

Extracts from 'Towards a Wider Use' – A Report of an Inter-Association Working Party on Joint Provision and Dual or Multiple Use of Facilities for Recreational Use by the Community 1976

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'Towards a Wider Use' was one of the most important early reports on Dual Use and Joint Provision. These extracts from the Report provide the original background to the concept.

" 3. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND AND THE CASE FOR JOINT PROVISION AND DUAL USE

3.1. The joint planning concept began to develop in this country around 1964, when it was clear that the economic advantages in themselves could be substantial and make sense in terms of local authority budgets. The authorities active in this field recognised that large schools appearing on building programmes could contribute positively towards the provision of leisure opportunities, if school facilities were modified by the addition of financial resources other than those for school building, to allow the provision of recreation and social facilities not normally found in a school brief.

3.2. The development of community orientated schools enabled individuals to fulfil their leisure aspirations not only through organised classes, but by sessions set aside for individual, family or club and society participation. The key to this development was management geared to creating throughout the year valid community opportunity, where age or club membership were not a pre-requisite of use.

3.3. Authorities working in a corporate or co-operative way were able to consider the possibility of extending the facilities at new schools, particularly secondary schools. The schools would enjoy better facilities and opportunities than could have been provided within DES building cost limits, while local communities would gain a range of opportunity inconceivable if the local authority or authorities concerned were to attempt to plan and develop the schools without any consideration of wider community use."

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JOINT USE PROJECTS**

<i>Project</i>	<i>Programme Year(s)</i>	<i>Cost of School £</i>	<i>Type of School</i>	<i>Contri- bution by Joint User</i>	<i>Name(s) of Joint User(s)</i>	<i>Facilities achieved</i>	<i>Joint Manage- ment Scheme</i>
Stockton Heath County Sec- ondary School	1969/70— 1970/71	234,276	Secondary Modern	£254,800	1. Runcorn RDC (now part of Warrington Dis- trict Council) 2. Warrington New Town Development Corporation	Improved Sports Hall Swimming Pool 2 Squash Courts Social and Refreshment facilities Changing facilities Viewing to activity areas	Approved
Christleton County High School	1969/70 and 1970/71	238,355	Secondary Comprehensive	£40,200	Chester Rural District Council (now part of the Chester District)	Improved Sports Hall 2 Squash Courts Hard Tennis Courts All-weather pitch	Approved
Runcorn Norton Priory County Comprehensive School	1969/70 Phase I 1972/73 Phase II	507,411	Secondary	Runcorn UDC £77,700 Runcorn Dev. Corp. £62,900	1. Runcorn UDC (now part of Halton District Council) 2. Runcorn New Town Dev. Corp.	Sports Hall 110' x 80' Gymnasium Swimming Pool 25m x 9m 2 Squash Courts Open Air Tennis Courts All-weather Pitch Netball Courts	Approved
Runcorn Southgate County Junior School	1970/71	95,816	Primary (Junior)	£13,116	Runcorn New Town Develop- ment Corp.	Community Room Use of Hall Committee Room Toilets etc. Additional Car Parking	Approved

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Neston County Comprehensive School	1970/71	193,706	Secondary Comprehensive	£110,121	Neston UDC (now part of Ellesmere Port Dist. Council)	Improved Sports Hall Gymnasium Swimming Bath Changing facilities Social Area Hard Tennis Courts Floodlit All-weather Pitch	Approved
Runcorn Palacefields	1971/72	107,887	Primary (Junior)	£14,919	Runcorn New Town Dev. Corp.	Use of Hall Community Room Committee Room Toilets Additional Car Parking	Approved
Poynton County Comprehensive School	1971/72	475,386	Secondary Comprehensive	£71,000	Macclesfield RDC (now part of Macclesfield Dist. Council)	Improved Sports Hall Gymnasium 2 Squash Courts Sauna Bath Hard Tennis Courts Social Area	Approved

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Alsager County Comprehensive School	1971/72	419,144	Secondary Comprehensive	£148,630	1. Alsager UDC (now part of Congleton Dist. Council) 2. Service of Youth 3. Teacher Training*	Youth Club Improved Sports Hall Gymnasium Swimming Pool Squash Courts Sauna Bath Drama and Music Rooms Hall Changing facilities Hard Tennis Courts	Planned
Knutsford County High School	1971/72	184,555 + 40,338 for Youth Centre	Secondary Comprehensive	£111,052	Knutsford UDC (now part of Macclesfield Dist. Council)	Improved Sports Hall Swimming Bath 2 Squash Courts Youth Centre Drama and Music Room	Planned
Great Sankey Barrow Hall Lane County Comprehensive School	1972/73	837,801	Secondary Comprehensive	£309,874	Warrington RDC (now part of Warrington Dist. Council)	Improved Sports Hall Gymnasium Swimming Pool Learner Pool 3 Squash Courts Floodlit All-weather Pitch Shared grass playing fields	Planned

