

# FRIENDS OF BINGLEY POOL

England & Wales · Charity number 1162758

## Details

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**Other names** FOBP

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2015-07-21

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF BINGLEY, BRADFORD AND THE SURROUNDING AREA THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES OR FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF LIFE OF THE SAID INHABITANTS.

**Activities:** Working in partnership with Bradford District Council to provide swimming and recreation facilities at Bingley Pool

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Amateur Sport, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Bradford City

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-10-31		£0	£113	-
2024-10-31		£100	£161	-
2023-10-31		£0	£311	-
2022-10-31	£1,071		£1,199	-
2021-09-01	£1,913		£450	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew David Fenton		2024-03-21
Andrew Morris		2025-10-24
Brendan Joseph Murphy		2020-07-04
Jeremy William Peter Thackray		2023-03-02
Juliette Margaret Anne Freeman		2024-03-21
Maureen Carney		2021-10-18
Veronica Ann Stante		2024-03-21
William Gentleman		2024-03-21

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**Treasurer's Report – VS:**

**Overview:**

2025 has been another quiet year for FOBP with no fundraising activities and minimal payments debited from the account. The Charity Commission annual return will be filed in the coming weeks  
Jagruiti Amin stood down as Treasurer and Trustee of FOBP and Vicky Stante was appointed as a Trustee and Treasurer with effect from December 2024.

<b>Accounts for year 1 November 2024 to 31 October 2025</b>										
Starting Balance							CR	DR		4017.84CR
11-Nov-24	Royal British Legion (wreath for remembrance day)							£ 25.00		3992.84CR
14-Aug-24	Community Action (Hire of hall for AGM)							£ 25.00		3967.84CR
29-Aug-25	Woodbank Nurseries (Gift for JAG)							£ 63.45		3904.39CR
31-Oct-25	Closing Balance									3904.39CR

Income – NIL

Outgoings - £113.45

**Financial Audit:**

Our Co-Operative Bank Account is secure. Signatories on the account are Vicky Stante (Treasurer), Jeremy Thackray (Chair) and Maureen Carney (Secretary). Fiona Dunne who recently resigned as Joint Chair and Trustee has been removed from the accounts' signatories. The previous Treasurer (Jagruiti Amin) has been removed as a signatory.

## Chair's Annual Report: JT

### 2025 in Review

2025 has had a strong sense of déjà vu for the Friends of Bingley Pool. We began the year with confirmation that a £14m Levelling Up Fund grant towards the pool had been withdrawn following the new Government's first budget. Since then, we have been fighting to stop the inappropriate disposal of the pool and to prepare for a community buyout.

This mirrors similar situations in 2015-2019, when Bradford Council steadily withdrew funding for the pool, leading to the creation of our group, and in 2022-23, when the initial Levelling Up Fund application for the pool was denied. Over the last decade, FOBP has had firsthand experience of the grinding pace of local and national government bureaucracy.

We met with Bradford Council staff in March 2025 to press the case for the pool. Staff gave strong indications that the pool would soon go back on the Council's asset disposal list. This contradicted the previous assurances given that, if Levelling Up were to fail, Bradford would investigate other measures to bring the pool back into use.

We sent further messages to Bradford following this meeting that were met with silence. We have received every indication that the Council considers the pool's closure as a done deal and saw no need to make its case to the community. It's defensive and dismissive posture has been a steady source of frustration.

We were determined to prove that this issue was not closed, and that there was still great demand in Bingley for the pool to be brought back into use. Our 2025 petition has proven that case. As of now, we have secured over 8,500 signatures, both online and in person. This success has been the high point of 2025 and has helped to secure increased pressure from our Councillors and local MP, who are now pressing Bradford Council more closely on the issue.

Another success is the formation of the Bingley Pool Project Working Group, hosted by Bingley Town Council. This forum has been a useful place for the Friends, Town and District Councillors, and representatives of our MP to meet together and approach a unified position.

The pressure resulting from the petition has led to three helpful outcomes:

- A position statement published by Bingley Ward Councillors proposing a model by which the pool could be handed to the community.
- Early warning, received in September 2025, that the pool had indeed been recommended for disposal by Bradford Council.
- Statements from David Shepherd, Bradford's Director of Place, that have enabled us to scrutinise the Council's decision making more closely.

Our most recent actions of note this year focus on that statement from David Shepherd. He referred to Sport England reports produced for the Council in 2024 on swimming space in the district, using them to state that 'there is no current or future need for a pool in Bingley'. We have obtained this report via a Freedom of Information request and found that it states no such thing. The report does question demand in Bingley, but it explicitly states that a functional Bingley Pool would be beneficial for the district, and it contains several flaws, such as the inclusion of private school swimming facilities that are hardly accessible to the public.

The discovery of this information confirms our case that Bradford Council is not disposing of Bingley Pool for strategic swimming reasons and is being disingenuous at best in claiming such. The issue is entirely one of capital funding. This is a valid, genuine issue: Bradford Council would do better to look the people it serves in the eye, admit that the problem is money, not demand, and look to find a solution, rather than pursuing a selloff.

Thanks to the trustees who have stepped down this year - Jag Amin and Fiona Dunne - for their work and support for FOBP for several years. Also thanks to all past and present trustees for their ongoing support in keeping this project alive.

