



# the flamingo pool

## News release

Axe Vale Swimming Association AGM  
(The Flamingo Pool)

Wednesday 18 October 2017 at 3pm

The Flamingo Pool manager, Steve Buxton reported a positive year in which the pool has been 'consistently ticking over'. He commented that the 'Aquatherapy' GP referral scheme was really 'taking off' with only 5% of all the applicants, having failed to meet the scheme's criteria.

Steve Buxton, also commented on the improvements that had been made to the building largely due to the continued support from the Axe Valley Festival. "Their help has continued to improve the pool throughout the years and we appreciate everything that they do for the pool".

Steve Buxton also thanked the Flamingo Pool committee for their support and his team of staff, led by Gareth Parker for their loyalty and hard work over the last 12 months.

Steve Buxton asked Liz Stonex, Vice Chairman of the Axe Vale Festival to pass thanks to Axe Vale Festival committee for donating £8,000 enabling the purchase of a new Hydro pump, Locker servicing and new shower walls, and added that 'as usual we are indebted to them, we value their continued support'.

Diana Church proposed a vote of thanks to Steve Buxton and thanked him for sticking with The Flamingo Pool for the last 19 years. She added 'we look forward to celebrating the Pool's 20<sup>th</sup> birthday with you next year'.

Vinetta Cable, Hammetts Accountants, who presented the accounts, highlighted that they are fully compliant with Charity SORP (FRS 102), the substantial changes in legislation governing how charity accounts are prepared. The pool is covering all of its actual costs and making a contribution towards future renewal of the equipment and fabric of the facility.

The Chairperson, Alison Vickers commented that the pool had recorded another good year with an increase in income. However costs, notably wages, have also increased resulting in the pool needing more hours from its workforce to implement new services to community such as GP referrals, Aquatherapy exercise classes & the AquaGym sessions.

She also added that the parking problems has been resolved, a new sunbed has been installed, the reception area has been given a face lift with new tables and chairs. New showers in the changing rooms have been well received by our customers.

In conclusion Alison Vickers thanked Steve Buxton, the Pool's dedicated staff and the committee for their support and hard work not only with the smooth running of the Flamingo Pool but also their dedicated fund raising during the year and added that the Flamingo Pool was looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

The Committee would welcome anyone who would be interested in helping to support this independently financed facility. The Flamingo Pool are a self-funded registered Charity who do not receive funding or grants. Please contact the Manager, Steve Buxton, 01297 35800 or email [info@flamingopool.co.uk](mailto:info@flamingopool.co.uk).

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#### **Notes to Editors:**

##### **The Flamingo Pool**

- The Flamingo Pool is a self-funded charity and community pool widely used by local residents, schools and swimming clubs.
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