

# News release



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## Free swimming for the over 60s

Wychavon District Council will be stopping its free swim scheme for the over 60s at the **end of September 2010**.

This is as a result of the withdrawal of funding for the scheme by the Department for Culture Media and Sport (DCMS), announced yesterday (17 June). The council always said that the scheme would only continue as long as there was Government funding.

Although DCMS funding for over 60's free swimming runs out at the end of July 2010, Wychavon District Council and its leisure partner, Wychavon Leisure Community Association Ltd, have decided to fund an additional two months of free swimming. This will allow existing card holders to continue to swim free of charge during the summer period.

Paul Middleborough, the Leader of the Council said "Having seen how successful the free swimming programme has been I am pleased to be able to extend the concession for a further two months. While I can understand the need to reduce DCMS expenditure as a matter of urgency I do feel we need to give fair notice of the removal of the concession which I know many residents benefitted from."

Peter Williams, Managing Director of Wychavon Leisure, said "We are delighted to be able to extend this free swimming offer during the summer period in partnership with the council."

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