

Village joy as pavilion gets funding

MORE than a decade of community effort has paid off with the news Seaview is to get its new sports pavilion.

A new £200,000-plus Seagrove Community Sports Pavilion will rise from the rubble of the condemned Seaview FC clubhouse.

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The last piece of the fundraising jigsaw slotted into place this week with the official announcement of the news — known locally for weeks — that the Seagrove Pavilion Trust has won a £50,000 share of Sport England's £150 million Places People Play funding programme.

The Seagrove Charitable Trust was established in July following previous fundraising efforts.

The lottery cash, together

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with a similar Biffa Award, provides half the funding needed.

The grant, and money pledged by Seaview Village Regatta, Nettlestone and Seaview Parish Council, the community partnership, Seaview FC and pledges of materials, labour and consultancy by Island and mainland businesses, enables construction to start next month.

The building, which is modelled on St Helens Sports Pavilion, should be completed in August.

And, as a so-called legacy project, it will bear the London 2012 Inspire mark.

Trust chairman Robin Courage said: "This has been a magnificent community effort and it has been wonderful to see how many residents, including many people with second homes in the villages, have pulled together to make this a reality."

IW Council member for the area, Cllr Reg Barry, who has driven the project for



An artist's impression of the new pavilion at Seaview. CONTRIBUTED



The old Seaview FC clubhouse, which will be replaced by the pavilion. CONTRIBUTED

many years, said: "We have received pledges ranging from £10 to £10,000 from all sections of the community, which will enable us to pro-

vide a top-class venue that can unite our villages in sport, recreational and social activities.

"The pavilion will become

the new, permanent, home of Seaview FC, and the 1st Seaview guides, brownies and rainbows, who will be able to enjoy it for years to come."

Island to have new health watchdog

A NEW health and social care watchdog, monitor services and champion patients' rights, has been appointed.

Healthwatch IW will be responsible for providing information about health and social care services available on the Island; help people complain where those services do not come up to scratch.

It will replace current watchdog, IW LINK, from April.

Following a public consultation and tender exercise, several organisations — current LINK host Help and Community Action IW — the Citizens' Advice Bureau — have been appointed the IW Council to manage the service.

A new contract will be awarded to the South East Advocacy Partners to advise people complaining about NHS services.

IW Council cabinet member for adult social care and housing, Cllr Stuart Hutchinson, said "Healthwatch will effectively act as a consumer champion, making the most of the experiences of the community known to the people making decisions about these services."

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