

SHAP SWIMMING POOL

England & Wales · Charity number 1162318

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2015-06-19

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF AND VISITORS TO SHAP, BY THE PROVISION OF A SWIMMING POOL

Activities: Charity object is the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of the inhabitants & visitors to Shap by the provision of a pool. In accordance with our objective, the charities additional aims are to support the people of Shap & the surrounding area by retaining existing services, promoting health & wellbeing in the community & encouraging equality & diversity.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Amateur Sport
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cumbria

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£65,075	£39,380	-	-
2024-03-31	£23,927	£35,035	-	-
2023-03-31	£23,696	£50,504	-	-
2022-03-31	£24,489	£27,076	-	-
2021-03-31	£21,744	£2,149	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Amy Pitch		2025-11-17
Lauren Jackson		2024-11-12

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**Annual Report and Accounts for the
year ending 31 March 2025**

Charity Number: 1162318

Shap Swimming Pool: Trustees Annual Report 2025

Objectives and activities of the pool

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Chair's report at AGM October 2024

Overview of season activity

As a committee it has been a hard year again due to low number. Overall, it was a very good season for the pool and its users with a lot of positive feedback.

We opened at the end of May and started with a free swim for the youth club children at the beginning of the half term holiday. We closed Monday and Tuesday throughout the whole season to try and save some money and due to low volunteer numbers.

We got funding to be able to replace the filters and we are looking at getting other funding to go towards paying for a new pool liner, windows and doors and general upkeep of the pool

The pool wasn't as well used throughout the seasons. We had 1610 (6049 (2833)) attendees and 3100 (5519 (4586)) bookings through the season. We had 27 (48 (41)) private hires, a triathlon, Swim4all weekly session and 4 naturist swims. All these groups have already shown interest for next year with some new groups looking for regular swims. The weather was really against us this year and the big drop in attendance shows that.

We had a good response from swimmers this year. The water temperature was a lot better this year. Most who used the pool were very satisfied with a lot of repeat custom. We will more than likely close 2 days a week again next year.

Volunteers were offered a free season ticket to try and encourage more people to support us. We did struggle with getting volunteers for the shop, so we are looking to use the lifeguards more.

Future plans

Looking forward to next year, we are looking to raise funds for a range of improvements. We will be installing a new filter, and we also need to price up a pool liner, new shop window and new doors throughout. We are also looking at an air source heat pump to help reduce utility bills.

As far as we are aware only 2 lifeguards (Michael and Katie) will return. Grace may do the school swimming lessons.

We need more committee members to help with the running of the pool. Lauren Jackson will replace Sarah as treasurer. We would like to thank Sarah for her hard work as our treasurer over the last 5 years.

Thank you

We have a lot of other people to thank:

Our lifeguards Matthew, Robbie, Katie, Grace and Michael.

Byron for rebuilding the walls and installing the hand rail.

Correct Flow for work they have done.

Peter Williams for filling the pool up.

All our volunteers

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SHAP SWIMMING POOL

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on page 5.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The Trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act), that the audit requirement of Regulation 10 (1) (a) of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 does not apply, and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act and under section 44 (1) (c) of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006, section 44 (1)(a) of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and Regulation 4 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006, with regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and with the methods and principals of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

D. Roper

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Danny Roper, Chartered Accountant

Robinson Udale Ltd,

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

The Old Bank

41 King Street, Penrith

Cumbria, CA11 7AY

DATE.....*29 January 2026*.....

Treasurer's Report at AGM October 2024

The statement of accounts accompanies this report.

Running costs continue to be more expensive than in the past. Chemicals for the pool treatment and utility bills remain high and income only covers the running costs, meaning that any unplanned repairs or other costs, alongside any improvements we want to make must be met by grant funding. We are grateful for the work of our new grants officer, Amy McGowan, who has sourced funding for the new filters and additional funding for pool running costs.

