle City Council have invested £1.4 million into Decarbonisation works.

This has included changing all lights to LED, installation of ASHP, New plant room equipment, and installation of solar panels.

We have since seen a significant reduction in gas usage.





# Future Plans

- Newcastle Libraries have received £515k in funding to build a brand new library, extending the front of the dome!
- Brand new Roller Hockey Rink
- Continued investment in facilities.
- Expanded Event programme
- Further opportunities to maximise centre usage.
- Expansion of the front line team
- Continue to grow the community programme.







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# Questions