



Manchester's legacy

Legacy and impact of the 2002 Commonwealth Games

The legacy of the Manchester 2002 Commonwealth Games was widespread for the city and the UK. The Games raised the reputation of Manchester worldwide, positioning it as a thriving, modern city, successfully regenerated from its industrial past.

How was it a success?

- inhabitants of the city were supportive and welcoming to the Games and an local volunteer programme was popular and successful
- Public houses and restaurants in Manchester reported a threefold increase in takings during the Games, and local tourism board Marketing Manchester estimate some 300,000 more visitors will come to the city each year as a result of its increased profile.
- In terms of infrastructure, the Games were the catalyst for the widespread redevelopment of the east of the city, an area which had remained derelict since the departure of heavy industry some decades before.
- A new commercial centre for East Manchester, based around the stadium has been created, known as SportCity.
- Legacy sporting facilities include the City of Manchester Stadium for football; the Manchester Velodrome and facilities for athletics; the Manchester Aquatics Centre; and comprehensive upgrades of Belle Vue and Moss Side leisure centres to serve their local communities.
- the Games raised perception of the country's ability to organise major sporting events.

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