Grants received:

Westmorland and Furness Council: annual rural pools grant for running costs £1,983

W&F Council: grant for water treatment course £200

Cumbria Community Foundation: grant for new filters £3,500

Freida Scott Foundation: grant for new filters £2,000

Shap Community Enterprise: £10,000 for new filters

Shap Community Enterprise: £4,000 for new poolside door and shop window

Sport England: grant for running costs (to be spent in 2025-26) £20,000

Donations received:

We received a generous donation from the Shap Young People's lottery of £250, alongside other smaller donations. We are very grateful for the continued support from the Shap Young Person's lottery.

Structure, governance and management

As set out in the constitution, we will retain a surplus in our accounts, to ensure we have funding for emergency repairs or unforeseen costs.

The annual report and accounts from 2023-24 were filed with the Charity Commission on time.

The charity is run by volunteers, with a dedicated committee and a small number of seasonal volunteers who assist in the pool shop and help with plant room maintenance, cleaning and general maintenance. The pool employs lifeguards during the season and funds their training course.

Chair: Briony Newsome

Treasurer: Lauren Jackson

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We still have a vacancy for a secretary.

There are currently 2 Trustees, and if the vacancy for a secretary is filled, they would become the third Trustee. The committee is hoping to recruit a secretary in the coming year and is advertising across local newsletters and groups to advertise the position.

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Trustees: Lauren Jackson (Treasurer), Briony Newsome (Chair)

Committee Members: Briony Newsome, Lauren Jackson, Stacey Lewis-Wrobel, Mel Wright, Kim Lightburn, Mellisa Bindloss

Statement of annual accounts

Shap Swimming Pool				
Statement of Income and Expenditure as at 31st March 2025				
	2024/2025	2023/2024	2024/2025	2023/2024
	Income	Income	Expenditure	Expenditure
		£	£	£
Swim sessions	10,336	10,695		
Season Tickets	2,275	1,445		
School Swim	1,120	375		
Shop sales	3,168	4,517	1,865	846
Grants	41,683	2,625		
Fund Raising	42	0		
Donations	991	325		
Bank Interest	182	122		
Pool Hire	1,603	1,740		
Miscellaneous income/expenses			0	
Major Works			1,759	
Chemicals			3,565	3,474
Repairs & Maintenance			978	820
Advertising			0	0
Rates			0	0
Rent			0	0
Water			1,887	1,812
Gas			10,276	3,164
Electric			4,496	1,651
Wages			9,231	17,494
Insurance			1,565	1,515
Staff Uniform			0	0
Payroll Services			168	
PAYE			821	
Admin			73	254
Training			1,672	3,540
Phone			414	378
waste disposal			612	933
VAT refund / paid	3,675	2,084		
	65,075	23,927	39,380	35,881
Balance Sheet as at 31/03/25				
Opening balance	Barclays Current Account 31/03/2024			2,708.81
	Barclays Savings Account 31/03/2024			10,145.24
	Petty Cash in Hand			259.32
				13,113.37
Closing balance	Barclays Current Account 31/03/2025			19,755.65
	Barclays Saving Account 31/03/2025			19,052.72
	Petty Cash in Hand			0.00
				38,808.37

Approved by the board on 17/11/25 and signed on their behalf by:


 LAUREN JACKSON

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Chair’s report at AGM October 2023

After 2022 when we put in the new toddler splash pool, refitted the shop and replaced all of the grouting around the pool, we didn’t need to deliver any major work for 2023. The weather was not very kind for us and numbers using the pool overall were down.

We applied for a grant from the Shap Community Enterprise Charity to support us giving a free season ticket for each child at Shap Primary School (who wanted to apply for one).

We hosted school swimming lessons for Shap and Selside Primary Schools. We held the prices of our season tickets at 2022 levels. This again meant that local families in particular can enjoy the pool during the summer months at a reasonable price, and children can practice their swimming in a safe and fun environment.

We welcomed weekly Fit4All sessions to the pool which were popular with adults and hosted 3 triathlons for local clubs. The British Nourist Society continued their monthly evening sessions, which were a good income generator for the pool.