### Looking Ahead to 2026 (addressed by JT before Public Q & A section)

Right now, we are in the following position:

- Bingley Pool has officially been marked as surplus from Bradford Council. The recommendation is to mark it as surplus.
- When Bradford Council officially puts it on sale, Bingley Town Council will activate the building's Asset of Community Value status. This pauses the sale for six months to allow for the community to put together a bid.

We will be pursuing two avenues in 2026.

First, we will argue the case that Bradford Council should retain ownership of the pool. We believe the disposal is based on flawed evidence. Further, Council elections are due in May 2026, which will change the balance of power and offer the possibility of a reprieve. Nonetheless, we are realistic that once the pool proceeds down the sale route, it will be very difficult to persuade Bradford Council to reverse this decision.

Secondly, we will prepare a community bid to take on the pool. We will propose a five-year initial lease period, during which Bradford Council will continue to pay the building's holding cost (such as insurance and energy costs for the few remaining functions in the building). In the meantime, the Friends, Town Council, and other interested parties will drive fundraising, with a view to taking full ownership at the end of the initial lease. There is potential for swimming to return to the building in the medium-term, potentially through the installation of a modular, semi-permanent pool, but the process of bringing a truly permanent facility back to Bingley will be a long-term project. In the meantime, the pool building has tremendous potential for office leases, studio space, and general community use.

Our bid will also contain a second scenario, where either we or a new ownership vehicle will seek to buy the facility outright. This would require Bingley Town Council to become more closely involved, as it has access to finance through the Public Works Loans Board that we as a charity do not. This is the more financially challenging option, but one worth exploring. The first step in creating this bid will be to gain access to the pool, so we can assess the condition of the building. We are pursuing this right now in conjunction with the MPs office. In the meantime, we will launch a community effort to draw in expertise in business planning, leisure management, and fundraising. This is a major challenge, and one that FOBP will only achieve if it expands its membership and communications to truly reach the whole community.

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## Annual Report

1st November 2023 - 30th October 2024

### 1. Organisational Structure

**Trustees:** Jagruti Amin, Brendan Murphy, Fiona Dunne, Maureen Carney, Jeremy Thackray, Andrew Fenton, William Gentleman, Veronica (Vicky) Stante, Juliette Freeman

**Co-Chair of Trustees:** Fiona Dunne & Jeremy Thackray

**Secretary:** Maureen Carney

**Treasurer:** Jagruti Amin

**Biathlon Organisers:** N/A at present

**Former Trustees:** Marcus Dearden, Joseph Wheatley, Diane Fairfax, Andrew Morris, Chris Willetts, Isaac Wilkinson, David Heseltine, Matthew Martindale, Richard Holmes, Anna Mdee, Polly Skerratt, Ros Dawson, Mark Shaw, Jenny Woodward

### 2. Chair's Report – Summary of Last Year

2024 has been a year of highs and lows for the Friends of Bingley Pool, largely due to the changing political landscape.

Following a rejection of Bradford Council's Levelling Up Fund bid in early 2023, we reported to last year's AGM that we were looking at other options to save the pool alongside our Bingley Ward Councillors. We also sought to renew our organisation after a difficult year by appointing new trustees. In February 2024 we welcomed four new trustees: Vicky Stante, Juliette Freeman, and Bingley Town Councillors Andrew Fenton and Bill Gentleman.

In March, we learned in the Conservative government's Spring Budget that they had made the decision to award the Levelling Up Fund grant for Bingley Pool after all. This provided £14.4m of funding to Bradford Council, ring fenced for Bingley Pool. Most of our campaigning this year focused on securing



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this capital investment.

We met with Bradford Council in these early days to discuss moving forward with the project, which needed re-costing due to two years of high inflation. We were informed that costings for three options had been prepared: a 4-lane redevelopment; a 6-lane redevelopment, and a demolition and rebuild of the pool with specification to be determined. The costs were drawn up by a single firm and were much higher than what we believe the true cost to be.

In June we attended Bradford Council's Executive Committee Meeting and spoke in support of the highest quality pool possible. FOBP conducted a survey of residents which showed there was a strong local support for a pool and gym facility. We were also in contact with the Labour candidate for Shipley, Anna Dixon, now our MP. Pre-election, Labour's position was, that if they were to enter Government, they would honour Levelling Up Fund bids awarded by the Conservatives.

In August, we learned that Levelling Up Fund projects that had not reached Phase 2, including Bingley, had been put on hold by the new Labour government during budget preparations. We launched a campaign for constituents to email Anna Dixon and pressure her to lobby for the funds to be retained. We know that Anna cited local pressure when she wrote to ministers arguing for the pool to be kept, and we met with her on 17th September when she expressed support for the project. Our campaign featured in the BBC and Telegraph and Argus.

However, as of the government's Autumn Budget, we now know that Labour is 'minded to cancel' the project as part of cost-saving measures, despite the strength of local feeling. We are greatly disappointed in this, particular given Labour's pre-election promise to honour the funding. We will meet again with Bradford Council officers on 5th December to discuss their position on continuing lobbying for the funds and we will send feedback to our members on the outcome.

We have continued our role in updating the community on events happening via Facebook groups and our own page, attending Bingley Town Council and events such as Eldwick Gala to provide information and launch our latest community survey. We have also provided more regular updates on our website. We hope to improve further on our community visibility throughout 2025.



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### 3. Chair's Report - Next Steps for FOBP

Much of 2024 has been taken up with the question of the Levelling Up Fund. We expect 2025 to be different. Although the funding has not been definitively withdrawn by government, we do not believe the political will is present, either nationally or locally, to pursue this funding. FOBP will therefore not be prioritising securing this Levelling Up grant in 2025.

