

Lazonby Pool gratefully acknowledges support from the following organisations who have enabled us to open and run fully this year:

- *Bells of Lazonby
- *Cranstons
- *Lace's
- *The Plunkett Foundation
- * Cumbria Youth Alliance
- .*Gt. Salkeld Parish Council
- *Kirkoswald Parish Council
- *Lazonby Parish Council
- *Cumbria Community Foundation
- *The Midland Hotel
- *Action for Communities in Cumbria
- *John Judson, Plumber
- *Alan Tutin, Builder
- *Carlisle Canoe Club



and also the very generous support of individuals, families and other local businesses.

The Committee:2008-2009

Chris Hill (Chair)
 Sandra Taylor (Secretary)
 Don Scott (Treasurer)
 Tony Brunskill (Gt Salkeld Parish Council Rep)
 John Evans Megan Lindeman
 Jane Orr Fiona Potter
 John Judson (Lazonby Parish Council)
 Stuart Harper Stuart St. John
 Sally Frost Yvonne Hunt
 Other volunteers attended Committee meetings and made a great contribution to the administration of the Pool.

We would particularly acknowledge the work of Cynthia Seymour in managing the new Cafe facility so brilliantly.

Highlights of the Year!

* Painting the Pool (again!)

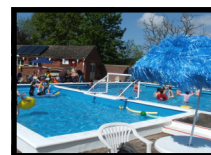


* *The Lifeguard Team:*
 Charlotte A, Hugh, Katie,
 Lizzie, Ben, Andy, Matthew, Charlotte O,
 Megan, Sarah, Shona, Tasha.

* The Canopy



* The Blue Umbrellas

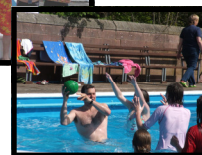


* Swimming lessons

* The Gala



* Pool Parties



* Play Sessions

* Water Polo

* The Website

* The Volunteer Team



* The Cafe



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From the Chair.....

We are very proud of our community swimming pool, very few like it are left, only 100 in the whole of the UK. It provides a safe, accessible and local recreation and social facility. It provides a place for local young people to work and volunteer and for new skills to be learned. To keep this great facility going requires the dedication of a large committee and we are fortunate in having, at this time, a group of Trustees with a very wide range of skills and experience representing all parts of our village communities

The Pool Committee's work is year round. In the winter, we are updating policies, fundraising and carrying out maintenance. In the season we have to constantly monitor health and safety, child protection, Lifeguard and volunteer rotas and training as well as financial management and stock control.

A big voluntary effort in April ensured the Pool opened, newly painted and on time in May. We also decorated the kiosk inside and out & painted the changing room floors .

A major improvement was the canopy in front of the kiosk and the cafe furniture for which we received a grant from The Plunkett Foundation. This, together with a new freezer and fridge, microwave and lots of kitchen equipment, enabled us to re-launch the kiosk as a successful community cafe.

We have struggled with the weather again as July and August proved, once more, to be disappointing. With use of kiosk volunteers we kept costs down and have tried to keep prices for customers as low as we can.

Rising costs of utilities, electricity in particular, chemicals, paint etc are the main threat to the Pools existence, together with the gradual deterioration of the concrete in the pool bed .

The committee is working on a programme of Grant applications to address key needs, but the continued involvement of the villagers as supporters and customers has never been more important. Without good sales of season tickets in particular we face severe financial problems.

For over 40 years, our communities have supported and run the Pool through voluntary effort. We hope this tradition will continue.

Volunteers and Lifeguards

Volunteers of all ages have given many, many hours of their time. In the kiosk, during the holidays, well over 50 volunteer hours are worked each week. Others work on repairs, painting, publicity, fundraising, adminthe list is long, we have around 60 volunteers giving time to the pool. We are so grateful to people who are part of this effort, however much or little time they can afford to give, it helps to keep the Pool open and at the heart of the community.

Our 12 lifeguards are all local young people, who we train in an arrangement with other small pools to a nationally recognised qualification. They all bring a totally professional attitude to the work.



It is our policy to offer training to our volunteers both to improve the running of the pool and to enhance the Cv's of our team. This year we offered a Level 2 Food Handling Course, child protection training, pool plant management and first aid.

Using the Pool to the full.....

Swimming and canoeing lessons again proved popular as has water polo. Our adult sessions have grown in number and some early mornings have become almost crowded! We offered free swimming to over 60's and were glad members of our communities took advantage of this.

The Gala was highly successful as were the childrens games sessions. We hosted more private parties this year from local families to groups of cubs



Community Park

The Pool committee has now gained planning permission for a Playground and Community Park on the Pool Field and is working with the Lazonby Village Playground Committee on a series of grant applications. We have had plans drawn up and hope to begin this very exciting project next year.

Sustainability

Our 27 year old pioneering river-source heat pump which heats the pool water has been a cause of concern. We have been advised that it may need to be replaced but not yet! The pool, once again, has a leak, probably due to faulty seals. This will need attention this closed season as will the need to mend failing concrete in the pool. We will address these problems by commissioning a complete strip down of the pool bed, repairs and repaint in long lasting epoxy resin.

Our effort to become and remain a sustainable business was rewarded in March by our being given the 'Environmental Enterprise of the Year' award by the Cumbria Social Enterprise Partnership.

Campsite

Our small, riverside campsite is a vital source of income for the Pool and is good for businesses in the village. In spite of poor weather we recorded 400 individual campers in 121 groups in total.

Most visitors are from Lancashire but we had groups from The Netherlands and Ireland.

We decided to contract out the mowing of the field this year and this has provided a much improved surface for camping.

Our thanks are due, once again, to David at 'The Midland' for taking bookings and collecting fees. Without his support we would find it very difficult to manage this part of our enterprise.



Getting better known.....

This year we have developed a marketing and publicity strategy, led by our new, dynamic website. This has raised our profile on search engines and is a major benefit to the Pool. We would like to thank Sally Frost and Stuart St John for their work on this. We are now a member of Cumbria Tourism and are looking to promote the pool and campsite more widely.