Private hire sessions remained popular, with family groups and organisations taking advantage of the option. Often this meant we had a guaranteed income even if the weather wasn't good, when sessions might otherwise have been very empty.

Booking system

We continued to use BookWhen, an online ticketing system, to manage the tickets and number for each session. This works well for swimmers, who can plan their trip in advance and won't need to queue on busy days. For example, for visitors on holiday, who could guarantee a time to swim during their holiday. It is also helpful for our volunteers who don't need to manage a queue outside the pool and monitor numbers during a session etc. It has also improved our income reliability through the season. Season ticket holders who wanted to use the pool for longer than a one-hour session were able to by booking in double slots.

Achievements and performance

We opened in time for the May school half term holiday and closed at the end of the school holidays. With BookWhen, we have a better record of pool users and the numbers for the 2023 season are as follows:

3986 bookings and 1933 attendees

65 private hires of the pool

150 season tickets (including 65 tickets for Shap School pupils)

School swimming lessons for Shap and Selside Primary Schools

3 Triathlons and weekly "Fit4All" sessions in the pool

Note: the swim numbers aren't unique users, just the number of bookings.

We kept a simple price structure for this year and absorbed the cost of the booking system rather than adding it to the ticket price.

Lifeguards

We recruited 7 lifeguards for the season. They were trained with the other Eden outdoor pool lifeguards and all worked well through the season. We hope to retain some of the lifeguards for next year, to help with continuity and to help reduce training fees.

Volunteers

We are, as always, really grateful to all our volunteers. We couldn't run the pool without them. We were pleased that they had positive feedback for the new booking system, as it made their role less stressful on the whole. We will be looking at how we can encourage more people to volunteer, even if it is only for a few hours through the season. We retained the volunteer offer of a reduced-price season ticket for who helped us through the season. Particular thanks to Rich Morris, for his many years on the committee leading the plant room team. We'd also like to thank Robert Leckie for fixing a leak in the roof and Sandy Carr for fixing the boiler, both free of charge.

Future plans

When funds allow, we would like to replace our ageing filters and replace the doors across the building. We are also investigating the price for a pool liner, which would come with a 20 year guarantee and greatly reduce the annual maintenance for the pool, as well as improving the appearance. We have had a free energy audit completed at the pool, which recommended installing solar panels or similar. We have had a quote for c£8k to install panels. We will consider this as part of our longer term plans.

Treasurer's Report at AGM October 2023

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The income from swim sessions was lower, due to increased number of season tickets and lower numbers of visitors paying for one off sessions (likely due to the relatively poor summer weather). We also paid for lifeguards to cover the shop more often than ever before, due to lower numbers of volunteers. We need to review our costs before next season.

The private hire sessions were popular again and brought in good income. This included the 4 British Naturist swims, which contributed nearly £1k. The shop contributed well to our income for the year and remained popular with swimmers.

We continue to pay all our lifeguards at just above the living wage rate rather than in age brackets. We want to pay a good wage and help ensure we retain trained lifeguards across more than one season.

Grants received:

- £1983 from Eden District Council – rural pools annual grant

Donations received:

We received a £180 donation from the Shap Young People's lottery and we're grateful for their ongoing support.

Improvement works

We didn't undertake any major improvements works for this year but are already planning for fundraising and grant applications to replace our ageing filters and replace the doors across the building.

As set out in the constitution, we will retain a surplus in our accounts, to ensure we have funding for emergency repairs or unforeseen costs.

Chemicals for the pool treatment remain expensive. Electricity costs have gone up as the meter reading wasn't added correctly when we moved to the new 3 year plan, so had been underpaying for 6 months.

The annual report and accounts from 2022-23 have been filed with the Charity Commission on time.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is run by volunteers, with a dedicated committee and a small number of seasonal volunteers who assist in the pool shop and help with plant room maintenance, cleaning and general maintenance. The pool employs lifeguards during the season and funds their training course.

Briony Newsome remains as the Chair and Sarah Bruce continues as Treasurer. We still have a vacancy for a Secretary despite best efforts to find someone.

