

Funding Update

*Community
Ownership
fund*

We are still waiting to hear about the status of the Community Ownership Fund (COF). Alex Norris Parliamentary Under-Secretary (Housing, Communities and Local Government) made this response when questioned in Parliament: 'This Government is committed to empowering communities with a strong new 'right to buy' beloved community assets, such as empty shops, pubs and community spaces. We will confirm plans on the Community Ownership Fund in due course'.

An Early Day Motion has been tabled in parliament asking that the government outlines plans for the COF as soon as possible. We have written to our new MP Chris Hinchcliff asking him to join this motion and seek answers on our behalf.

With uncertainty surrounding the COF, we are looking into other sources of funding. We have submitted applications for £450,000 from the National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund and £50,000 from the Benefact Group Movement for Good, the total of which would be sufficient to carry out repairs to safely re-open the pool, with the dry side improvements following as funding allows.

Monies so far pledged in principle, subject to obtaining either COF or other major grants are as follows:

East Herts District Council £200,000
S106 £16,000
Buntingford Town Council £1,500.
Buntingford Ward (Cllr Jeff Jones) £1,000

*National
lottery*

Costs

We need to raise at least £934,000 to completely refurbish the pool and reopen it as a modern fit for purpose facility Buntingford can be proud of. This amount of investment will allow us to refurbish to a standard that will entice former patrons back and attract new ones, reduce running costs and ensure the financial stability and future of the pool as a community run asset. These are the areas in which we will be investing:

- £160,000 to replace filtration, dosing system and controls, a priority for safe pool water
- £121,000 for a new air handling unit which will reduce running costs
- £30,000 for new air source heat pumps. A sustainable method to maintain water temperature and reduce running costs
- £150,000 to repair old expansion joints and retile the pool
- £60,000 for a new solar panel installation, reducing running costs and our carbon footprint
- £156,000 for a modern, fit for purpose changing facility
- £120,000 to repair the flat roof to ensure all the improvements we make are protected
- £13,000 for modernising water pipes, re-wiring, making a safe working and visiting environment
- £124,000 for other issues highlighted by the condition survey, ensuring we don't find ourselves with a large repair bill a couple of years down the road.

*What do you think?
tell us your views*

Fundraising

Total
£7547.05

A massive thank you goes out to all those who have attended events, brought books or sponsored Sarah's run and Helen's swim.

Our current fundraising total is £7547.05

Sarah's Marathon	£1,300.00
Vicky's Dance	£1,120.00
Louise's Go fund me	£ 982.15
Lifesaving event	£ 14.62
Edwinstree Summer Fair	£ 62.00
Millfield Summer Fair	£ 24.50
Braughing Wheelbarrow Race	£ 160.50
Anstey Village Fair	£ 60.96
Helen's Butterfly swim (more pledged, not yet paid)	£3,626.71
Aspenden Village Fete	£ 169.61
Gravelly Art exhibition	£ 26.00

Money raised from the Quiz on 27th July has not yet been finalised.

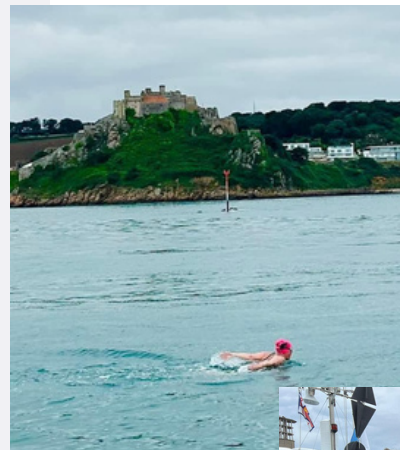
If you would like to raise money for our cause either by completing a sponsored event or hosting a fundraising event we would love to hear from you.

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Marathon Swim

On Wednesday 24th July, the wonderful Helen Betley swam around the island of Jersey. An amazing feat in itself made all the more sensational by the fact she swam butterfly the whole way! Despite sickness and some old injuries flaring up, Helen completed the distance in 11 hours, 39 minutes creating a new record!

We're very grateful that as a local resident, Helen dedicated her swim to raising funds to reopen Ward Freman pool. Under the management of Everyone Active she found it difficult to train at the Ward Freman pool, but we hope as a community pool to be able to accommodate some of her training needs. Her pledged donations on Crowdfunder are close to £4500 (with Gift Aid) which is absolutely brilliant and will certainly be put to good use!



Pledged
£4486.25

Helen (centre) with some of her support team.



Upcoming Events

*Golf
day*

On Friday 27th September Mark & Sharon Lewis will be hosting the 10th David Lewis Memorial Golf Day at East Herts Golf Club. This year they have chosen our charity to be the beneficiary of the money raised.

David was a PE teacher at Ward Freman School when it first opened and taught many children swimming at the pool.

£70 per person includes full English breakfast and 18 holes of golf. If you would like to enter a team of four players or as an individual be added to a team Please email s.lewis730@btinternet.com to enter no later than 13th September.



*Halloween
event*

Buntingford Live are hosting a Halloween Party on Saturday 26th October, kindly donating the proceeds to our cause. A chance to dress up, learn some Tango dance moves (think Strictly Come Dancing Halloween special!) and have a great night out! Tickets are £10 per adult.

Raffle and licensed bar with cash or card payments accepted.

Tickets can be brought via [TicketTailor](https://www.tickettailor.com), clicking [here](#).



Community Engagement

Our ongoing work continues to keep the community updated about our progress and sign more people up to receive this newsletter.

It currently goes out to 700 people, but considering 18,000 live within 5 miles of the pool we aspire to reach more people!

Please encourage your neighbours to sign up at wardfremanpool@gmail.com

We will be at the Herts and Essex County Fair on Sunday 18th August in Brent Pelham 10.30 -17.00 with another chance to buy pre loved books. You will also find us at the Buntingford Classic Car event on Saturday 7th September and we hope to be at the Chipping and Buckland Harvest Fayre on 14th September.

