



SETTLE AREA SWIMMING POOL

Newsletter - June 2020

A charity run pool for the community

Charity shop open!

The pool fundraising shop re-opens on Tuesday 16th June. A risk management plan has been produced to ensure all reasonable measures to protect customers and volunteers.

Until the shop opens we would welcome donations of goods [at the swimming pool](#) on Tuesday and Friday mornings between 9.30 and 12.30. The shop will re-open with a sale of clothing and footwear, all items will cost £1.



Grants and donations

We have been awarded £10,000 by Sport England to help with keeping the pool in business during lockdown - utilities, maintenance etc. The Settle Rotary Club has also kindly donated a very generous £2,000 and there have been several donations from generous individuals and businesses including Bar 13 in Settle, Bentham Town Council, and several Parish Councils. Thank you!



Waves of good news from the pool!

Hello everyone, we hope you are all safe and well at this difficult time. Whilst we can't re-open yet we have plenty of good news for you.

The Pool locked down on 20 March and we were able to place all our staff on the Government furlough scheme. We are waiting for the guidance on reopening swimming pools and leisure centres from the Government and Swim England due on 15th June. We already have guidance from the Swimming Teachers' Association, Royal Life Saving Society and Health and Safety Executive.

It is clear that when we reopen we will be required to put in place new systems to ensure social distancing and additional hygiene. Obviously we will undertake a thorough risk assessment to ensure we are able to comply with all guidance and as soon as we have a reopening date we will send you further information. Thank you for your responses to the recent survey.

Rebuilding the Pool

Regular customers of Settle Pool will know that there are some aspects of the pool that need improving and modernising, such as our reception area, changing facilities and more space for more dry-side activities. These will all improve our facilities for the Settle community and help to keep us financially stable.

Can we afford to build? - yes, nearly!!

Members have helped Staff, Trustees and Friends of the Pool to raise funds for the building project for a number of years. As you know we had to use some of these funds to replace our 40 year old boilers at the beginning of the year. Two years ago we applied to Sport England for a large grant which would help us to start this process. It's taken a long time to receive a result, but in May this year we heard we had been awarded £135,000 which takes us much closer to the target for rebuilding. This is sufficient for us to submit a planning application and begin the preparation for building this summer. We will share these plans with members when the current restrictions allow.



200 club lucky lockdown winners!

The Settle Swimming Pool 200 club has provided a nice surprise for some lucky pool supporters over many years and also been a regular source of income for the pool.

The monthly draws had to be suspended during the lockdown because of difficulties in arranging for an independent person to draw the winning numbers and arranging for the winners' cheques to be signed. But now 200 club organiser Julie Smith has managed to put in place suitable arrangements for the draws to resume and for winning numbers to be drawn for the months when the draws had to be suspended. The lucky lockdown winners are:

April draw

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| 1st no 77 | Veronica Meredith £50 |
| 2nd No 134 | Barbara Dand £30 |
| 3rd No 159 | Thomas Cawley £20 |

May draw

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| 1st no 38 | Liz Pennington £50 |
| 2nd no 83 | Christine Ronan £30 |
| 3rd no 8 | Vanessa Stone £20 |

Winners have been notified.

We will not forget the Bats!

Not everyone knows that bats have literally hung out at the pool building for many years and that the pool is a designated 'bat maternity roost'! With such important tenants the Trustees are looking at a plan to make sure the bats are protected during the design and refurbishment of the building.



In line with planning requirements and good environmental practice, we will carry out a preliminary roost assessment to identify if bats are still roosting in the building and where they hang out. Assuming they are still there, on a sunny dawn to dusk day between May and October we will carry out a full bat survey - the cost of both surveys is around £1200.

The full bat survey will ascertain the numbers of bats roosting. On the strength of this, the bat professionals will recommend the number, type

and location of bat boxes within the pool complex. These recommendations will be included within the planning permission for changes to the exterior of the pool building.

Finally, bats are less active between October to March so the trustees will endeavour to carry out the refurbishment of the pool during that period - we will not forget the Bats!!

Paper recycling news

Our paper recycling scheme, based in the carpark outside Settle pool, has raised a phenomenal quarter of a million pounds over the years. It has helped to pay for pool improvements, transport for school swimming and support for the Swimming and Disabled Clubs. Funds are also making an important contribution to our rebuilding plans.

Obviously we had to close our skips because of the lockdown. The price of paper fell drastically at the end of last year so we hardly received any income in the last months of operation. Many of our recycling volunteers are 'vulnerable' so cannot help during this crisis. Therefore the skips will remain closed for the foreseeable future.

We thank all our recycling volunteers who have worked so hard to keep this fundraising initiative going and to individuals and firms who have faithfully brought their recycled paper to the skips. If the recycling prices improve and we can recruit new volunteers we can plan to reopen.



The small print and contacts:

Charity number 1171790. Settle Area Swimming Pool is committed to providing an environment in which all children and young people participating in its activities have a safe and positive experience.

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