

# FRIENDS OF CHURCH STRETTON SWIMMING POOL - STRETTON POOL ACTION (SPA)

England & Wales · Charity number 1195071

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2021-07-06

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:• THE PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION BY PROVIDING OR ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION AND DEVELOPMENT OF FACILITIES FOR SWIMMING IN CHURCH STRETTON AND SURROUNDING AREAS.• THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE AMATEUR SPORT IN CHURCH STRETTON AND SURROUNDING AREAS FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY THE PROVISION AND DEVELOPMENT OF FACILITIES OR OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SPORT OF SWIMMING.• TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE SUBJECTS OF WATER SAFETY AND THE BENEFITS OF SWIMMING AND SPORT.

**Activities:** To promote participation in healthy recreation by providing or assisting in the provision and development of facilities for swimming, to advance amateur sport by the provision and development of facilities or opportunities for participation in the sport of swimming and to advance education in water safety and the benefits of swimming and sport, in Church Stretton and surrounding areas.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Shropshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£3,349	£3,436	-	-
2023-12-31	£1,121	£7,296	-	-
2022-12-31	£553	£367	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANGELA DENISE WALSHAW		2021-04-19
Christina Ann Spandrzyk BEd Hons		2021-04-19
Christine Ann Ball BEd Hons		2021-04-19
DAVID MALCOLM BETTON		2021-04-19
Diana Julie Ireland		2025-10-01
EMMA ODONOHUE		2025-09-01
Jacqueline Ann Betton		2025-09-11

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## **Trustees Annual Report Financial Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

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All current and future assets and liabilities were transferred to the new Charity. The new name and Charity number was adopted. A new constitution, again the Charities Commission's standard Charitable Incorporated Organisation constitution was also adopted.

The trustees manage the day to day running of the Charity and are appointed or reappointed at the Annual General Meeting held each February or March. Members are advised at General Meetings that new Trustees are always welcomed. On occasion individual members are approached. The 2024 AGM was held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024. The Trustees during the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 were as follows:

David Betton (Chair)  
Chris Ball (Secretary)  
Angie Walshaw (Treasurer)  
Terry Davies  
Denise Cottom  
Ann Spandrzyk

The charity's correspondence address is Stretton Pool Action, c/o Leisure Centre, Shrewsbury Rd, Church Stretton, SY6 6EX

The Groups' Bankers throughout the year were TSB Business Internet Banking. The Association's cash assets on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 were **£298.56**.

The accounts have been examined and found to have no material matters of concern.

The objects of Friends of Church Stretton Swimming Pool - Stretton Pool Action (SPA) are:

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- The advancement of the amateur sport in Church Stretton and surrounding areas for the public benefit by the provision and development of facilities or opportunities for participation in the sport of swimming.
- To advance the education of the public in the subjects of water safety and the benefits of swimming and sport.

The Trustees held four Trustees meetings during the year including one with Church Stretton's Mayor Andy Munro, which build on other meetings with him during the year. Trustees cemented relations with Leisure Centre staff during the year and continued to raise awareness of the pool as a local facility by ensuring local venues, such as the Visitors Information Centre, camping and B&B establishments have Leisure Centre leaflets for tourists. The Trustees were pleased to be joined by Emma Betton, Jackie Betton and Ana Ireland, forming a stronger Steering Group.

During 2024 SPA bought easy access steps for the pool. These are removable and will replace the vertical ladder at the shallow end for sessions such as the Exercise on Referral and Parents and Toddlers, greatly improving access for the less mobile swimmer and for parents and toddlers. Generous grants from Church Stretton Focus and The Walker Trust enabled the purchase.

SPA also bought a playpen for the viewing area, which helps to keep the younger children safe and happy while the older ones have their swimming lessons. This had been requested by parents, to facilitate their use of the pool. The provision of the steps and playpen for our pool clearly fell within SPA's first object.

The charity has no employees and so is entirely reliant on voluntary help and support. The trustees are extremely grateful for this help and support during the year, which is invaluable in helping with the fundraising required to enable the Group to carry out its-objectives.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the trustees.

