

# DESIGN TRENDS 1964-2020 - HARLOW TO K2 AND BEYOND:

## A COMPENDIUM OF SPORTS & LEISURE CENTRE EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR DESIGNS REFLECTING CHANGES, TRENDS AND ORIGINALITY OVER SIX DECADES

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**Exterior – some of these centres have since been demolished/replaced**



1964 Harlow



1965 Afan Lido



1967 Billingham Forum



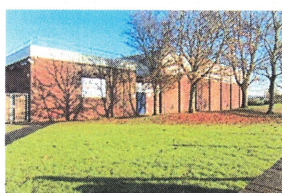
1969 Poole



1970 Carlton Forum



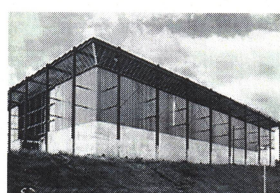
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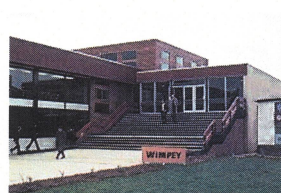
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1972 Stockton Sports Centre



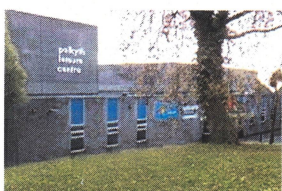
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1974 Eastleigh



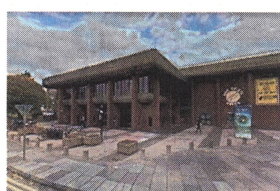
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1975 Wycombe



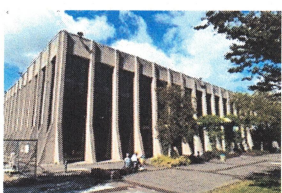
1976 Northgate Arena



1977 Crowtree



1977 Richard Dunn



1977 Swansea



1984 Bitterne [SASH]



1985 Link Centre



1985 Newport



1986 Broadstone Poole



1987 Fountain



1988 Sheringham



1989 Doncaster Dome



1989 Woking



1990 Taunton



1992 Larkfield



1993 Grand Central



1995 Penlan



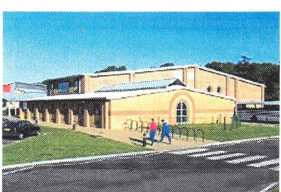
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1998 De Stafford



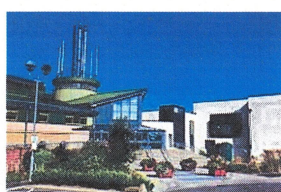
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1999 Bradley Stoke 2



1999 Lagan Valley

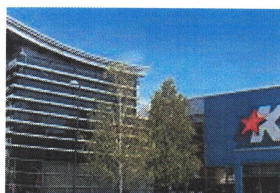


1999 Pickaquoy





2002 Budmouth SC



2006 K2



2007 Kirkby



2008 Xcel



2009 Catterick



2010 Blaydon



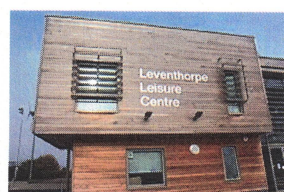
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2010 Harlow Leisurezone



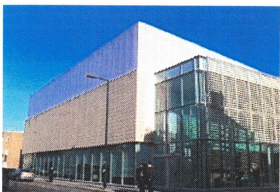
2011 Bert Williams



2011 Leventhorpe



2011 Oswestry



2012 Clapham



2015 Ashington



2015 Huddersfield



2016 Arcadia



2016 Wyre Forest



2018 Littlehampton Wave



2018 Macduff



2018 Monmouth



2020 Anderstown



Deeside refurbishment



Farnham refurbishment



Glaslyn refurbishment



Llantrisant refurbishment

## 1964 to 1999

The mix of buildings ranged from simple brick buildings centred around the sports hall block, and often looking fairly austere from the outside to more adventurous 'leisure' designs where both exteriors and interiors became priorities, with 'experimental' designs such as those in Bletchley, Swindon [Oasis], Doncaster [Dome] and Guildford [Spectrum]. There was a huge learning curve from the first 25 years of designing centres.

## Going into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

21st Century centres have reflected modern architecture. They have generally had a more pleasing appearance and been designed to create landmark public buildings. There has been a desire to create interiors which are both attractive and functional. A great deal more glass has often been used, both externally and internally.



