

Ward Freman Pool Supporters Newsletter

December 2024

On the first anniversary of the pool closing, we look back on our accomplishments and what is still to be done to get the pool open in 2025

Achievements

- Registered as a charity
- 750 pool supporters on mailing list
- 292 Facebook followers
- Hertfordshire County Council agree in principle to lease the building to the charity
- Structural survey completed
- Plans to redevelop dry side drawn up
- Costings of full refurbishment established
- Business plan created
- £14,680 raised
- £217,500 pledged
- Expression of interest for £934,000 accepted by Community Ownership Fund, but this funding is no longer available
- New capital funding plan agreed by Trustees

To do list

- Cost 'Plan B' to do essential refurbishment to get the doors open
- Update business plan to reflect effects of essential refurbishment, closure of Fanshawe pool and increase in staffing costs due to October budget.
- Secure lease from Hertfordshire County Council





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The Fundraising Continues





14 local businesses have sponsored a jute shopping bag with the message 'Shop local, Swim local'
At £5 each, they come in either turquoise or navy.
Available to buy at Mark Doel Butchers or The Buntingford Coffee Shop, we will also be selling them in the Co-Op on Christmas Eve.

Buntingford Film Club are showing Jaws on Saturday 4th January and donating the proceeds to our cause.

7.30pm Seth Ward Community Centre

<u>Tickets can be brought via TicketTailor, clicking</u>
<a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/j.jup/10.1007/j





Saturday 18th January
6.30pm Seth Ward Community Centre
Join us for a family race night, like the Scouts race
night, but swimming themed of course!
Adults £8, Under 16's £4, Group ticket £23

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Many thanks to all who have helped in our first year

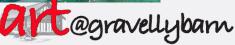
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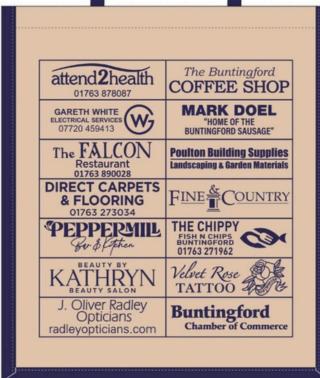




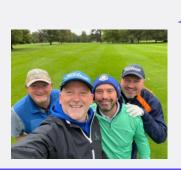
























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