

Annual Report

Debenham Community Swimming Pool: July 2013 – Sept 2014

Background

In March 2012 Debenham Community Swimming Pool was established as a charitable company, with the aim of building a community swimming pool on the grounds of Sir Robert Hitcham Primary School, Debenham. The pool would be heated and enclosed with all year usage.

The charitable company consists of six trustees/directors, a steering group and a fundraising subcommittee.

October 2013 to date

As the land required to build on belongs to the Sir Robert Hitcham Foundation, we need to lease a piece of the land. The Foundation have been very co-operative but would prefer to have a head lease between themselves and Sir Robert Hitcham School, who in turn will have a sub-lease between themselves and us. The Foundations solicitors – Prettys have drafted a head lease, our solicitors – Ashtons will then draft a sub-lease to be agreed by Sir Robert Hitcham School. This is top priority and ongoing.

December 2013

A 2nd funding application was submitted to Sport England – who had been identified as our principal funding body, with immense help from Phil Lown – ASA and also Sport England themselves.

March 2014

Sport England awarded us £109,000 to be match funded. We had already sent evidence of our match funding. On the advice of Sport England and the agreement with Sir Robert Hitcham School, the funding application was in partnership with Sir Robert Hitcham School and us in order to be eligible for the higher funding group.

April 2014

Aware of not only the need for the communities input but the desire to be included, the Splash Your Cash campaign was launched. Pledges could be made via our website - £6055.00 has been pledged to date.

May 2014

Tony Bass was employed as our project manager.

July-Sept 2014

Sport England sent their agreement documents. Meetings were had with Mrs Julia van Ek – the new head of Sir Robert Hitcham School and the agreement was signed and returned. One of Sport Englands conditions being: construction work must begin by January 15th 2015!