There are currently 2 Trustees, and if the vacancy for a Secretary is filled, they would become the third Trustee. The committee is hoping to recruit a Secretary in the coming year and is advertising across local newsletters and groups to advertise the position.

Shap Pool continues to be a part of the Eden Outdoor Pools network, and meets regularly with the other 5 outdoor pools in the area to share ideas and support each other with training and advice. The Shap Pool committee are grateful for the support of ACT Cumbria who chair and provides minutes for the meetings.

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		2023/2024	2022/2023	2023/2024	2022/2023	
		Income	Income	Expenditure	Expenditure	
		£	£	£	£	
Swim sessions		10694.63	7,210.00			
Season Tickets		1445	2080			
School Swims		375	2490			
Shop sales		4517.12	3124.08		1687.45	
Grants		2624.67	4483			
Fund Raising		0	0			
Donations		325	900			
Bank Interest		121.69	20.25			
Pool Hire		1740	2143.5			
Miscellaneous income/expenses		0	0		958	
Major Works					28068.42	
Chemicals				3474.39	3493.32	
Repairs & Maintenance				820.28	535.4	
Advertising				0	100	
Rates				0	0	
Rent				0	0	
Water				1811.82	1695.55	
Gas				3163.77	5212.68	
Electric				1651	121	
Wages				17494.43	6734.79	
Insurance				1515.15	1221.58	
Staff Uniform				0	0	
Admin				254.4	238.4	
Training				3540	68.14	
Phone				377.52	260	
waste disposal				932.66	109.41	
VAT on sales & purchases						
VAT refund / paid		2083.8	1244.76			
		23,926.91	23,695.59	35,035.42	50,504.14	
Balance Sheet as at 31/03/24						
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Movement in Funds						-11,108.51
Funds to carry forward						12,644.73

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October 2022

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Chair's report

After not opening at all in 2020, and restricted opening in 2021, we were pleased to open as normal in 2022. We opened slightly later than hoped, due to the late finishing of the improvement works. The new toddler splash pool was very popular, and the refit of the shop made it a much better environment for our volunteers to work in. Replacing all of the grouting around the pool was less visible but it will mean annual maintenance for that is much reduced as well as giving a nicer appearance.

We were delighted to welcome back school swimming lessons, with Shap, Orton, Selside and Burneside Primary Schools all using the pool. We were also pleased to bring back season tickets, which mean that local families in particular can enjoy the

pool during the summer months at a reasonable price, and children can practice their swimming in a safe and fun environment.

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Achievements and performance

We opened slightly later than planned, at the start of June, due to the late finishing of the pool improvements, and closed at the end of the school holidays. With BookWhen, we now have a better record of pool users and the numbers for the 2022 season are as follows:

4586 bookings and 2833 attendees

41 private hires of the pool

52 season tickets

School swimming lessons for Shap, Orton, Burneside and Selside Primary Schools

3 Triathlons and weekly "Fit4All" sessions in the pool

Note: the swim numbers aren't unique users, just the number of bookings.

We kept a simple price structure for this year and absorbed the cost of the booking system rather than adding it to the ticket price.

Lifeguards

We recruited 4 lifeguards for the season, only one of whom had worked at Shap Pool before. They were trained with the other Eden outdoor pool lifeguards and all worked

well through the season. We hope to recruit more than 4 lifeguards for next year to give us flexibility to add more sessions.

Volunteers

We are, as always, really grateful to all our volunteers. We couldn't run the pool without them. We were pleased that they had positive feedback for the new booking system, as it made their role less stressful on the whole. We will be looking at how we can encourage more people to volunteer, even if it is only for a few hours through the season – every little helps. We will also review the incentive for volunteers, which we introduced for the 2022 of a reduced-price season ticket, to see if this has improved volunteer recruitment and if there is anything additional we can do.

Treasurer's Report

The statement of accounts accompanies this report.

There is a healthy balance in our bank accounts. Despite the improvement works completed over this financial year, we haven't had to go into our contingency fund, which remains at £10k.

