

Lewis Gray and Will Bayley help Kent launch 2012 strategy

13 year old Angley sports college student and international table tennis player Lewis Gray and standing disabled national champion Will Bayley were invited to help Kent County Council launch Kent's campaign and strategy for the 2012 Olympic Games at the Hop farm, Paddock Wood on Monday 14th May.

Principal guest for the launch was double Olympic gold medallist Dame Kelly Holmes who attracted a host of interest from local and regional media including Meridian TV. The launch was aimed at a range of partners from district councils, the arts, tourism, regeneration, economic development, training, transport, skills and education across Kent.

U12 England champion Gray and Paralympic hopeful and standing disabled national champion Will Bayley (from Byng Hall) provided a Table Tennis demonstration alongside judo, to circa. 200 guests at the pre-launch drinks reception. During an interview Dame Kelly said how impressed she was with the table tennis players.

Following the practical demonstration and as part of the formal presentations, Gray was the youngest of four athletes to be interviewed live on stage to talk about his involvement and future aspirations as an elite young Table Tennis player.



Lewis Gray pictured at the Kent 2012 strategy launch with Dame Kelly Holmes