

**Westbury Public Baths**  
**Annual Report of the Trustees for the Year ended 31 March 21**

**Charity registration number:** 270324

**Trustee Name:** Wiltshire Council

**Independent Examiners:** Blomfields Chartered Accountants,  
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**Trustees' Annual Report**

Wiltshire Council is the sole Trustee of the Trust and is required by the Charity Commission to produce an annual report to Wiltshire Council Members for consideration and approval. Under delegated powers the approval of annual reports on the activity of the Trust and on investment matters, together with any contentious policy issues, are dealt with on behalf of the Council, as trustee, by Cllr Pauline Church, Cabinet Member for Finance & Procurement, Commissioning, IT, digital and Commercialisation.

**Structure, Governance & Management**

The Charity was established from a deed of gift constituted on 24 May 1888 between William Henry Laverton and eleven others. It provides for a swimming bath for the benefit of the inhabitants of the parish of Westbury.

A piece of land at Church Street, Westbury with buildings would be used as public baths. In 1901 the baths transferred to the Urban District Council of Westbury with an indenture being conveyed on 6 May 1903.

Until 1 April 2009 West Wiltshire District Council (WWDC) were sole trustees. From this date WWDC along with the County Council and other District Councils within Wiltshire became a single tier unitary authority under a

Structural Change Order 2008 (No. 490). The new authority and Trustees became Wiltshire Council.

The charity was gifted to the Council without any form of corresponding endowment fund. The charity has been operated by the Council since then as part of the Council's leisure services function, from which it receives all necessary funding to pursue its objects. The Council, as the trustee of the Charity, has arranged for its day-to-day administration and responsibilities for the site to be delegated to Places for People Leisure Management Ltd although this arrangement will cease on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 when the responsibility for this will be with Wiltshire Council.

### **Risk Management**

Maintenance responsibility is split between Wiltshire Council and Places for People through the contract. Detailed contract management and risk assessments by Wiltshire Council property team mitigate the risks.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The objects of the charity are

The provision and maintenance of the swimming bath for the benefit of the inhabitants of the parish of Westbury as constituted on 24 May 1888 without the distinction of political, religious or other opinions with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

A brief summary of the main activities and achievements of the charity during the year in relation to its objects.

The facility is provided for the residents of Westbury and the wider community. The main activities of the charity focus on the provisions of swimming. This specifically includes swimming for schools, mums and toddlers, lessons for both adults and children, aqua fit classes and general public swimming sessions.

### **How our Activities Deliver Public Benefit**

Briefly the aims of the Trust are to provide a public bath for the parish of Westbury.

The charity is maintained by the Council for the benefit of all residents to the area and visitors to West Wiltshire. A scheduled timetable exists including public swimming and various group sessions. The pool is also available for hire.

### **Statement**

The Trustees have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

## **Achievements & Performance**

The Baths continue to be used by local residents, groups, schools and organisations during 2020/21. Attendance figures for the year reached just under 8,500 visits - a large decrease on the 64,000 approximately for 2019/20, due in large part to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The pool was closed in April 2020, reopening in September 2020 with reduced capacities due to social distancing. There was then another closure in early November 2020 for 4 weeks due to the "Circuit Breaker", reopening in December 2020, to then close from January 2021 until the end of the financial year due to the 3<sup>rd</sup> national lockdown.

Despite the repeated closures, the pool has remained well supported by users, who have generally commended the staff for their efforts to reopen in a COVID secure manner. Swimming lessons returned immediately in September 2020 and have now grown back to within 40 of pre-COVID numbers. Several schools also returned in October 2020, remaining with us during our open periods. Westbury Swimming Club also returned during our first reopening in September 2020 and continue with us now albeit in a rebuilding phase as they attempt to grow the club to pre pandemic levels.

## **Financial Review**

The financial position of the Charity for the year is shown in the financial statements. Expenditure for 2020/21 totalled £97,288. This is less than the previous year when extra one-off costs were incurred to fix the roof. Income totalled £97,288.