The income from swim sessions remains good, thanks to the booking system and despite keeping prices at 2021 levels. We also kept the reintroduced season tickets at 2019 prices, as we wanted to make sure we made it an affordable option for regular swimmers, especially our local families.

The private hire sessions were popular again and brought in good income. This included the 4 British Naturist swims, which contributed nearly £1k.

The shop contributed well to our income for the year and remained popular with swimmers.

We continue to pay all our lifeguards at just above the living wage rate rather than in age brackets. We want to pay a good wage and help ensure we retain trained lifeguards across more than one season.

Grants received:

- £1983 from Eden District Council – rural pools annual grant
- £500 from Lakes and Dales Co-op towards the improvement works
- £2000 from the Second Chance Charity towards the improvement works

Donations received:

We received a £900 donation from the Shap Young People's lottery, thank you!

Improvement works

We undertook some major improvements to the pool for this season:

- a new toddler pool
- replacing the grouting around the edge of the pool
- upgrades to some of the kitchen/shop equipment and refit of the shop
- a new boiler
- new external and internal signage
- replacing all floats and pool toys
- new seating

The work was paid for from our existing funds, and the grants received, and we were able to claim some of the VAT back.

As set out in the constitution, we will retain a surplus in our accounts, to ensure we have funding for emergency repairs or unforeseen costs.

We remain on fixed rate tariffs for our electricity which is up for renewal in 2023. We moved to a fixed rate for gas, for 3 years, in May 2022, which helped reduce some of the impact of the rising prices. Chemicals for the pool treatment have all increased in price and are in short supply, so we are considering buying the stock for next season in advance, so we aren't caught short mid-season.

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Structure, governance and management

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Briony Newsome was voted in as new Chair at the AGM in October 2022. Sarah Bruce continues as Treasurer. Teresa Martin stepped down as Secretary at the AGM in October 2022 and the committee would like to thank her for her contributions over the past 6 years.

As at March 2023, there are currently 2 Trustees. There is a vacancy for a Secretary, who would also become the third Trustee. The committee is hoping to recruit a Secretary in the coming year and is advertising across local newsletters and groups to advertise the position.

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		2022/2023	2021/2022	2022/2023	2021/2022	
		Income	Income	Expenditure	Expenditure	
			£	£	£	
Swim sessions		7,210.00	10,365.72			
Season Tickets		2080	0			
School Swims		2490	0			
Shop sales		3124.08	1587.77	1687.45	911.46	
Grants		4483	2749			
Fund Raising		0	320			
Donations		900	1946.52			
Bank Interest		20.25	1			
Pool Hire		2143.5	3085			
Miscellaneous income/expenses		0	324.46	958		
Major Works				28068.42	8,646.00	
Chemicals				3493.32	1910.65	
Repairs & Maintenance				535.4	2526.65	
Advertising			0.00	100	0.00	
Rates			0.00	0	0.00	
Rent			0.00	0	0.00	
Water				1695.55	1,255.52	
Gas				5212.68	2,730.84	
Electric				121	102.00	
Wages				6734.79	6,585.38	
Insurance				1221.58	1,118.49	
Staff Uniform				0	307.00	
Admin				238.4	18.24	
Training				68.14	650.00	
Phone				260	49.98	
Stationery			0.00	109.41		
VAT on sales & purchases			0.00		264.10	
VAT refund / paid		1244.76	4109.44		0.00	
		23,695.59	24,488.91	50,504.14	27,076.31	
Balance Sheet as at 31/03/23						
Opening balance	Barclays Current Account 31/03/2022					38,391.48
	Barclays Savings Account 31/03/2023					10,004.30
	Petty Cash in Hand					0.00
						48,395.78
Closing balance	Barclays Current Account 31/03/2023					11,728.69
	Barclays Saving Account 31/03/2023					10,024.55
	Petty Cash in Hand					0.00
						21,753.24
Movement in Funds						-26,808.55
Funds to carry forward						21,587.23

