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## Saddleworth Village Olympics

SADDLEWORTH, JUNE 2018: It's nearly time for this year's Saddleworth Village Olympics. Given the recent spell of warm weather it seems almost unbelievable that last year, the opening ceremony had to be cancelled due to inclement torrential rain which resulted in the first ever tug-o-war competition having to be cancelled. This year the committee will give it another go and hope to be able to award the cup for the first time. The trophy has been named in memory of the former Chairman Ben Hilton, who was a major figure in ensuring the Olympics have continued to be a major local sporting event.

Following the success of the hockey trial last year, the committee have introduced hockey as a main event. On the middle Saturday, children aged between 10 and 13 will take place in this event for the first time at Saddleworth School.

After a number of years of declining senior competitor numbers, the committee are this year calling upon all secondary school children to re-engage with the Olympics and are hoping they recall the fun and competitive spirit that made them take part when they were younger.

Fund raising is always a major part of the activities of the main committee and they would like to thank the Saddleworth Round Table and Robert Scott and Sons for their continued support. The committee would be keen to hear from any other local businesses who are looking for sport / children charities to support.

Asked for his thoughts ahead of this years event, co-Chairman Adrian Green said *"Our main aim is to try and encourage as many local children as possible to take part in as many sports as we can. We are therefore really excited to be introducing hockey to the schedule this year and hopefully to award the tug-o-war trophy for the first time. A big thank you and welcome to all of our new coaches and volunteers this year. Without you this event couldn't happen. Good luck to all the competitors and we look forward to seeing you and your supporters in September"*.

If you are new to the area or unfamiliar with the Olympics then you can find out more information on their website which is [www.saddleworthvillageolympics.co.uk](http://www.saddleworthvillageolympics.co.uk).

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