



Arbroath Sea Pool Project

Trustees' Annual Report

April 2025-1st Jan 2026

CRAFT STALLS



YOGA BY THE BEACH



WATER SAMPLING



Charity contact information



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Charity Trustees

1. Katherine Davies : Chair
2. Keri Hollis (left Dec 2025):Treasurer
3. Stella Phillips: Secretary
4. Claire Pullar: Vice Chair
5. Hazel Coutts: Fundraising
6. Rowan Sunflower: (Joined January 2026) :Treasurer

Objectives and activities

Background

During Covid-19 a boom in open water swimming led to the idea of building a new sea pool in the area and AASP was born. Arbroath has a history of open water swimming, and the area has a strong swimming and watersports market in the region. The community would benefit from a pool which would increase the areas sustainable tourism market, which could be a all-year asset.

The guiding principles of the group are that the pool should be

- Free
- Accessible
- inclusive to all.

Our primary focus is to raise funds and awareness for the development of the sea pool. Through Facebook and our website, we aim to provide detailed information about the sea pool project, our fundraising efforts, and the latest progress on the construction. We take pride in being a part of the Arbroath community and are committed to creating a safe and enjoyable sea pool that everyone can enjoy.

In addition, we aim to provide evidence for fundraising applications, such as the suitability of the chosen pool site, the benefits of outdoor swimming.

It has been a strong year in funding applications, where we successfully received a grant for purchasing a dedicated Sea Pool Committee Gazebo. We have been identified as one of the top ten projects for the £20M Arbroath Community Funding Project (Our Arbroath). We completed a Water Sampling project, where we took water samples from the proposed site, to confirm the suitability for swimming where we analysed samples for E. coli/ Enterococci and Hydrocarbons (due to the proximity to the harbour to eliminate any concern of the impact of marine vessels on the water quality). All water analysis has been carried out by the James Hutton Institute, the sampling showed that the site is suitable and gave comparable results to Arbroaths recommended bathing beach.

This year we have also concentrated on strengthening our community awareness, and have been conducting numerous charity events, from yoga sessions at the beach to a daytime disco, to craft stalls.



Structure, governance and management

The Arbroath Sea Pool governing document is the constitution.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

We reached out to local groups to recruit a treasurer (and any other volunteers), we have regular reach outs through Facebook. We aim to keep a diverse board to ensure inclusion for all, and to utilize a wide range of skills and experience.

Achievements and performance

- Focus on Facebook Content and keeping a active account
- Supplying merchandise to promote our charity
- Engaging local groups to help, such as the Arbroath Knitters for creating woolly hats which coupled with our logo raised funds.
- Fundraising and awareness events
 - Several sessions of Yoga at the beach (big thank you to Pam at the Qi) taking place in Arbroath and Carnoustie,
 - Stall at Arbroath Pride event
 - Daytime Disco
 - Numerous Craft events
- Water monitoring at the proposed site has taken place from last winter into the summer, providing good evidence as to the cleanliness of the water at the proposed site.
- We have been active with funding applications
 - to fund the initial architects' work for the pool
 - No 1 on the shortlist for 'Our Arbroath' funding.
 - Grant from Seagreen fund to purchase a Gazebo.

Financial review

The diagram below gives an insight into the fundraising events that the Arbroath Sea Pool achieved in 2025. For a full financial details, see the accounts.



Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We aim to hold £500 in reserves, to cover mandatory expenses, such as insurance, and IT fees. Our only expenditure is on fundraising activities, and engaging service to provide evidence to move the project forward, such as sampling, seabed surveys. It is intended that the majority of the work required to design and build the Sea Pool will come from Funding Applications.

Future plans

Our aim for 2026 is to continue with Fundraising events, from Yoga at the Beach to a Bucket Collections, Medium Nights and Womens Circle events. A cultural Heritage Assessment will be conducted to assess the proposed site for possible Shipwrecks, features that could jeopardise the site.

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:



Print name

Katherine Davies

Designation

Chair

Date

24/5/26