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Objectives and activities of the pool

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This is broken down into specific aims to:

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Chair's report

After not opening at all in 2020, we were pleased to open in 2021. We were able to install a new auto dosing system in the pool which reduced the daily time needed for maintenance. We opened on 12th June without knowing how long restrictions would last, what they could change to or if we would need to close early, due to new restrictions, a Covid outbreak etc

We had to keep a limit on numbers and follow Covid guidelines within the pool, keeping our swimmers, lifeguards, volunteers, and local community safe. We kept sessions to one hour, to allow greater numbers through the day, bearing in mind the limits on numbers at any one time (max 20 in the pool).

When restrictions were largely lifted on 19 July, we decided to retain the limit on numbers to 20 in the pool and keep the one-hour sessions but removed the lane booking system. We also introduced a small number of adult only sessions.

This decision was taken in light of still high Covid numbers locally and to keep people, volunteers especially feeling safe – lots of volunteer feedback that they liked the booking system as they didn't have to deal with a queue and needing to interact directly with lots of people.

School swim sessions were unable to go ahead as schools were still operating in their bubble system, with limits on available of adults to manage sessions etc. although we did still manage to host some private hire sessions for local Beavers and Cubs groups and local schools e.g., a leavers pool party.

Private hire sessions were very popular, with family groups and organisations taking advantage of the option. Often this meant we had a guaranteed income even if the weather wasn't good, when sessions might otherwise have been very empty!

Booking system

We used BookWhen, an online ticketing system, to manage the tickets and number for each session. This worked well on the whole. For example, for visitors on holiday, who could guarantee a time to swim during their holiday and also for our volunteers who didn't need to manage a queue outside the pool and monitor numbers during a session etc.

Achievements and performance

Despite the shorter season and limits to the numbers in the pool, we had:

1329 adult swims

953 child swims

75 private hires of the pool

Note: the swim numbers aren't unique users, just the number of bookings.

We set a simple price structure for this year and absorbed the cost of the booking system rather than adding it to the ticket price. We know that there was some disappointment that we didn't have a season ticket this year but the shorter season and reduced numbers we could get into the pool were factors that contributed to this decision. We did introduce a swim pass – 12 sessions for the price of 10 from 19th July which reduced the price per swim.

Pricing for the 2022 season will be confirmed nearer the time of opening but our key priority will be to reintroduce season tickets for the local community. We are also keen to work closely with local schools to bring back school swimming lessons, so that we can fulfil the agreed objective and aims of the organisation.

Volunteers

We are, as always, really grateful to all our volunteers. We couldn't run the pool without them. We were pleased that they had positive feedback for the new booking system, as it made their role less stressful on the whole! We will be looking at how we can encourage more people to volunteer, even if it is only for a few hours through the season – every little helps. We will also look at how we can provide an incentive for volunteers, for example complimentary swim sessions.

Financial Review

The statement of accounts accompanies this report.

The pool did not open at all during the 2020-21 financial year, but we opened the pool for both general sessions and private hires as well as the pool ship from 12 June 2021 until the end of September 2021.

The BookWhen booking system worked well and allowed us to better monitor the numbers using the pool. The private hires were popular and provided a steady income throughout the season.

The pool received the following grants during the year:

£1,983 Rural Pools grant from Eden District Council in two payments, in May and September 2021. This is a regular grant for the outdoor pools in Eden District.

The Pool also received a £500 donation from the Shap Young People's lottery which is one of our regular supporters. The Committee thanks the organisers for their ongoing support.

With the good income from the 2021 season and the savings held by the pool, including the grants, the Committee agreed to replace the toddler pool and replace all the grouting around the edge of the pool. The shop will also be refurbished, and the showers updated, along with a number of other minor improvements including painting and new signage. The works began in February 2022, with the aim of completing them all by early May 2022, ready for the 2022 season. A full, costed, plan has been produced.

As set out in the constitution, we will retain a small surplus in our accounts, to ensure we have funding for emergency repairs or unforeseen costs.