We consider it more likely that the pool building will go back onto Bradford Council's list of assets to be sold. As such, our campaigning in 2025 will focus on A) stopping an inappropriate disposal of the site, and B) persuading Bradford Council to hand over the land and building to a suitable body, potentially Bingley Town Council. We are grateful to have three town councillors as FOBP trustees, and we will seek to ensure that the Town Council triggers the Asset of Community Value process should the pool go back on the market. This will give the community 6 months to bid for the facility.

Bringing the pool back into ownership by this community is not a new idea. Bingley Town Council was formed for the purposes of saving the pool, and prior to the pandemic a Community Asset Transfer was in progress, which would have seen FOBP take on the operation of the pool.

The key difference now is that FOBP or the Town Council would not be taking on a functional facility generating an income, but a closed one that will require significant up-front investment. This may be for major repairs, or potentially for a new facility altogether. It will be a financial challenge, but we have reason to believe that a pool can be built more cheaply than Bradford's costings suggest. As an example, nearly £400k was budgeted by Bradford for demolition of the pool building, rising to £500k when budgetary on-costs are considered; whereas we understand that demolition would raise money, as builders would pay to reuse the materials.

Other avenues of campaigning to support these goals include:

liaising with Ilkley Lido and Community Group, who have their own facility to protect from budget cuts, to explore a cross-district approach;

raising 1,500 signatures to get speaking time at a session of full Bradford Council;

submitting freedom of information requests regarding Bradford's Squire Lane leisure centre project, which we believe has a fundamentally flawed business case;



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campaigning for Sport England's Facilities Planning Model in our area to be reviewed, as it currently considers Shipley and Keighley pools to be adequate for Bingley swimmers' needs, which we dispute.

In summary, 2024 saw us engaging more with national government, as that was where the Levelling Up decisions rested. In 2025, we will turn back to local government, and to the body that has historically presented the most obstacles towards Bingley Pool – that being Bradford Council.



## Treasurer's Report AGM 2024

### Overview

2024 has been a quiet year for FOBP and as a result there has been no fundraising. We have continued with minimal outgoings. We have filed our Charity Commission annual return and received a refund for the HMRC corporation tax fine we disputed. Jagruti Amin will be standing down as a trustee and treasurer on 18th December 2024, allowing a handover period for her successor.

### Accounts For Year 01.11.2023 - 31.10.2024

Item	Date	Type	Amount	Balance
<b>Starting Balance</b>	01.11.2023	-	-	£4078.71
Refund of fine HMRC Co Tax	20.11.2023	Bank Transfer	£100.00	£4178.71
Payment for Cardigan House AGM	02.04.2024	Bank Transfer	-£21.88	£4156.83
Eldwick & Gilstead Gala Stall	04.07.2024	Bank Transfer	-£15.00	£4141.83
Trustee reimbursement for sweets for Gala	22.08.2024	Bank Transfer	-£18.99	£4122.84
Single event insurance Illingworth McNair	16.09.2024	Bank Transfer	-£105.00	£4017.84
<b>Closing Balance</b>	31.10.2024	-	-	£4017.84

Total Income = £100.00  
Total Outgoings = £160.87

### Financial Audit

1. Our Cooperative Bank Account is secure. Access to the bank account is only currently available to Jagruti Amin, Maureen Carney and Fiona Dunne.
2. The process of changing the Cooperative Bank Mandate is ongoing to include the current trustees and to remove Jagruti Amin as treasurer, while providing on line access to Jeremy Thackray and the new treasurer.
3. Access to FOBP's PayPal, HMRC, Gift Aid, Companies House & Charity Commission accounts will be transferred to the new treasurer over the next month.

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## Annual Report 1st November 2022 - 30th October 2023

### 1. Organisational Structure

<b>Trustees:</b>	Jagruti Amin, Brendan Murphy, Fiona Dunne, Maureen Carney, Jeremy Thackray
<b>Co-Chair of Trustees:</b>	Fiona Dunne & Jeremy Thackray
<b>Secretary:</b>	Maureen Carney
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Jagruti Amin
<b>Biathlon Organisers:</b>	N/A at present
<b>Former Trustees:</b>	Marcus Dearden, Joseph Wheatley, Diane Fairfax, Andrew Morris, Chris Willetts, Isaac Wilkinson, David Heseltine, Matthew Mar- tindale, Richard Holmes, Anna Mdee, Polly Skerratt, Ros Dawson, Mark Shaw, Jenny Woodward

2023 has been a difficult year so far for the FOBP.

We spent a great deal of time and commitment working with the consultants who were working on the Levelling up Fund bid, which aimed to bring in the millions of pounds required to reopen Bingley pool. We conducted research within the community and spoke with significant stakeholder groups and this impact statement formed part of that levelling up bid. Unfortunately the bid was unsuccessful and this has put FOBP back significantly and we are unsure of how we move forward from here.

Bradford Metropolitan District Council (BMDC) has indicated that it is keen on a Public - Private Partnership (PPP) and that it has been approached by a company called Advantage 42 about the pool building and future use. We were able to pose questions to the organisation at a Bingley Town Council meeting but they were unable to confirm if their development would incorporate the pool size that we are asking any developers to consider. We remain committed to working with the Council on any future PPP to make sure that any development includes a new pool for the town.