*This was a special contribution towards the Swimming Bath in order that students from the local Teacher Training College could use the accommodation;

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Sandbach County Secondary School	1972/73	349,932	Secondary Modern	£204,319	Sandbach UDC (now part of Congleton Dist. Council)	Improved Sports Hall Swimming Pool Drama Workshop Floodlit All-weather Pitch Hard Tennis Courts	Planned
Shavington County Secondary School	1972/73	482,584	Secondary Modern	£99,725	Nantwich RDC (now part of Congleton Dist. Council)	Improved Sports Hall Squash Courts Drama Workshop Floodlit All-weather Pitch Hard Tennis Courts	Planned
Malpas Heber County High School	1972/73	260,964	Secondary Comprehensive	1. £48,944 2. £9,000 £57,944	1. Tarvin RDC (now part of Chester Dist. Council) 2. County Library Service	County Library Improved Sports Hall Hard Tennis Courts	Planned
Frodsham County Secondary School	1972/73 and 1973/74	424,647	Secondary Modern	£71,000	Runcorn RDC (now part of Vale Royal Dist. Council)	Improved Sports Hall Squash Courts Drama Workshop Hall Hard Tennis Courts Floodlit All-weather Pitch	Planned
Rudheath County Secondary School	1972/73 ROSLA	73,006	Secondary Modern	£67,500	Northwich RDC (now part of Vale Royal Dist. Council)	Improved Sports Hall Village Room Committee Room/Library	Planned

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Crewe Middlewich Street County Comprehensive School	1973/74	1,239,446	Secondary Comprehensive	£35,615	Crewe Borough Council (now part of Crewe Dist.Council)	Improved Sports Hall Music, Drama and Craft Areas Floodlit All-weather Pitch Hard Tennis Courts Social/Admin. Area	Planned
Chester Gt.Boughton County Comprehensive School	1974/75	923,780	Secondary Comprehensive	1.£104,465 2. £15,458	1.Chester Dist. Council 2.County Library Service	Improved Sports Hall 2 Squash Courts Community Hall/Lecture Theatre/Drama Workshop Music Rooms County Library	Planned
Warrington Birchwood Locking Stumps County Primary School	1975/76 (Proposed)	246,294 (Estimated)	Primary (Junior)	£24,400	Warrington New Town Dev.Corp.	Enlarged School Hall Store Toilets Kitchen	Planned
Runcorn Brook Vale County Comprehensive School	1975/76	751,483 (Estimated)	Secondary Comprehensive	1.£110,000 2.£110,000	1.Halton Dist. Council 2.Runcorn New Town Dev.Corp.	Improved Sports Hall Swimming Pool Practice Room Social Area Floodlit All-weather Pitch Hard Tennis Courts Toilets, Staff and Admin. Officers Reception Area	Planned

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Goostrey County Primary School	1975/76	£110,000 (Estimated) (Including £12,895 for playing field and site layout)	Primary	£62,000 (Estimate)	1.Congleton Borough Council 2.Goostrey Parish Council 3.Goostrey Village Hall and Playing Field Association	Hall (including Stage) Lounge Bar Servery Changing Facilities Village Room Toilets Entrance Hall and circulation	Planned

SPORT AND RECREATION PROVISION IN GWENT – FACILITIES (Existing and Proposed)

1. INDOOR SPORTS CENTRES AND HALLS

<i>Existing and Under Construction (completion dates in brackets)</i>				
	<i>Joint Provision</i>	<i>Local Authority</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Proposed</i>
Blaenau Gwent	1. Ebbw Vale Leisure Centre 2. Nantyglo Sports Centre and Com- munity College 3. Tredegar Leisure Centre (1977)	1. Abertillery Sports Centre		
Islwyn	1. Risca Leisure Centre (1977) 2. Cwmcaru Sports Centre (1976)			1. Pontllanfraith Gr. Tech.
Monmouth	1. Abergavenny Leisure Centre 2. Caldicot Community College and Leisure Centre			1. Helmaen Country Club, near Usk (restricted)
Newport		1. Underwood Sports and Community Centre	1. St. Josephs High School, Newport 2. Hartridge High School, Newport	1. Newport Leisure Centre (Spytty Road)
Torfaen	1. Fairwater Leisure Centre, Cwmbran 2. Llantarnam Sports Centre, Cwmbran (1975)	1. Cwmbran Stadium 2. Pontypool Sports Centre		1. Blaenavon Sports Centre
Totals	9	4	2	4