



A member of staff poses for the camera, with the impressive new pool behind her (1)

New leisure centre a hit

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AN AMAZING 10,000 people walked through the doors in the first week of the new Edmonton Leisure Centre's existence.

The long-awaited centre experienced immense success in its first week of business.

Centre manager Steve McQuaid has described the attraction as a "great asset" and its first weekend as a "roaring success".

The official opening of the centre was delayed due to various reasons, but thousands of Enfield residents have since made up for that by using the brand-new facilities on offer.

These include a high-tech fitness suite, complete with the latest technology in walking, cycling and rowing machines, plus television screens for entertainment, a cycle area for children, a dance studio, a swimming pool with an adjustable floor and both a sauna and steam room.

The centre had previously been delayed for over six months as various problems arose, including trouble with the gas piping and the swimming pool's tiling.

However, after opening on August 6, thousands of people have already used the facility.

The numbers were boosted by a free weekend on August 11 and 12.

The degree of popularity has meant there is often a queue to get in, while nearly 1,000 people have already signed up for gym membership.

Cabinet member for leisure, culture and the Olympics, Cllr Paul McCannah, said: "The weekend was a popular success and sets the trend for people to enjoy sports and fitness, meet friends, put in some serious training and have some fun."

It is hoped that the leisure centre will not only improve fitness in the area but may also attract visitors to Edmonton.

Cllr McCannah added: "Here is something for everyone, offering the very best in modern leisure facilities."



A youngster shoots down the slide into the pool (2)



Dance is also on the menu at Edmonton (3)



A family enjoys a leisurely trip to the pool (4)