

# Annual Report

## Debenham Community Swimming Pool: Sept 2014-Sept 2015

### 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.

### Sept 2014-Sept 2015

Lease negotiations ongoing – no problem

Tony Bass – project manager in discussions with management companies/construction companies/possible users ie schools

Fundraising events/funding applications ongoing

### Jan 2015

Roles and responsibilities of a trustee course was attended.

Chelmer Site Investigations employed to check site is ok for building on - approved

Tony Bass – project manager and Rob Marsh-Feilly – architect took the project out to tender, 5 construction companies submitted quotes. Tony Bass's fears of not having enough money to now meet the increasingly strict conditions on building a public swimming amenity were soon recognized. The best all round quote was by ESH - £400k ! Funders were contacted and made aware of the situation. Sport England's deadline of Jan 2015 to start project was extended

Gift Aid registered

Virgin Giving page set up

Lady Tollemache agreed to be our patron.

### May 2015

Leaflets written and printed for advertising usage. Promotional video made for advertising and funding usage.

Public Meeting organized, project update given and ideas and suggestions asked for. Andy Donnelly identified as a possible fundraiser advisor.

### Jun/Jul/Sept 2015

Mosscliff Environmental offered their services – free installation of bio mass boiler for the pool project and the school – possibly the playgroup. In discussions with the school

Numerous funding meetings with Andy Donnelly – strategy discussed and executed – contact businesses/ business people/ philanthropist's etc with incentive of private party at Helmingham Hall hosted by Lord & Lady Tollemache.