

## **Westbury Public Baths**

### **Annual Report of the Trustees for the Year ended 31 March 25**

**Charity registration number:** 270324

**Trustee Name:** Wiltshire Council

**Independent Examiners:** Charlton Baker Ltd  
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**Trustees Address:** Wiltshire Council  
County Hall  
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**Charity Address:** Church Street  
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**Tel:** 01373 822891

**Website:** **Westbury Public Baths**

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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, by the Cabinet Member for Finance.

### **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, arranges its day-to-day administration and responsibilities.

### **Risk Management**

Maintenance responsibility is by Wiltshire Council. 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 public swimming sessions.

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

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**

Westbury pool is continuing to grow in most areas. It continues to run a variety of sessions to cater for all ages and abilities in Westbury and now runs 11 weekly Aqua fit classes which are very successful. Membership has steadied out with an average of 252 direct debit members per month over the year. Attendance continues to increase with over 60,000 visits covering all activities this year.

Events at the baths continue to be successful with ghost hunts and birthday parties. Local Schools and Home Education continue to benefit from sessions

throughout the year at the facility. Westbury Swimming Club continues to benefit from the local facility for their training. Due to new local competition the learn to swim (Aqualetes) programme has decreased slightly with an average of 492 people.

### **Financial Review**

The financial position of the Charity for the year is shown in the financial statements. Expenditure for 2024/25 totalled £162,242 compared to the previous year of £150,226.

The net book value of the swimming pool on 31 March 2025 totalled £143,059. The asset was revalued in 2020/21 and under a new accounting policy the property will remain in use for a further 46 years.

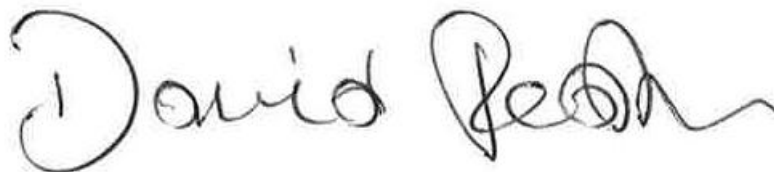
### **Independent Examination**

The Charity's accounts, which are maintained by the Corporate Director of Resources (s151 officer) for Wiltshire Council, are subject to independent scrutiny by Charlton Baker Chartered Accountants of Devizes.

### **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 Leisure Culture & Communities, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 8JN.

*ON BEHALF OF WILTSHIRE COUNCIL TO THE CHARITY*



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David Redfern  
Director Leisure Culture & Communities  
DATE: 30/01/26

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year ended 31 March 2025

		Total	
	Note	2024/25	2023/24
<b>Income</b>	<b>*1</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Transfer from Wiltshire Council		162,242	150,226
<b>Total</b>		<b>162,242</b>	<b>150,226</b>
		<b>This year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
		<b>2024/25</b>	<b>2023/24</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>*2</b>		
Routine Repairs and Maintenance		47,372	41,288
Electricity	*3	43,361	31,438
Gas		31,569	49,830
Domestic rates		12,732	10,186
Water		9,719	4,555
Landlord - Compliance		7,190	9,472
Professional Fees		7,450	-
Commercial Waste & Recycling		793	854
Washroom Servicing Contracts		677	380
Window Cleaning Contracts		495	360
Independent Examination Fees		350	300
Leisure Legionella		247	462
Licences - TV & Other		170	648
Premises Security Costs		116	218
Grounds Maintenance		-	235
<b>Total</b>		<b>162,242</b>	<b>150,226</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Statement of Assets & Liabilities for the financial year ended on 31 March 2025**

	Note	Total 2024/25	2023/24
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	<b>*4</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Opening Balance		144,814	146,968
Restatement		700	-
Capital Enhancement		48	489
Depreciation		-2,503	-2,643
Closing Balance		<u>143,059</u>	<u>144,814</u>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Creditors - Independent Examination	<b>*5</b>	350	300
		<u>350</u>	<u>300</u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements for the financial year ended on 31 March 2025**

1. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charity Commission's Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP): Accounting and Reporting by Charities. Income from Wiltshire Council is the amount reimbursed to cover all the expenditures incurred in Westbury Public Baths for the period.

2. 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. Wiltshire council pays for all expenses incurred out of their own bank account as a trustee of the charity. Westbury public baths does not have its own bank account.

3. The large movement in comparison with prior year is caused by unavoidable factors such as the electric and water prices increasing and the warmer winter resulting in less gas being used. The professional fees was the cost for a condition survey to be carried out. There was an increase in routine repairs and maintenance for 2024/25 and was the result of two significant repairs for a water leak in the ladies changing room and for the refurbishment of three showers.

4. Fixed Assets - The useful economic life of the pool has been reassessed and currently has a further 46 years of useful life, impairments are recognised and depreciation continues to be charged in accordance with Wiltshire Council's Accounting Policies for Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE). These policies are aligned with the requirements of the CIPFA Code of Practice, International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), and International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS), ensuring that the financial statements present a true and fair view of the Trust's financial position. Westbury Public Baths Assets reported in the Balance Sheet doesn't appear on the Wiltshire Council's Assets list but are subject to revaluation at intervals currently 5 years which is sufficient to ensure that their carrying values remain materially consistent with their current market value.

5. The Independent examination is carried out and paid for in the following year.



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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF  
Westbury Public Baths  
CHARITY NUMBER 270324**

**Independent examiner's report to the Trustee of Westbury Public Baths ('the Charity'),  
registered charity number 270324.**

I report to the charity trustee on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year  
ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance  
with the requirements of the Charity Act 2011 (the Act).

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Charity are not required to be audited under  
Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my  
examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act  
2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by  
the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in  
connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of  
accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any  
requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of  
an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to  
which attention should be drawn in this report.

*A. Letchumanan*

Arun Letchumanan FMAA, ATT  
On behalf of Charlton Baker Ltd  
Date : 30 January 2026



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