**New centre taking shape**

A NEW multi-million pound centre which will provide vital services for people with disabilities and the local community is taking shape in Hartlepool.

The £4m development will result in services from the existing Havelock Centre at Burbank and Warren Road facility at Oakesway transferring into the state-of-the-art new building when it is completed in September 2016.

Councillor Carl Richardson, the Council’s chair of Adult Services Committee, said: “The new facility will provide the very best services for people in our town with disabilities along with vital other facilities for the local community.”

Poor weather in January has led to some very difficult working conditions with lots of mud on the site, as shown in the pictures below.

After the ground floor concrete floors have been completed the external walls will be built up to the height of the first floor. Windows will start to be installed within the next six weeks.

**SUGGESTIONS still being sought for inclusion within the time capsule**

A time capsule is a great way for us to leave messages and memories for future generations.

If you have any suggestions for inclusion within the time capsule please contact Chris Horn on (01429) 851371. We are particularly keen to hear from local residents who may have pictures or memories they wish to share.

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**Spotlight on CIL Services**

IN addition to keeping you up to date with progress of the CIL build, we also wanted to let you know something about the different organisations that will provide support services from the new building.

**Michael Slimings**, Director of Incontrol-able CIC, said: “As one of the only two Nationally Recognised Disabled People User Led Organisations (DPULO) in Teesside, we are looking forward and committed to being involved in the new Centre for Independent Living.

“We have been delivering services to disabled people both locally and regionally since 2009 and we are excited about continuing our service delivery from our new base with stakeholders and partner organisations.

“Our current services include the ‘Ricochet’ project which loans out ‘tablets’ to people with additional needs in Hartlepool, we also deliver the ‘In Your Dreams’ service which supports people with dementia and their carers to reignite good memories from their past.

“Finally, we look forward to continuing to support the Hartlepool Learning Disability Partnership Board from the new build. If you feel you or someone you know would benefit from our services please contact us.”

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‘Follow The Build’ - You can follow the progress of the CIL project by logging on to www.hartlepoolnow.co.uk/followthebuild