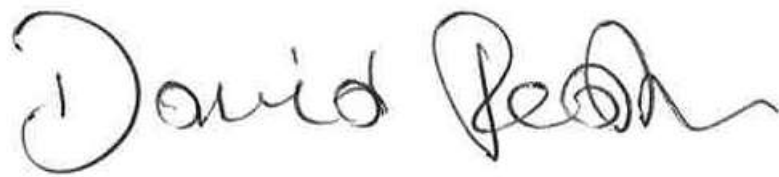
The net book value of the swimming pool as at 31 March 2021 totalled £124,390. The asset was revalued in 2020/21 and under a new accounting policy the property will remain in use for a further 50 years.

## **Independent Examination**

The Charity's accounts, which are maintained by the Interim Corporate Director of Resources of Wiltshire Council, are subject to independent scrutiny by Blomfields Chartered Accountants of Trowbridge.

## **Other Information**

Any comments on this report or on the activities of the Charity generally should be addressed to the Westbury Public Baths c/o Director Communities and Neighbourhood Services, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 8JN.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Peck". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'D' and a stylized 'P'.

*ON BEHALF OF WILTSHIRE COUNCIL TO THE CHARITY*

*DATE 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022*

<b>Westbury Public Baths 2020/21</b>		
<b>Charity commission number: 270324</b>		
<b>Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year ended 31 March 2021</b>		
	<b>2019/20</b>	<b>2020/21</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income &amp; Expenditure</b>		
<b>Incoming Resources</b>		
Pool & Other Income *2	15,380	230
Transfer from Wiltshire Council	114,449	97,058
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>129,829</b>	<b>97,288</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>		
Salaries	0	0
Accountancy	230	230
Running Expenses	129,599	97,058
Asset Impairment	0	0
Asset Depreciation Charge	19,556	1,563
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>149,385</b>	<b>98,851</b>
<b>Net Outgoing Resources before Transfers</b>	<b>(19,556)</b>	<b>(1,563)</b>
<b>Transfers</b>		
Gross Transfers between funds	0	0
<b>Net Outgoing Resources before other Recognised Gains &amp; Losses</b>	<b>(19,556)</b>	<b>(1,563)</b>
<b>Other Recognised Gains &amp; losses</b>		
Capital enhancement	0	0
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>	<b>(19,556)</b>	<b>(1,563)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>		
Total funds brought forward	115,526	95,970
Total funds carried forward	95,970	94,407

<b>Westbury Public Baths 2020/21</b>		
<b>Charity commission number: 270324</b>		
<b>Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021</b>		
	<b>2019/20</b>	<b>2020/21</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Gross Book Value	115,526	95,970
Depreciation Value	(19,556)	(1,563)
Asset Impairment	0	0
Capital Enhancement	0	29,983
<b>Net Tangible Fixed Assets</b>	<b>95,970</b>	<b>124,390</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Stock	0	0
Debtors	0	0
Current Liabilities	0	0
<b>Net Current Assets/Liabilities</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>95,970</b>	<b>124,390</b>
<b>Notes to the Accounts</b>		
1. These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis using standard accounting principles as recommended by the Charity Commission SORP (Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice).		
2. The contract with Places for People who run the baths, did not generate any income for 2020/21 due to the Covid pandemic. There is also no longer any management fee when the contract was renegotiated in previous year.		
3. Expenditure - All expenditure is considered to be in furtherance of the Charities objectives and support costs. No staffing costs are incurred within the expenditure as the Council meet the cost of providing leisure services. No remuneration is received by the trustees, who are Wiltshire Council.		
4. Fixed Assets - The policy on the useful economic life of the pool has changed and although depreciation is shown, as the building is sufficiently maintained the useful economic life will remain for an further 50 years.		

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WESTBURY PUBLIC  
BATHS CHARITY**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021, which have been presented to me.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you 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 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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:
  - o to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - o to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act
  - o 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.



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Date: 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022