

## Chard Leisure Centre set to welcome visitors in November

South Somerset District Council [news item](#) published on 12 Oct 2021 follows:

Residents of Chard and across Somerset are set to swim, splash and get social at the new Chard Leisure Centre, which is scheduled to open its doors on 8 November 2021.

The Chard Leisure Centre will provide families, sports clubs and gym-goers alike access to the latest amenities at the newest leisure facility in South Somerset.

Work to create a leisure centre, which includes a five-lane adult swimming pool, a beginners' pool, cafe facility with a children's soft play area and gym with additional studios, began in November 2019 as part of South Somerset District Council's Chard Regeneration Project.

Councillor Jason Baker, portfolio holder for Chard Regeneration at South Somerset District Council, said: "The Chard Leisure Centre is one of the highlights of the Chard Regeneration programme and I am pleased to see it edging closer to being open and ready for everyone to enjoy. When we started the programme, we asked what the public wanted and I am delighted to see the delivery of the leisure centre which will help to strengthen the community and make the town increasingly self-sufficient with all the services, facilities and events necessary to make it a great place to live."

South Somerset District Council has invested £16.5 million into the site, enabling it to be transformed from a derelict area of the town centre at the Boden Mill to what will now become a well-used and much loved part of Chard.

Chard Leisure Centre will be managed under contract by Freedom Leisure. Freedom also manages three of SSDC's popular leisure facilities – Wincanton Sports Centre, Goldenstones Leisure Centre and Westlands Sports & Fitness Centre in Yeovil.

Ivan Horsfall Turner, managing director of Freedom Leisure, added; "We're excited to be nearing the opening of a fabulous leisure centre. South Somerset District Council is rightly proud of what it has created and we are ready to welcome the local community and provide them with an excellent health and wellbeing facility.

You can learn more about health and fitness memberships, swimming lessons and the facilities at Chard Leisure Centre by [visiting the centre website](#).

### What is Chard Regeneration?

**Following extensive research and guided by suggestions previously made by Chard residents, South Somerset District Council has worked with partners to develop an ambitious strategy to bring significant changes to Chard and the community.**

**?We have also been awarded £1 million of Government high street funding through Historic England's [High Street Heritage Action Zone programme](#) and this has been match-funded by SSDC, giving a total of over £2 million to spend in the historic heart of Chard's shopping area.**

?This money will be invested in and around Chard Fore Street, including repairs to a number of historic buildings, renovating shopfronts and improving the streetscape to make it safer and more attractive to residents, businesses, visitors and shoppers.

The aim of the HSHAZ programme is to make the high street a more attractive, engaging and vibrant place for people to live, work and spend time.

You can find out more about the Chard Regeneration programme on our official website – [www.chardregeneration.co.uk](http://www.chardregeneration.co.uk).

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