

CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2026 AGM

1. The poor summer of 2024 left us opening for the 2025 season on a much-reduced budget, consequently any maintenance and improvements had to be kept to a necessary minimum. This being the case we decided to 'make do and mend' where possible and limp through the season, with a view to focusing on raising the remaining money needed to reline the pool ahead of the 2026 season. Last year I outlined how we proposed to raise the funds and thanked all the donors and organisations who had contributed (both small and larger sums alike) to this fundraising effort and once again on behalf of Moretonhampstead Swimming Pool Trust, I whole heartedly thank the generosity of our community in helping us achieve this milestone target. Special thanks to Alan who has quite literally paced the streets, 'cap in hand', with amazing success. The culmination of all this hard work is now in situ, ready for everyone to enjoy and the benefits of which will give the swimming pool longevity and viability in the years ahead.
2. My 2025 report mentioned the proposed change in legal structure for the Moretonhampstead Swimming Pool Trust, from a charitable trust to a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation). This was work in progress at the beginning of 2025 but I'm now pleased to say that the legal documentation has been completed, the charitable trust closed and the assets transferred to the CIO. This change will strengthen our governance going forward.
3. Once again, our cohort of lifeguards and shop workers remained strong, with extra support in 2025 from some very willing volunteers, which has been a great asset to our pool community. We continue to provide a structured training and employment program for the young people of our community, ultimately gaining qualifications that are recognised nationally. Many of the 2025 team will be returning this summer and passing their experience on to our new intake of lifeguards and shop workers. The team spirit was once again fantastic, with everyone stepping into these responsible roles with maturity and enthusiasm, making Moretonhampstead Swimming pool a safe and happy place to visit.
4. The weather was much kinder to us in 2025 after the miserable summer of 2024. Somewhat more pleasingly, we were able to offer additional sessions rather than restricting the timetable. The footfall was much improved but not reflected in the Profit and Loss figures. At the start of the season, we made the decision not to increase the admission prices, with a view to keeping swimming as affordable as possible. However, running costs and wages continued to increase and although the income/expenditure gap is not negative, it was certainly not the financially bonanza year that may have been expected. That said, we've had fun along the way with a variety of activities, including the popular late evening Dimpsy Swims and Dog Swim to end the season and some new ones such as the inflatable obstacle course and collaborating with the 100th Carnival by hosting a celebratory event at the pool and taking part in the procession with a swimming themed entry.

5. As a community pool, one of our key objectives is to prioritise learning to swim at a low cost. Our efforts in this regard continued. Once again, we were fortunate to receive funding from the Co-op Community Fund which we ring fenced to subsidise swimming lessons and entry fees to financially support local families when needed. Swimming is a life skill, and we are grateful to our coach Jim Uylett for his ongoing support with training, swimming lessons, clubs and Aquafit. We are always mindful of how important physical exercise is to mental well-being, healthy lifestyles and building confidence in a social and relaxed environment. We continue to look for ways to expand what we can offer in this respect and will endeavour to keep a hardship fund to support families struggling financially and make swimming as affordable for them as possible.
6. We are very much looking forward to opening the pool for the 2026 season and the moment that we can share the joy of the new pool liner with the community and hoping that it will enhance the Moretonhampstead Swimming Pool experience. With no major improvements on the agenda ahead of the summer, we will undertake some low key maintenance and freshen up the public areas both inside the pavilion and the outside space surrounding the pool.
7. Last but not least, thank-you to all the trustees for the hard work put in, not just for the few months of the open season but year-round. Your commitment is totally commendable, and we are very fortunate to have such a broad skill base at our disposal. Special thanks to Rob Gofton who is retiring as a trustee. He will be missed as a very valued member of our team contributing in so many ways but in particular, for his knowledge and skills in all things 'chemical'. We look forward to welcoming someone on board to take on this important role thus continuing the succession planning for our management team, making ready to hand the baton of guardianship to the next generation.

Judith Denman
Chair of Trustees MSP
10th February 2026

Moreton Pool Accounts period 01/10/2024 to 31/03/2025

Number 1 Account

Balance carried forward		6002.46
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INCOME

Liner donations	19925.64	
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MPC grant	182.00	
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Teignbridge grant	39184.00	
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Co-op Grant	2385.65	
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Transfers from No2 a/c	11708.62	
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Total	<hr/> 73385.91	79388.37
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EXPENSES

Telephone	299.88	
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Electricity	1012.95	
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Insurance	1030.14	
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Skip/misc.	524.91	
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Hedge cutting/repairs	372.44	
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Solar panels	29131.68	
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Pool covers	10140.00	
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Fire ext.service	274.89	
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Training	620.00	
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Printing/advertising	323.80	
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Bore hole service	338.93	
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Plastic matting	661.93	
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South West Water	81.55	
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Transfer to No 2 a/c	1186.67	
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CLOSING BALANCE		33388.60
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Moreton Pool Accounts period 01/04/2025 to 30/09/2025

Number 1 Account

Balance carried forward

33388.60

INCOME

Cash takings	4036.32
Cash takings used as cash payments	373.47
Parish Council grant	500.00
Chagford pool training	180.00
Defibrillator insurance refund	824.00
Bovey Pool Training	40.00
Transfer pool liner a/c re pool edge	413.63
Liner funds/grants	8977.13
Refund dose pump	110.00
Teignbridge DC grant	2500.00
Takings via bank transfer	5833.00
Feed in repayments	764.00
Teignbridge	1738.00
Zettle payments	8285.00
Stripe payments	19276.00

TOTAL 53850.65

87239.25

EXPENSES

Electricity/Water	3917.58
Chemicals	1613.14
Bookwhen	234.00
Stripe/Zettle costs	936.00
Repairs/renewals	1183.74
Bookers stock	2969.96
Transfer to liner account	42577.00
Wages and tax	15758.08
Training	3070.00
Equip.services/water tests	770.00
Telephone	323.28
Insurance	786.76
New defibrillator	1074.00
Printing/stationary	385.11
Miscellaneous	178.29
Accountancy fees	174.00
Pool liner surround expenses	413.63
Donations/refunds	625.00

TOTAL 76989.57

CLOSING BALANCE

10249.68

MORETON POOL ACCOUNTS PERIOD 01/10/2024 TO 31/03/2025

No 2 Account

Balance carried forward		6422.95
INCOME		
Norman family grant	2500.00	
Transfer Hazlewood	1000.00	
Transfer	186.67	
Devon Councillors Fund	1000.00	
North Bovey Fair	100.00	
Co-op grant	500.00	
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	5286.67	
Total		11709.62
EXPENSES		
Transfer to No 1 a/c	11208.62	
Transfer to No 1 a/c	500.00	
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	11708.62	
Closing balance		1.00

Moreton Pool Accounts period 01/04/2025 to 30/09/2025

Number 2 Pool Liner Account

Balance carried forward		1.00
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INCOME

Ring fenced in No 1 account transferred 02/07/2025	33600.23	
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Donations / Grants paid direct to this account	6120.00	
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Donations / Grants paid in to No 1 account transferred when received	8977.13	
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TOTAL	48697.36	48698.36
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EXPENSES

Fibreglass Installations Ltd	45360.00	
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Skimmer covers / materials preparing pool edging	2652.74	
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48012.74	
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CLOSING BALANCE		685.62
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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Moretonhampstead Swimming Pool Trust

On accounts for the year
ended

30th September 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1179808

Set out on pages

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Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act.
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

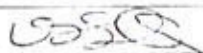
My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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 below.

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 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 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.

Signed:



Date

12th May 2026

Name:

Ms Kay Smith

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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