Signature	Denise Cottom	
Full name	Denise Cottom	
Position	Trustee	
Date	17 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	

**Stretton Pool Action SPA**

**Statement of Account**

**1st January to 31st December 2024**

**Year to  
31.12.23  
£**

Income

Donations	3,325	1054
LC Open Day	24	0
GOTRI	0	67
	<u>3,349</u>	<u>1,121</u>

Expenditure

Pool Steps	3,310	
Bufs w/o	126	127
Inflatables	0	7,296
	<u>3,436</u>	<u>7,423</u>

Net Deficit/ Income	<u>87</u>	<u>6,302</u>
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Reserves at 31.12.24

Brought Forward 01.01.24	386	6,561
Less Deficit for year	87	6,302
	<u>299</u>	<u>386</u>

Represented by:-

Cash at Bank 31.12.2024	299	260
Stock of unsold Bufs at cost	0	126
	<u>299</u>	<u>386</u>

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The trustees manage the day to day running of the Charity and are appointed or reappointed at the Annual General Meeting held each February or March. Members are advised at General Meetings that new Trustees are always welcomed. On occasion individual members are approached. The 2023 AGM was held on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023. The Trustees during the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 were as follows:

David Betton (Chair)  
Chris Ball (Secretary)  
Angie Walshaw (Treasurer)  
Terry Davies  
Denise Cottom  
Ann Spandrzyk

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The Groups' Bankers throughout the year were TSB Business Internet Banking. The Association's cash assets on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 were £259.77.

The accounts have been examined and found to have no material matters of concern.

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The Trustees held six Trustees meetings during the year three of which involved Shropshire Council. Trustees continued to raise awareness of the pool as a local facility by ensuring local venues, such as the Visitors Information Centre, camping and B&B establishments have Leisure Centre leaflets for tourists.

At the end of 2023, helped by a generous donation from Shropshire Country Brides [www.shropshirebrides.co.uk](http://www.shropshirebrides.co.uk), SPA purchased three pool inflatables. We were advised by Shropshire Council staff that the use of inflatables for Family Fun sessions during school holidays were always well attended and received very positive feedback. The inflatables owned by Shropshire Council have to be shared between all the pools managed by the council, so were not often available for Church Stretton. The provision of dedicated inflatables for our pool clearly fell within SPA's first object.

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Signed on behalf of the trustees.

Signature		
Full name	Denise Cottom	
Position	Trustee	
Date		

**Stretton Pool Action****SPA****Statement of Account****1st January to 31st December 2023****Year to  
31.12.22  
£**Income

Fundraising Events Plant sale	0	0
Beer Festival Stall	0	283
Bank Compensation	0	50
Donations	1,054	10
Bufs Sales	0	210
GOTRI	67	0
	<u>1,121</u>	<u>553</u>

Expenditure

Locker Wrist Straps	0	59
Bufs including free gifts	0	127
Inflatables	7,296	0
	<u>7,296</u>	<u>186</u>

Net Deficit/ Income

	<u>6,175</u>	<u>367</u>
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Reserves at 31.12.23

Brought Forward 01.01.23	6,561	6,561
Less Deficit for year	6,175	367
	<u>386</u>	<u>6,928</u>

Represented by:-

Cash at Bank 31.12.2023	6,434	6,434
Stock of unsold Bufs at cost	494	494
	<u>6,928</u>	<u>6,928</u>

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The Trustees held 10 Trustees meetings during the year. The Chair and /or Secretary met with Shropshire Council Leisure Centre staff 4 times and twice with Shropshire Council Councillors during the year.

Trustees organised a competition for school children, from the 2 primary schools which use the pool, to design a neck buff. The 2 winning entries were produced as neck buffs for sale at the Leisure Centre, local retailers and local events. The initiative served both to raise local awareness of the importance of the pool to local children and to raise funds. Other fundraising was limited to a plant stall and raffle at one of the local events. Trustees continued to raise awareness of the pool as a local facility by ensuring local venues, such as the Tourist Information Centre and camping and B&B establishments have Leisure Centre leaflets for tourists.

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Signed on behalf of the trustees.

Full name	Denise Cottom	
Position	Trustee	
Date	19 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2023	

**Stretton Pool Action SPA**

**Statement of Account**

**1st January to 31st December 2022**

**Year to  
31.12.21  
£**

Income

Fundraising Events Plant sale	0	210
Beer Festival Stall	283	0
Bank Compensation	50	0
Donations	10	20
Bufs Sales	210	
	<u>553</u>	<u>230</u>

Expenditure

Locker Wrist Straps	59	0
Bufs including free gifts	127	0
Survey	0	700
Lockers	0	1,412
	<u>186</u>	<u>2,112</u>

Net Deficit/ Income

	<u>367</u>	<u>-1,882</u>
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Reserves at 31.12.22

Brought Forward 01.01.22	6,561	8,443
surplus for year	367	-1,882
	<u>6,928</u>	

Represented by:-

Cash at Bank 31.12.2022	6,434	
Stock of unsold Bufs at cost	494	
	<u>6,928</u>	<u>6,561</u>