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A number of our trustees have stepped down from their roles with our good wishes and we would like to thank Councillors Dearden and Wheatley, Diane Fairfax, Chris Willets and Andrew Morris for their hard work and contribution to the group.

## **2. Activities**

We have been holding all meetings either by Zoom and face to face.

### ***Membership***

Current membership stands at 244. Membership continues to be free to all with donations appreciated.

### ***Community***

We held a public meeting earlier in the year which was very well attended by residents, to let them know the position that FOBP found themselves in after the failure of the levelling up bid.

### ***Fundraising***

No new activities this year

### ***Bingley Biathlon***

Pool closed therefore no Biathlon

### ***Accounts***

Please see the attached Treasurer's report. Our bank account is now with the Cooperative Bank .



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### ***Governance***

All trustees are required to provide a Conflict of Interests Declaration. Further Governance documents are being constructed using NCVO templates and guidance.

### ***Plans for 2023 – 2024***

As with any organisation run by volunteers our campaigning energy ebbs and flows, and we have found ourselves unable to commit to our mission this year as we would have wished.

Starting now, we're aiming to renew that energy by recruiting new trustees, re-introducing ourselves to the community and engaging afresh with local government. This AGM will hopefully be the start of that process.



## Treasurer's Report AGM 2023

### Overview

2023 has been a quiet year for FOBP and as a result there has been little fundraising. We have continued with minimal outgoings. We have filed our Charity Commission annual return and also appealed the decision by HMRC to fine us for an uncompleted Corporation Tax return (which has since been completed and returned) during lockdown year 2020-21.

### Accounts For Year 01.11.2022 - 31.10.2023

Item	Date	Type	Amount	Balance
<b>Starting Balance</b>	01.11.2022	-	-	4390.03
Cardigan House Hire for AGM	25.05.2023	Bank Transfer	-20.00	4370.03
Payment for leaflets J Green	31.05.2023	Bank Transfer	-.35.00	4335.03
Public Liability Insurance Illingworth McNair	31.05.2023	Bank Transfer	-256.32	4078.71
<b>Closing Balance</b>	31.10.2023	-	-	4078.71

Total Income = £0.00

Total Outgoings = £311.32

### Financial Audit

1. Our Cooperative Bank Account is secure. Access to the bank account is only currently available to Jagruti Amin, Maureen Carney and Fiona Dunne.
2. I am in the process of removing Andrew Morris and replacing him with Jeremy Thackray.

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## Annual Report: 1st November 2021 - 31st October 2022

### 1. Organisational Structure

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**Co-Chair of Trustees:** Fiona Dunne, Andrew Morris

**Secretary:** Maureen Carney

**Treasurer:** Jagruti Amin

**Biathlon Organisers:** N/A at present

**Former Trustees:** Isaac Wilkinson, David Heseltine, Matthew Martindale, Richard Holmes, Anna Mdee, Polly Skerratt, Ros Dawson, Mark Shaw, Jenny Woodward.

### 1. Pool Closure

Bingley Pool was closed by Bradford Metropolitan District Council (BMDC) during 2021 following years of physical decline culminating in ceiling fabric in the pool hall falling into the pool and onto the pool deck. The pool was closed at the time due to covid restrictions. BMDC subsequently decided to close the pool permanently as repair assessments carried out were deemed unaffordable by BMDC (£1.25m to £4.25m range). The Gym (only) subsequently reopened. Opening times are shown below:

#### *Gym (only) opening times...*

Monday	10am to 12.30pm
Tuesday	10am to 5.30pm
Wednesday	10am to 2.30pm
Saturday	9am to 1pm

### 2. Post-Closure Action (Levelling-up funding and contingency Plan B)

BMDC's decision to close the pool was a great disappointment to the Friends of Bingley Pool (FOBP) and to the Bingley Community, which had been preparing to lease and operate the pool under a Community Asset Transfer (CAT). For the CAT to work as intended, though, BMDC was required to provide the pool in good working order. Unfortunately, BMDC failed to provide



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the operational asset required by the CAT. BMDC's subsequent decision to close the pool also ended any further CAT planning. However, further to

continued lobbying by FOBP, the Pool (and the Princess Hall Building) remains a formally declared Asset of Community Value (ACV 97) to the Bingley Community, a status which was reassuringly reconfirmed by Bingley Town Council and BMDC on 1st August 2022. This will next be assessed in 2027.

Since pool closure, FOBP has continued to make the case to BMDC for a pool within Bingley and has continued to restate that permanent closure of the pool without either a refurbishment or a new build within the next 3 to 5 years would not be acceptable to the Bingley Community. Meetings took place with the then BMDC Director of Regeneration (Place), Jason Longhurst. Following helpful and constructive discussions it was agreed BMDC would submit an application for National Levelling-up funding for a refurbished pool (submitted during July 2022). Also, that in the event of the Levelling-up application being unsuccessful, a 'Plan B' BMDC-led Public Private Partnership with an appropriate developer would be subsequently progressed.

The outcome of the Levelling-up bid is awaited (see *Activities* below for more information on the Levelling-up bid). In the meantime discussions with Jason Longhurst's interim successor, Alan Lunt, to receive any Levelling-up funding update, and to further discuss Plan B, continue.

