

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

*Registered Charity Number 1195071*

## **Trustees Annual Report Financial Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

Stretton Pool Action (SPA) was formed in 2016, as a group of concerned users of Church Stretton Swimming Pool and local residents to lobby Shropshire Council for the retention of the pool in response to their proposed Indoor Leisure Facilities Strategy, 2018 -2023. The group used the Charities Commission's standard Charitable Incorporated Organisation constitution which was adopted at a meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

The SPA Steering Group applied for, and was successful in becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, Friends of Church Stretton Swimming Pool - Stretton Pool Action (SPA) in July 2021.

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 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 Spandryk

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 2023 were £259.77.

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:

- 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.

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.

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		
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>