We remain on fixed rate tariffs for our gas and electricity supplies, with gas up for renewal in 2022 and the electricity up for renewal in 2023.

The pool's Nat West Bank Account was closed in June 2021 and the money transferred to the Barclays Bank Current Account. The account has been dormant for a couple of years, with all the banking transferred to Barclays in 2019.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is run by volunteers, with a dedicated committee and a small number of seasonal volunteers who assist in the pool shop and help with plant room maintenance, cleaning and general maintenance. The pool employs lifeguards during the season and funds their training course.

As at March 2022, there are currently 2 Trustees. There is a vacancy for a permanent committee Chris, who would also become the third Trustee. The committee is hoping to recruit a Chair in the coming year and is advertising across local newsletters and groups to advertise the position.

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Committee Members: Briony Newsome (Acting Chair), Sarah Bruce, Teresa Martin, Stacey Lewis-Wrobel, Emily Williams, Briony Newsome, Mel Wright

Shap Swimming Pool						
Statement of Income and Expenditure as at 31st March 2022						
			2021/2022	2020/2021	2021/2022	2020/2021
			Income	Income	Expenditure	Expenditure
				£	£	£
Swim sessions			10,365.72	0.00		
Season Tickets			0	0.00		
School Swim			0	0.00		
Showers			0	0.00		
Shop sales			1587.77	0.00	911.46	0.00
Grants			2749	21,414.00		
Fund Raising			320	0.00		0.00
Donations			1946.52	900.00		
Bank Interest			1	0.00		
Pool Hire			3085	0.00		
Miscellaneous income/expenses			324.46	0.00		
Major Works				0.00	8,646.00	0.00
Chemicals				0.00	1910.65	0.00
Repairs & Maintenance				0.00	2526.65	35.94
Advertising				0.00	0.00	0.00
Rates				0.00	0.00	0.00
Rent				0.00	0.00	
Water					1,255.52	611.41
Gas					2,730.84	0.00
Electric					102.00	369.00
Wages					6,585.38	0.00
Insurance					1,118.49	1,129.77
Staff Uniform					307.00	0.00
Admin					18.24	0.00
Training					650.00	0.00
Phone					49.98	0.00
Stationery				0.00		0.00
VAT on sales & purchases				0.00	264.10	3.25
VAT refund / paid			4109.44			0.00
			24,488.91	22,314.00	27,076.31	2,149.37
Balance Sheet as at 31/03/22						
Opening balance	Barclays Current Account 31/03/2021					13,164.36
	Barclays Savings Account 31/03/2021					10,003.30
	Nat West Current Account 31/03/2021					6,076.40
	Petty Cash in Hand					0.00
						29,244.06
Closing balance	Barclays Current Account 31/03/2022					28,391.48
	Barclays Saving Account 31/03.2022					10,004.30
	Petty Cash in Hand					0.00
						38,395.78
Movement in Funds						-2,587.40
Funds to carry forward						26,656.66

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Acting Chair's report

It was obviously very disappointing not to be able to open the pool during this season, but we continued to meet online as a committee to discuss tentative plans for opening in 2021. A delayed AGM was held online in January 2021, where we confirmed committee members and Gemma Threlkeld agreed to become acting Chair due to the resignation of Luke Pattinson as Chair.

Sarah Bruce agreed to continue as Treasurer and Trustee. Teresa Martin agreed to continue as Secretary and Treasurer. An action plan for reopening, if and when restrictions were lifted was prepared, with role assigned to all committee members.

The committee agreed to allocate some of the grants received to install a new auto-dosing system for the pool chemicals. This was work agreed during 2019-20 and due to be carried out in April 2020 but which was put on hold due to the Covid restrictions. We hope this can now be done in April or May 2021, working with Correct Flow who provided the most competitive quote for us when the work was originally planned. It was also agreed to keep some of the grant funding as a contingency fund for the pool going forward.