### **3. Activities**

Trustees have continued to meet on an approximate monthly basis to receive updates and review reports including Treasurer reports. Meetings have been held by either Zoom or face to face, as appropriate, in a covid-safe manner. Further initiatives to engage the public and maintain the high profile of the community's need for a new pool have taken place at Bingley Market (November 2021), and with a targeted market assessment exercise, respectively. Other activities have included:

- Examples of successful pool CATs and reprovision campaigns have been reviewed including Minsthorpe Pool and Bramley Baths.
- Regular Facebook and Newsletter updates on closure and post closure progress to the Bingley Community.
- Trustee representatives have fed back to Bingley Town Council when invited to do so.



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- Visits to the pool to continue to highlight the current closed state and to continue to raise awareness of our campaign.
- Making a preliminary enquiry with the National Lottery Heritage Fund to potentially apply for National Lottery funding towards future pool development.
- Supporting BMDC and Faithful & Gould in the preparation of the Levelling-up funding bid to ensure the compelling and robust case for a new pool within Bingley is included within the bid. In outline, the bid comprises:

*'A regeneration plan centred around Bingley Pool:*

- *Full refurbishment of Bingley Pool (25m\* 6-lanes) to create a vibrant community leisure centre, addressing local need, improving health and wellbeing outcomes, and increasing footfall in the town centre.*
- *Landscaping the public space between the new leisure centre and other town centre attractions, makes this area more attractive, accessible, and usable, as well as facilitating movement between town centre destinations.*
- *A glazed canopy over part of the market square supports delivery of events and growth of the market.'*

The total bid value is £16,069,124 and includes £1,606,912 of capital from BMDC.

We would like to thank everyone for taking part in the SurveyMonkey survey that ran for a week in June 2022. 558 responses were received giving us a 95% confidence interval in interpretation of the responses. The survey formed part of our report to BMDC for the Levelling Up Fund Bid (attached document).

#### **4. Membership**

Current membership stands at 244. Membership continues to be free to all with donations appreciated.

#### **5. Community SOS Save Our Swimming Campaign**

We launched a community based public letter writing campaign in November 2021 in response to Sport England revisiting their swimming provision



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modelling exercise (which was previously undertaken in 2013). The previous model was significantly outdated and included pools that the public had restricted access to. Examples included previous inclusion of the Bingley Grammar School Pool (now closed) and Nuffield, Cottingley (a private gym & pool requiring paid membership). We would like to thank all of those who supported us in this campaign.

## **6. Fundraising**

Local author, Alan Cattell penned a book on the history of Bingley Baths with all the proceeds going to FOBP. Sponsorship was received from local businesses who each contributed £100 each. Our thanks go to:

- Wilkinson & Whitley Ltd. Motor Engineers
- Five Rise Locks Café
- Bingley Physiotherapy & Sport Injury Clinic (Richard Kunz)
- Tax Assist Accountants
- Illingworth McNair Ltd Insurance Brokers

We would like to thank The Stationery Cupboard, Bingley, who donated 10% of the proceeds of selling their 2021 Bingley Calendar to FOBP.

We have continued to receive donations from members over the last year, for which we are very grateful.

Despite the current situation, our finance and fundraising team have continued to look at methods of funding any model that is proposed for maintaining a swimming and leisure facility in Bingley.

## **7. Bingley Biathlon**

Due to the fact that the pool was not reopened and also the ongoing situation with regard to Covid there was no Biathlon in 2021. At present it is unlikely that we will be able to organise one in 2022 due to the continued closure of the pool.

## **8. Accounts**

Please see the attached Treasurer's report. Our bank account was transferred from Barclays Bank Plc to The Cooperative Bank in May 2022. To bring our accounting year in line with our AGM we have changed our accounting period



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with the Charity Commission to run from 1st November to 31st October, this means that from the year 2021-22 the accounting period will be from 02/09/2021-31/10/22 to bring us in line.

## **9. Governance**

All trustees are required to provide a Conflict of Interests Declaration. Further Governance documents are being constructed using NCVO templates and guidance.

## **10. Plans for 2022– 2023**

FOBP remains committed to ensuring Bingley is provided with either a refurbished or new build pool within the next 3 to 5 years through either the Levelling-up funding route (Plan A) or a BMDC-led Public-Private Partnership with an appropriate developer (Plan B); also, that the BMDC capital contribution to the Levelling-up funding bid of £1,606,912 is preserved for Plan B in the event the Levelling-up application is unsuccessful. It is also FOBP's plan to further develop communications with the National Lottery Heritage Fund for contributory funding in due course.

FOBP extend their thanks to everyone who has supported us over the past year; we must now press on further, with the help of residents, to raise our profile and campaign for a new build or refurbished pool. We will do all we can to retain swimming in our town.



## Treasurer's Report 2nd September 2021 - 31st October 2022

Charity No. 1162758

### 1. Change Of Bank Account

A Community Direct Plus Account was opened with the Cooperative Bank on 23rd May 2022. The existing Barclays Community Account was closed on 14th July 2022 with the transfer of all the funds £4668.07 to the new account.

### 2. Change of Financial Year

To move in line with the annual AGM the accounting year registered with the Charities Commission has been altered to run from 1st November - 31st October. This has resulted in an extended accounting period for 2021-22 that runs from 2nd September 2021 - 31st October 2022.

### 3. HMRC (Gift Aid & Corporation Tax)

Friends Of Bingley Pool is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is exempt from corporation tax. Although registered with Companies House we are also exempt from making returns to Companies House.

A request for a corporation tax return was made during Covid lockdown and was missed, resulting in a fine of £100. The trustees were liable for this and paid the fine from their own funds.

