

ANGUS COUNCIL

**ENVIRONMENTAL & LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE – 29 MAY 2003
LEISURE FACILITIES' USER FIGURES APRIL 2002 - MARCH 2003**

**JOINT REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES & CONTRACT SERVICES
MANAGER**

**1 BACKGROUND**

The respective Committees have requested that usage figures be reported on a regular basis. The period covered by this report is the financial year April 2002 to March 2003.

2 USER DETAILS

The numbers using the facilities are detailed below along with comparative figures for the previous year.

Leisure Centres	April 2001 - March 2002	April 2002 - March 2003	Variance %
Lochside Leisure Centre, Forfar	117,921	129,737	9.11
Carnoustie Leisure Centre	148,450	151,336	1.91
Brechin Leisure Centre	56,965	54,348	-4.82
Saltire Leisure Centre, Arbroath	103,569	124,446	16.78
Forfar Swimming Pool	74,120	72,854	-1.74
Montrose Swimming Pool	100,669	104,965	4.09
Brechin High School Pool	11,670	9,165	-27.33
Carnoustie High School Pool	4,855	5,890	17.57
Monifieth High School Pool	4,711	4,905	3.96
Montrose Sports Centre	122,427	128,816	4.96
Arbroath Sports Centre	244,316	250,568	2.50
Webster's Sports Centre, Kirriemuir	168,703	163,679	-3.07
Arbroath Sports & Community Centre	47,764	42,972	-11.15
Outdoor Recreations	78,356	80,540	2.71
Football Pitches	33,068	29,667	-11.46
TOTAL	1,317,564	1,353,888	2.68

- The drop in usage at Brechin Leisure Centre was attributed to a major Tae Kwon Do competition not repeating their booking. In addition, a popular kick boxing class disbanded due to the lack of an instructor. The loss of the Leisure Treasure Scheme in the summer resulted in a considerable downturn of usage.
- Saltire Leisure Centre showed an increase of 50% in Fitness Suite users due to the installation of new equipment. There was also an increase in Health Suite, solarium and games hall activities.
- Lochside Leisure Centre showed an increase due to the refurbishment of the Fitness Suite equipment and an increase in main hall usage.

- Montrose Sports Centre showed an increase due to main hall usage, fitness suite and holiday/playscheme activities for school age children.
- Football pitch lets were down due to decreased usage at Monifieth where major works were undertaken during spring/summer last year. A levelling process was undertaken on the pitches to compensate for the subsidence, which existed on those pitches. In addition, pitch lets booked through Lochside Leisure Centre were substantially lower this year compared to the previous year.

Overall there is an increase of 2.7%, with admission figures increasing from 1,317,564 to 1,353,888. The implementation of the Trailblazer promotion and subsequent Direct Debit Scheme optional payment was a contributory factor in improving user numbers.

Country Parks	April 2001 - March 2002	April 2002 - March 2003	Variance %
Crombie Country Park	93,753	79,694	-17.64
Forfar Loch Country Park	172,685	170,893	-1.05
Monikie Country Park	146,439	172,725	15.22
Angus Glens Ranger Service	58,941	59,813	1.46
Montrose Basin Local Nature Reserve Visitor Centre	10,348	8,641	-19.75
TOTAL	482,166	491,766	1.95

The drop in usage at Crombie Country Park is directly attributable to the closure of the park in May and June to permit essential maintenance work to be carried out on the reservoir. However the increase in usage at Monikie Country Park is thought to have come about as a result of people who would normally visit Crombie have visited Monikie instead as a result of the closure of Crombie. The excellent weather in May 2002 also helped the overall numbers of attendees.

Visitor numbers decreased at Montrose Basin due to extensive refurbishment of the centre, which meant a closure of the centre in January, February and March 2003.

CARAVANS

Due to alterations within the recording system it has not been possible to provide detail on the variances for caravanning activities between this year and last. In future however it will be possible to compare reporting periods on a like for like basis. It should be noted however that caravan income has increased from £136,349 in season 2001, to £150,385 (net amounts).

Caravans	April 2002 - March 2003
Lochside Caravan Park	9,513
Woodlands Caravan Park	8,165
South Links Caravan Park	5,389
TOTAL	23,067

Caravans	(People)
Lochside Caravan Park	22,663
Woodlands Caravan Park	10,506
South Links Caravan Park	15,137
TOTAL	48,306

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

4 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no human rights implications arising from this report.

5. CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, Director of Finance and the Director of Law & Administration have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

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NOTE: No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information), were relied on to any material extent in preparing this report.