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SCHOOLS BENEFIT FROM LEISURE CENTRE EQUIPMENT

Schools are set to benefit from the closure the Aykley Heads Leisure Centre in Durham.

The centre, which is in urgent need of repair, has closed due to the scale of subsidised running costs and is scheduled for demolition.

The equipment is being disposed of in a number of ways. Larger items are being sold to generate income, while other items are being donated to local schools.

Primary schools in Durham, Chester-le-Street and Lanchester will be given some swimming accessories, including toddler floats, goggles and armbands.

Some smaller items of equipment are also being offered to local community groups, with centre members being given the opportunity to bid for what remains.

Anything left which is in a satisfactory condition will also be offered to local schools.

Peter Thompson, chair of Durham Police Authority, said: "In the current financial climate there simply isn't the money to subsidise a leisure centre.

"However, I'm pleased that we're able to support local schools and other groups by this donation of equipment."

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