### 4. Accounts

Attached are 2 separate accounting sheets for the period 2nd September 2021 - 31st October 2022. The first is for the purposes of the AGM, whilst the second is for the purposes of the Charities Commission Annual Return (which operates under very specific accounting rules).

#### AGM Figures

Total income =	£1397.35
Total Expenditure =	£1199.48
Balance on 31.10.2022 =	£4390.02

#### Charity Commission Figures

Total income=	£1070.64	(Excludes £326.71 included in 2020-21 accounts)
Total Expenditure=	£1199.48	

### 5. Financial Audit

A financial audit was carried out (Best Practice Charity Commission) to address any issues of governance and fraud prevention. The following issues have been addressed:

- FOBP will operate a no cash in hand policy with all cash deposited within 2 working days
- Trustees will receive reimbursement of costs by submitting claims and invoices at monthly trustee meetings. Reimbursement will be by electronic bank transfer
- All invoice payments will be made by bank transfer
- 4 trustees have access to online e banking
- The treasurer and secretary have a FOBP debit card for depositing money and also withdrawing money for float if required.
- Bank account details need to be changed on the website, membership forms and Paypal

- A trading agreement needs to be in place for any retail sales that benefit the FOBP (Charity Commission Best Practice)

**FOBP Annual Accounts  
2nd Sept 2021 - 31st Oct 2022**

Date	Individual/Organisation	Item	Type	Income	Expenditure	Balance	Comments
02.09.2021		Starting Balance		E -	E -	E 4,192.15	
08.11.2021	Five Rise Locks Cafe	Book Sales	Bank Transfer	E 448.00	E -		
09.11.2021	Fundamentals 4 All (Stationery Cugboard)	Book Sales	Bank Transfer	E 216.69	E -		
17.11.2021	Joanna Smeete	Reimburse Payment of Alan Cattel's Print Costs	Cheque 1000030	E -	E 590.00		
22.11.2021	Joanna Cattel (Luscombes)	Book Sales	Bank Transfer	E 115.00	E -		
24.11.2021	Joanna Cattel (AC Book Sales)	Book Sales	Bank Transfer	E 21.00	E -		
27.11.2021	PayPal	Public Donations	Bank Transfer	E 326.71	E -		
28.01.2021	Jag Amin (Treasurer)	J&M Smith Donation	Cheque 118.12.2021	E 50.00	E -		
28.01.2022	Jag Amin (Treasurer)	Mrs M. McAlroy Donation	Cheque 12.11.2021	E 72.00	E -		
30.09.2022	Joanna Cattel	Cattel Donation	Bank Transfer	E 42.00	E -		
13.05.2022	Hingworth McKay Insurance Broker	Public Liability Insurance	Cheque 1000311	E -	E 225.48		Included in 2020-21 Charity Accounts
08.06.2022	Jag Amin (Treasurer)	Bingley Market Stall 06.11.2021 Book sales & donations (see breakdown)	Cash	E 105.95	E -		
21.07.2022	Jag Amin (Treasurer)	Reimbursement Payment of Survey Monkey Membership	Bank Transfer	E -	E 384.00		
30.10.2022		<b>End Of Year Total</b>		<b>E 1,397.35</b>	<b>E 1,199.48</b>	<b>E 4,390.82</b>	
		<b>Breakdown</b>					
		Initial cash not banked by Jo Smeete	Cash	E 112.55			
	Diane Fairfax	Reimburse printing costs letter Stationery Cugboard	Cash		E 8.00		
	Jo Smeete	Reimburse postage of Sport England Letters	Cash		E 6.60		
	Remaining Cash from Market Stall	Sale of books & raffle tickets + donations	Cash	E 97.95			
	Float in box		Cash	E 8.00			
08.06.2022		Cash to Bank	Cash	E -	E -	E 105.95	

**FOBP Annual Accounts For The Charity Commission**  
**2nd Sept 2021- 31st Oct 2022**

Date	Individual/Organisation	Item	Type	Income	Expenditure	Balance	Comments
02.09.2021		Starting Balance		£ -	£ -	£ 4,192.15	
08.11.2021	Five Rise Locks Cafe	Book Sales	Bank Transfer	£ 448.00	£ -		
09.11.2021	Fundamentals 4 All (Stationery Cupboard)	Book Sales	Bank Transfer	£ 216.69	£ -		
17.11.2021	Joanne Smeels	Reimburse Payment of Alan Cartell's Print Costs	Cheque (100030)	£ -	£ 590.00		
22.11.2021	Joanna Cartell (Luscombe)	Book Sales	Bank Transfer	£ 115.00	£ -		
24.11.2021	Joanna Cartell (AC Book Sales)	Book Sales	Bank Transfer	£ 21.00	£ -		
28.01.2021	Jag Amin (Treasurer)	J&MM Smith Donation	Cheque (18.12.2021)	£ 50.00	£ -		
28.01.2022	Jag Amin (Treasurer)	Mrs M. McAuley Donation	Cheque (12.11.2021)	£ 72.00	£ -		
30.03.2022	Joanna Cartell	Cartol Donation	Bank Transfer	£ 42.00	£ -		
13.05.2022	Ilingsworth McNair Insurance Broker	Public Liability Insurance	Cheque (100031)	£ -	£ 225.48		
08.06.2022	Jag Amin (Treasurer)	Bongley Market Stall 06.11.2021 Book sales & donations (see breakdown)	Cash	£ 105.95	£ -		
21.07.2022	Jag Amin (Treasurer)	Reimbursement Payment of Survey Monkey Membership	Bank Transfer	£ -	£ 364.00		
30.10.2022		<b>End Of Year Total</b>		<b>£ 1,070.64</b>	<b>£ 1,199.48</b>	<b>£ 4,063.31</b>	<b>Not including PayPal Donations 27.01.2022</b>
		<b>Breakdown</b>					
		Initial cash not banked by Jo Smeels	Cash	£ 112.55	£ -		
		Diann Fairfax	Cash	£ -	£ 8.00		
		Jo Smeels	Cash	£ -	£ 6.60		
		Remaining Cash from Market Stall	Cash	£ 97.95	£ -		
		Float in box	Cash	£ 8.00	£ -		
08.06.2022		<b>Cash to Bank</b>		<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 105.95</b>	

