

# Derg Active Phase 2

## Newsletter ~ December 2025

The Christmas Lights Switch-On event brought huge crowds to the Diamond and was a fantastic success - following on from the equally well-attended Apple Fair held in November, which also showcased the quality of the completed Phase One public realm. With continued progress across all four Phase Two sites, we look forward to an even bigger festive celebration next year once the full programme of improvements is complete.

Mayor of Derry and Strabane, Councillor Ruairí McHugh, welcomed the festive milestone and the ongoing transformation of the town:

"The people of Castlederg are already seeing the real benefits that investment in public space and community facilities can bring. As works continue into the New Year, we remain committed to delivering safe, accessible and high-quality places that support health, wellbeing and local economic activity. I want to thank residents, businesses and visitors for their cooperation as we progress this exciting next phase of the Derg Active programme."



### Mitchell Park

Fencing and groundworks are progressing on site along with superstructure stage to the Coaching building. Installation of the new sports pitch surfacing is due to commence in the new year, advancing this significant investment in youth and community sports provision with project on track to open in early Spring 2026.

### Derg Valley Leisure Centre

Works at the leisure centre are nearing completion. A soft launch is planned before Christmas, with full opening following in the new year - aligning with Council's January gym promotions and wellbeing initiatives. Upgraded facilities will support increased participation in health and fitness activities across the community.

### Greenway

(adjacent to Dergview FC)

Initial works are underway, with the installation of new lighting columns scheduled across December and January. Residents should expect to see contractors active in this area as we work to deliver enhanced accessibility and safer active travel links.

### The Diamond

Public realm enhancement works will continue into the early part of December before pausing for the Department for Infrastructure's seasonal embargo, which prevents disruptive works directly in front of businesses over the Christmas period. Activity will resume in January, alongside continued works along Park View Road, helping to further connect the wider scheme.

### Castle Park

Construction activity at Castle Park is progressing well, with the next phase focusing on installing the base and service connections needed to future-proof the delivery of new public toilet facilities within the park. These preparatory works will ensure that all utilities are in place for a high-quality unit to be installed at a later stage. Some temporary access changes may be required as works progress, but any disruption will be kept to a minimum and clearly signposted in advance. A concept image below shows an early indication of what the new public toilet provision could look like once completed.



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