

# **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 2024**

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 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:

- 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 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>