

Westbury Public Baths
Annual Report of the Trustees for the Year ended 31 March 2013

Charity registration number: 270324

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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 for Councils 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 Dick Tonge, Cabinet Member for Finance Performance, Risk Procurement and Welfare Reform.

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 6th May 1903.

Until 1 April 2009 West Wiltshire District Council (WWDC) were sole trustees. From this date WWDC along with other 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 DC Leisure Management Ltd. DC Leisure specialises in the development and management of leisure facilities in partnership with local authorities throughout the UK. This company manages other sports centres and pools provided by Wiltshire Council.

Risk Management

DC Leisure are responsible for maintenance at Westbury Pool through the contract. However 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 around 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 12/13. Attendance figures for the year reached over 46,800 visits. This has again reduced from previous years, but this has been due to the pool undergoing repair and maintenance work that has meant the pool was closed from 19 November until 13 January. Unfortunately there were further closures for remedial works from 4 March with the pool due to re-open mid June.

Free swimming for under 16's during school holidays has continued and is being re-implemented. The children's learn to swim programme continues to be successful with over 12,000 in attendance, over 2,800 are from schools in the local area and over 5,000 are from the town swimming club that continues to operate out of the centre.

Financial Review

The financial position of the Charity for the year is shown in the financial statements. Expenditure for the year totalled £120,819 with the £66,028 being paid to DC Leisure Management who maintain and run the Swimming Pool. Income from Wiltshire Council was £105,938 which is made up of an apportionment of the overall Management Fee that Wiltshire Council pays DC Leisure to manage 8 leisure facilities in West Wiltshire and a charge for utility bills that Wiltshire Council pay on its behalf.

The gross book value of the swimming pool at 31 March 2013 totalled £620,164. Depreciation has been deducted using the straight-line method calculated to write off the cost or valuation less estimated residual value of the asset over its expected useful life. The useful economic life of Westbury Swimming Baths is 50 years of which 6 years have passed.

Independent Examination

The Charity's accounts, which are maintained by the Director of Financial, are subject to independent scrutiny by accountants Blomfields of Trowbridge.

Other Information

Any comments on this report or on the activities of the Charity generally should be addressed to the Westbury Swimming Baths c/o Associate Director Environment & Leisure, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 8JN.

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