

Shap



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

Shap Swimming Pool was established as a Community Interest Organisation (CIO) on 19 June 2015 to manage Shap Open Air Swimming Pool. The pool has been open since 1987, on land provided by the Parish Council and Lowther Estate. It was established after years of dedicated fundraising by the villagers of Shap.

The pool is widely used by the local community as well as visitors and operates during the late spring and summer, typically late May to early September. It is run entirely by volunteers although does train and employ lifeguards each season.

The pool is used by local schools for school swimming lessons, as well as other community groups such as Cubs and sports clubs. It offers season tickets and private pool hire as well as a small shop for the sale of drinks and snacks during pool opening hours.

The agreed objective of the CIO is:

"The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation for the benefits of the inhabitants of, and visitors to, Shap, by the provision of a swimming pool."

This is broken down into specific aims to:

- Provide access to swimming facilities for local people of Shap and the surrounding area
- Support the provision of swimming lessons for local children through the school, sports clubs and other local groups
- Attract new and returning visitors/tourists to Shap village, to increase visitor income for the pool and other local businesses

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.



Danny Roper, Chartered Accountant

Robinson Udale Ltd,

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

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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

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.

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.

Reference and administrative details

Charity number: 1162318

Principle office: Shap Swimming Pool, Gayle Avenue, Shap, CA10 3NS

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

