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Dina Re-opens Refurbished Track at Norman Park Wednesday 13/11/2019

World 200m Champion, Dina Asher-Smith, was welcomed back to her home track at Bromley's Norman Park yesterday evening, following her multi-medal winning performances at last month's World Athletics Championships in Doha.



Dina, who has just returned to training after a well-deserved end-of-season break, arrived at the track for a session with her coach, John Blackie and the rest of his training group, to be greeted by a large crowd of her fellow Blackheath & Bromley Club members, as well as youngsters from the BEES Academy, who had all gathered to congratulate her on her success in the World Championships and to see her officially re-open the track after its recent refurbishment. Dina was very surprised to see such a magnificent turnout.

After navigating her way down the home straight through the crowd to the finish line and following a brief official welcome from the Club President, Julian Golding, and to much applause, Dina cut the ceremonial ribbon to celebrate the completion of the refurbishment of the track. She then joined her training group to continue her preparations for next year's Olympic Games in Tokyo.

Club President, Julian Golding said: "The Club is tremendously proud of Dina's achievements and of the role her coach, John Blackie, who has played a significant role in her success. It was great that we could celebrate these successes, and the Club's 150th Anniversary, with the reopening of the track by Dina, surrounded by so many of our members, young and old."

Outgoing Chair of Norman Park Track Management, Chris Hilditch, commented "The reopening of the newly re-

furnished track this evening marked completion of the first stage of the Club's plans to secure a sustainable future for the track. We look forward to asking Dina to open a new community sports and recreation centre here in the months to come."

It also means that the club can now resume its 150 Leaderboard Mile race series aiming to have 150 different club members each run a mile over the course of the season with already over 125 having taken part.

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