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all has a Granwood floor ced in appearance by a ng on the walls. A view- se overlooks both the d two squash courts. The is an ideal multi-purpose ecially for judo and table

ement Team

Proctor. Was appointed 10 building was opened Septem- ously concerned with P.E. in schools and in running a dual- re in North Shields. Ex moun- wn leader, keen on outdoor



Neil Proctor. re Manager. Peter Round. re at the same time as the ously Deputy Manager New- uring background—keen on ities and golf.

fficer. Paul Dawson. Recently re from a Physical Education am. Good all round sportsman, on developing minor sports.

s. Pauline Graham. Joined the mother local authority depart- opening and became senior ast year. Sheila Hull, ex civil officer. Both girls keen on y badminton.

Instructional Pool
16m x 7 1/2m; depth to 3 feet.
Restaurant/Cafeteria with additional soft drink and snack vending machines.

Example of Charges

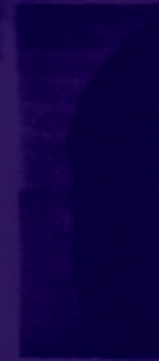
| | Membership Adult £2.16 | Family £4.32 |
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| Badminton | 60p per hour per court | |
| Squash | 60p per 1/2 hour per court | |
| Fitness Room | 20p per person per hour | |
| 5-a-side soccer | £1.84 per court per hour | |
| Table tennis | 20p per table per hour | |
| Swimming Adult | 20p | |
| Swimming Junior | 10p | |
| Adult spectator | 10p | |
| Junior spectator | 5p | |
| Non-members | 10p additional | |

action met by a very imagina- tion was needed if this run-down corner of South-east Northum- berland was to become a useful part of the local economy again. This was to be the scene for a completely new town of which Communicare was to be an integral part. Communicare means exactly what it says— caring for the community. It is the heart of the community life providing a health centre, inter- denominational church and pastoral centre, a youth-adult centre, library and multi-sports centre together with integral car park on a single site.

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The second in a regular series in which the Editor visits a Recreation Centre managed by an Association Member. This time the Editor visited a Centre he had toured on a number of previous occasions.

tennis but ideal also for social functions. The spacious fitness room averages 1200 visits per month and is fitted with multi-gym and exercisers and the added 'luxury' of Granwood flooring.

To the visitor the pools will impress initially for their acoustic quality, though this has been achieved with a synthetic wall finish resembling roughcast. Entrance to the wet changing facilities takes the swimmers through the cafeteria which overlooks the pool. Spectator accommodation is provided for 200 in the main pool gallery. There are extensive outdoor facilities close to the Centre which have been under phased construction. To date the delays on providing changing accommodation on this site have limited effective development and management. One of the most significant landscaping projects undertaken for the development of this part of the township was the provision of an artificial lake bridged by the road approaching the Centre. The most recent Centre development has been the conversion of a walkway, once intended to be a public thoroughfare providing a view down on to the pool, into an enclosed archery range.

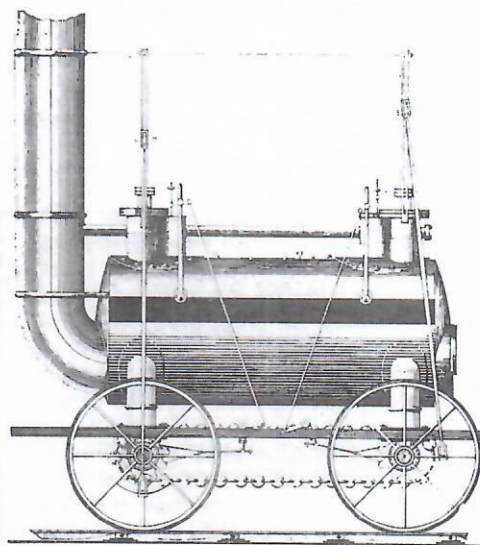
Whilst developing the use of the Centre by all sections of the community whatever their ability, Killingworth has also developed particularly high standards in a number of specialist activities. The judo, trampolining and gymnastics groups have achieved considerable success especially with some of their younger performers.

Killingworth is a fairly large Centre but has fostered a friendly atmosphere

which has always impressed and made me feel at home—I am sure this must also be the impression conveyed to users. To anyone visiting the area my advice over the last couple of years has been "A visit to Killingworth is well worthwhile—it's a well managed Centre!"

Facts and Figures

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| Cost of building— | |
| swimming pools | £459,700 |
| sports halls | £234,600 |
| April 76-March 77 | |
| Gross expenditure | |
| (inc. loan charges)— | |
| swimming pools | £173,124 |
| sports halls | £118,073 |
| Gross income— | |
| swimming pools | £23,680 |
| sports halls | £32,318 |
| Number of participants | |
| in sports halls | 114,820 |
| Number of participants | |
| in swimming | |
| pools | 140,313 |
| | <u>255,133</u> |
| Staff equivalent full time | 35 |



Killingworth has the unique distinction of being a new town with its roots away back in history. For the township stands on the very land where George Stephenson built and developed his first locomotives. Indeed, the quite arbitrary 4ft. 8½ins. gauge of the old wooden tracks which carried coal from Killingworth for shipment from Wallsend is used by our railway system to this day—simply because Stephenson built his first engines for that line.