## **6. Gifts**

Trustee Joesph Wheatley paid £20 for the hire of the AGM venue for 2021 and asked not to be reimbursed.



**FRIENDS OF BINGLEY POOL**

England & Wales - Charity number 1162758

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# Accounts

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## Annual Report 1st September 2020 - 31st August 2021

### 1. Organisational Structure

<b>Trustees:</b>	Jagruiti Amin, Marcus Dearden, Joseph Wheatley, Christopher Willetts, Andrew Morris, Brendan Murphy, Fiona Dunne, Diane Fairfax, Maureen Carney
<b>Co-Chair of Trustees:</b>	Marcus Dearden & Fiona Dunne Fiona Dunne & Andrew Morris (since 10/21)
<b>Secretary:</b>	Maureen Carney
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Joanne Smeele Jagruiti Amin (since 11/21)
<b>Biathlon Organisers:</b>	Iain Wild
<b>Former Trustees:</b>	Isaac Wilkinson, David Heseltine, Matthew Martindale, Richard Holmes, Anna Mdee, Polly Skerratt, Ros Dawson, Mark Shaw, Jenny Woodward

The last 12 months have been another period of intense activity and dedication from the trustees in trying to achieve a positive outcome for Bingley Pool. We were joined by Maureen Carney, Diane Fairfax & Isaac Wilkinson who have given valuable contributions to the group. We would like to thank Isaac Wilkinson for the amount & quality of work that he carried out during his short time with us.

We would also like to thank Jo Smeele for her excellent work as our treasurer for the last 6 years.

Working Groups were formulated to concentrate on specific areas such as Property, Health & Wellbeing, Community, Fundraising & the CAT itself.



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## 2. Activities

The Covid-19 pandemic has continued to impact on our ability to carry out our normal activities. We have been holding all meetings either by Zoom or if face to face, in a Covid Safe manner. We have made an effort to engage the public face to face at Bingley Market.

### **Community Asset Transfer (CAT)**

In November & December 2020 meetings were held with Bradford Metropolitan District Council (BMDC) where we proposed a more formal working partnership with the council, we also considered the alternative possibility of a new build community run pool. This led to contact with various individuals and funding groups to investigate the possibility of such a project.

Examples of successful campaign groups were studied such as Minsthorpe Pool & Bramley Baths, both had different obstacles and both resulted in successful outcomes.

These conversations looked positive but Friends of Bingley Pool (FOBP) still needed to ensure we had working capital and we had to address the now outdated Sport England working model for pool provision as it had previously applied to Bingley.

Despite incessant lobbying, it was three months before we received a response from BMDC regarding our proposal or answer to our requests for information concerning the pool building. Our disappointment was conveyed to the Chief Executive & Leader of the Council, we felt we had been ignored and dealt with disrespect for quite some time.

However, we kept active, releasing 4 statements which were well received even though they were not always of a positive nature, but we have always been honest and given the residents of Bingley updates on the situation at the pool as and when we had information to share. Trustee representatives have fed back to Bingley Town Council when invited to do so.

Further conversations were had with Bramley Baths who were a great source of information and experience.

In spring it became increasingly apparent that meeting with BMDC was proving pointless as the officers were most unhelpful and offered very little.



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This was coupled with the report of further deterioration of the pool building with plaster falling off the ceiling and the pool being drained off.

After relentless pressure from Trustees, a meeting was finally arranged which was preceded by a tour of the building which highlighted the sad state BMDC had allowed the building to fall into. We were again led down a garden path whilst we awaited the results of a Council commissioned external report on the maintenance and repair costs. A further meeting was held with the Strategic Director of Place Jason Longhurst, Assistant Director of Estates Ben Middleton & Assistant Director of Sport and Leisure, Phil Barker.

This resulted in a costing for repairs ranging from £1.25 to £4.25 million which was not backed up with any evidence.

In conclusion, the future of the existing pool looks very bleak but we are still not backing down from the CAT, the Council (BMDC) have an obligation to maintain the pool and to ensure at the point of the asset transfer to the FOBP, that the building is fit for purpose. If they do not intend to do this they will have to cancel the CAT and not attempt to apportion any failure to the FOBP.

The one bit of positive news is the council's (BMDC) commitment to apply to the government for up to £20 million levelling up fund to be spent in Bingley, this would include redeveloping the pool building site along with other council owned sites creating a leisure and community facility. We have asked for a commitment from the Director of Place that this would include a swimming facility, as yet no commitment has been made.

### ***Membership***

Current membership stands at 244. Membership continues to be free to all with donations appreciated.