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Achievements and performance

Work had begun in March 2020 on preparing for the 2020-21 season, but this had to be halted due to the Covid-19 emergency and the national lockdown. The committee agreed to meet to review options for opening as and when the lockdown rules were relaxed. The changes to the rules which would have allowed for some limited, socially distanced opening in July came too late to prepare the pool for opening; it typically takes 6 weeks for the cleaning and filling of the pool, and bringing it up to temperature etc. We had also been unable to train new lifeguards due to the Covid restrictions.

Options for opening for just private hire or limited sessions, using previously trained and employed lifeguards were discussed by the committee but the cost of preparing the pool for a very short season, that may still have been further curtailed, could not have been offset by any income. The committee decided to keep the pool closed and hope that we could do some planned maintenance work and improvements through the winter in preparation for opening the pool again in spring 2021.

Financial Review

The statement of accounts accompanies this report.

As the pool did not open at all during the 2020-21 financial year, there was no income from ticket sales or the pool shop.

The pool did receive three grants during the year:

£1,983 Rural Pools grant from Eden District Council in two payments, in May and September 2020. This is a regular grant for the outdoor pools in Eden District. It is usually only paid to pools when they open for the season, but an exception was made this year, made due to the Covid lockdown, and it was paid to all Eden pools regardless of whether they opened.

£10,000 Small Business Rate Relief Grant (paid as part of Covid-19 emergency support) received in April 2020 from Eden District Council

£9,431 Local Restrictions Support Grant from Eden District Council received in March 2021

The Pool also received £900 donation from the Shap Young People's lottery which is one of our regular fundraising supporters and for which the committee thanks the organisers for their ongoing support. The committee will put this donation to improvements to the toddler pool once we are able to recommence maintenance and improvement works.

Outgoings were limited to payments for utilities (water and electricity) and insurance as well as the annual fire safety check.

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Shap Swimming Pool					
Statement of Income and Expenditure as at 31st March 2021					
	2020/2021	2019/2020	2020/2021	2019/2020	
	Income		Expenditure		
	£		£		
Door	0.00	9,300.90			
Season Tickets	0.00	1,029.15			
School Swim	0.00	975.00			
Showers	0.00	202.17			
Shop/Confectionery	0.00	2,332.48	0.00	1,020.58	
Grants	21,414.00	62,028.00			
Fund Raising	0.00	486.30	0.00	56.39	
Donations	900.00	713.85			
Bank Interest	0.00	0.00			
Pool Hire	0.00	1,031.29			
Miscellaneous income	0.00	175.00			
Major Works	0.00		0.00	47,015.88	
Card Payment fees	0.00		0.00	0.00	
Chemicals	0.00		0.00	1,205.05	
Repairs & Maintenance	0.00		0.00	100.72	
Advertising	0.00		0.00	76.86	
Rates	0.00		0.00	0.00	
Rent	0.00		0.00	0.00	
Water			611.41	1,891.38	
Gas			0.00	1,768.63	
Electric	330.05		369.00	793.89	
Wages			0.00	4,580.68	
Insurance			1,129.77	1,041.55	
Staff Uniform			0.00	57.50	
Admin			0.00	0.00	
Beacon Fire Safety check			35.94		
Training			0.00	875.00	
Phone			0.00	16.66	
Stationery	0.00		0.00	8.04	
VAT on sales & purchases	0.00	2,976.17	3.25	10,190.66	
VAT refund / paid		14,396.99	0.00	443.16	
	22,644.05	95,647.30	2,149.37	£71,142.63	20,494.68
Balance Sheet as at 31/03/21					
Opening bala	Barclays Current Account 31/03/2020				13,034.42
	Barclays Savings Account 31/03/2020				0.00
	Nat West Current Account 31/03/2020				6,076.40
	Petty Cash in Hand				0.00
					19,110.82
Closing balan	Barclays Current Account 31/03/2021				23,495.36
	Barclays Saving Account 31/03.2021				10,003.30
	Nat West Current Account 31/03/2021				6,076.40
	Petty Cash in Hand				0.00
					39,575.06
Movement in Funds					20,494.68
Funds to carry forward					39,605.50