## Interior - some of these centres have since been demolished/replaced



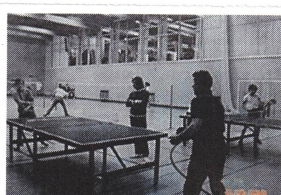
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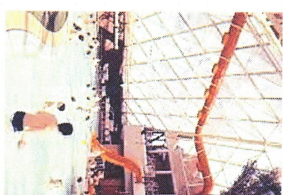
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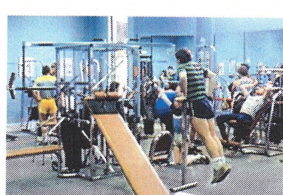
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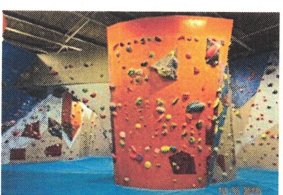
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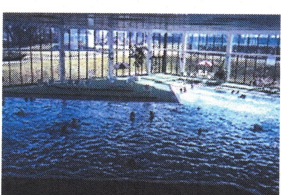
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1974 Washington



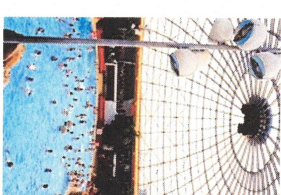
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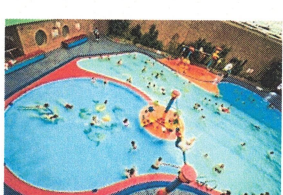
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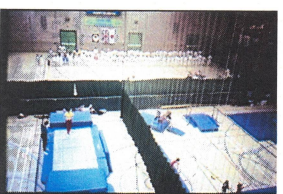
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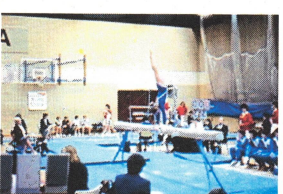
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1977 Valley



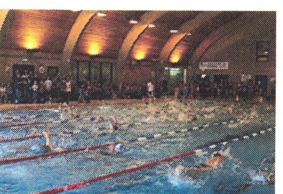
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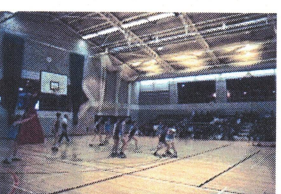
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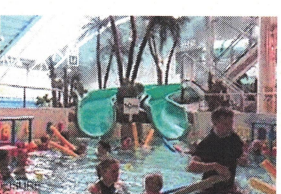
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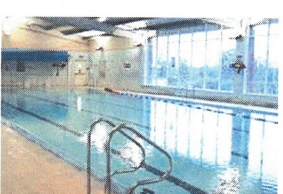
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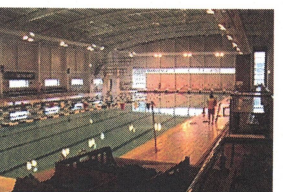
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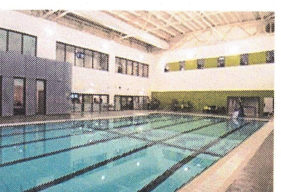
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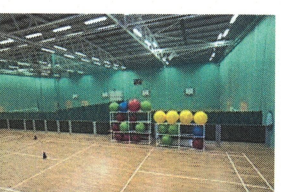
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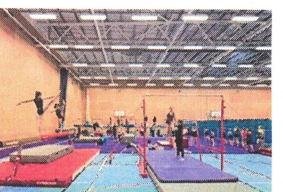
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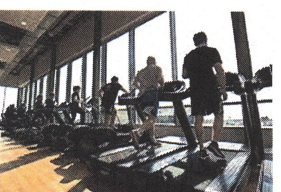
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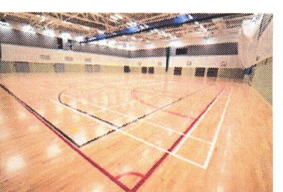
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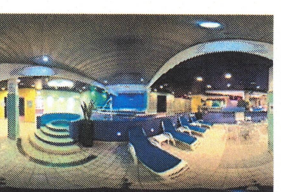
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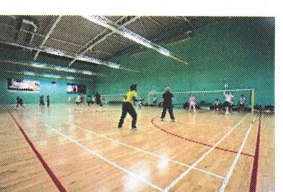
2017 Littlehampton



2020 South Lake Craigavon



Bracknell refurbishment



Redbridge refurb