### ***Community***

#### ***SOS Save Our Swimming Campaign***

We have launched a community based public letter writing campaign to Sport England asking them to revisit their swimming provision modelling exercise which was undertaken in 2013 as it is significantly outdated due to the previous inclusion of the Bingley Grammar School Pool (now closed) and Nuffield, Cottingley (a private gym & pool requiring paid membership).



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### ***Fundraising***

Local author, Alan Cattell penned a book on the history of Bingley Baths with all the proceeds going to FOBP. Sponsorship was received from local businesses who each contributed £100 each. Our thanks go to:

- Wilkinson & Whitley Ltd. Motor Engineers
- Five Rise Locks Café
- Bingley Physiotherapy & Sport Injury Clinic (Richard Kunz)
- Tax Assist Accountants
- Illingworth McNair Ltd Insurance Brokers

We would like to thank The Stationery Cupboard, Bingley, who donated 10% of the proceeds of selling their 2021 Bingley Calendar to FOBP.

We have continued to receive donations from members over the last year, for which we are very grateful.

Despite the current situation, our finance and fundraising team have continued to look at methods of funding any model that is proposed for maintaining a swimming and leisure facility in Bingley.

### ***Bingley Biathlon***

Due to the fact that the pool was not reopened and also the ongoing situation with regard to Covid there was no Biathlon in 2021. At present it is unlikely that we will be able to organise one in 2022 due to the continued closure of the pool.

### ***Accounts***

Please see the attached Treasurer's report. Our bank account is being transferred from Barclays Bank Plc to The Cooperative Bank.

### ***Governance***

All trustees are required to provide a Conflict of Interests Declaration. Further Governance documents are being constructed using NCVO templates and guidance.



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### ***Plans for 2021– 2022***

The FOBP remain committed to ensuring the town retains a swimming facility, even though there is now more uncertainty than ever, especially with the news the Squire Lane complex is to be built.

FOBP extend their thanks to everyone who has supported us over the past year, we must now press on with the help of residents to raise our profile and campaign for a swimming pool.

We know Bingley deserves better and will do all we can to retain swimming in our town.



## Accounts For Charity Commission Return Year 01/09/20 - 01/09/21

Account balance 01/09/20:	£2932.55		
Banked Income:	£1650.08		
PayPal Income:	£263.22		(Not transferred to bank until 27/01/22)
Total Income:	£1913.30		
Total Expenditure:	£450.48		
Net Income:	£1462.82		
Account balance 01/09/21:	£4132.15	+	£60 banked from previous year
		-	£263.22 PayPal (late transfer)
		=	£4192.15

Please see pages 2 & 3 for details

## TREASURERS REPORT OCTOBER 2020 TO NOVEMBER 2021

## MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS AND DEPOSITS

## TOTALS

17/11/2020	DEPOSIT FROM PAYPAL ACCOUNT	135.89	
* 23/11/2020	LATE DEPOSITS FROM MARKET STALL AND BIATHLON FEES	60.00	Included in 2020 return
26/1/2021	DEPOSIT	300.00	
26/4/2021	BARRY WATSON MEMORIAL DEPOSIT	10.00	
30/7/2021	M.CARNEY	20.00	
23/8/2021	DONATION FROM LM	50.00	
<b>£ 575.89 - £60 = £515.89 actual donations and deposits 2020-21</b>			
<b>BINGLEY BATHS BOOK MONEY</b>			
13/4/2021	TAX & ACCOUNTING DONATION FOR BOOK COSTS	100.00	
20/4/2021	RICHARD KUNZ DONATION FOR BOOK COSTS	100.00	
27/4/2021	JOANNA CATTELL DONATION FOR BOOK COSTS	100.00	
27/4/2021	THE FIVE RISE LOCK DONATION FOR BOOK COSTS	100.00	
1/6/2021	BOOK SALES JOANNA CATTELL	50.00	
2/6/2021	BOOK SALES ACW GARDENS LTD	125.82	
2/6/2021	BOOK SALES FUNDAMENTALS4ALL	293.58	
7/6/2021	BOOK SALES JOANNA CATTELL	66.00	
30/6/2021	BOOK SALES JOANNA CATTELL	52.00	
20/7/2021	BOOK SALES ACW GARDENS LTD	146.79	
* 8/11/2021	BOOK SALES THE FIVE RISE LOCK	448.00	} Not in 2020-21 return year
* 9/11/2021	BOOK SALES FUNDAMENTALS4ALL	216.69	
			£1798.88
			-448.00
			-216.69
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>= £1134.19</b>
<b>£2374.77</b>		<b>For 01/09/20 - 01/09/21 = £1650.08</b>	
<b>WITHDRAWALS/BILLS PAID OUT</b>			

**TREASURERS REPORT OCTOBER 2020 TO NOVEMBER 2021**

5/3/2021	LIABILITY INSURANCE TO ILLINGWORTH McNAIR	200.48	
27/4/2021	PAYMENT TO ALAN CATTELL	250.00	
* 16/11/2021	BOOK PRINT RUN COSTS	590.00	Not in 2020-21 return year
			<b>£1040.48</b>
****	ACCOUNT BALANCE ON 1/11/2020	<b>£2932.55</b>	-590.00
			= <b>£450.48</b>

ACCOUNT BALANCE ON 17/11/2021      **£4266.84**

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\* Adjustments made for Charity Commission Account year 01/09/20 - 01/09/21