

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Community		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	11th December 2025 7.00 pm	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Cathy Dean, Communities Manager		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	13.1 No Tier Snooker Society		
Background	<p>No Tier Snooker provides a welcoming and supportive environment for individuals living with early-onset dementia or Frontotemporal Dementia. The founding group was started in January 2025 at Congleton Snooker Club by Ian Carter, meeting weekly on a Wednesday. The group has gone from strength to strength with around 30 regular members. Ian has been supported through Congleton Partnership and Dementia Friends lead Diane Rithderon. Congleton Town Council also approved a grant for the group in September 25.</p>		
Update	<p>Ian has worked tirelessly over the past 12 months to raise the profile of the society, achieving outstanding success. The World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) has fully endorsed the initiative. Chris Lovell, Head of Coaching and Development and Training Manager, is supporting Ian in rolling out the No Tier Snooker programme to clubs across the country, with backing from professional snooker players, both past and present.</p> <p>While snooker is enjoyed for its recreational value, it also provides significant benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cognitive stimulation – helping members remain mentally active • Social connection – reducing loneliness and isolation • Confidence and well-being – creating a positive, inclusive environment where individuals feel understood, valued, and supported <p>A second group is now opening at Congleton Snooker Club on Tuesday afternoons. Additional new groups are launching in Hazel Grove, with a further group due to open soon in Longton.</p> <p>Steve Davis MBE and Denis Taylor have agreed to become official ambassadors for the society. On 14 June, Congleton Town Hall will host a Snooker Showcase featuring a replay of the iconic 1985 World Championship final, including the famous re-spotted black ball. A full professional snooker table, complete with scoreboard, will be installed in the Town Hall.</p>		

	<p>This event promises to be a fantastic opportunity for Congleton, helping to raise awareness of FTD and early-onset dementia. The BBC has expressed interest in covering the event, providing an excellent platform to showcase Congleton Town Hall and the important work of the society.</p> <p>Ian has also had it confirmed that the Professional Darts Corporation (PDC) has agreed in principle to hold an event in Congleton, to raise awareness of FTD and early-onset dementia and the role sports can play.</p> <p>For more information, visit - https://notiersnooker.co.uk/</p>
Financial Implications	None to Congleton Town Council. Congleton Partnership is sponsoring the room hire for the event. Any profits from the event will go to support the No Tier Snooker Society.
Environmental Implications	None.
Inclusivity Diversity Impact	Living with a life-altering diagnosis, participants can forget societal pigeonholing and be on an equal social tier for a couple of hours each week.
Decision Required	That Councillors note this report.