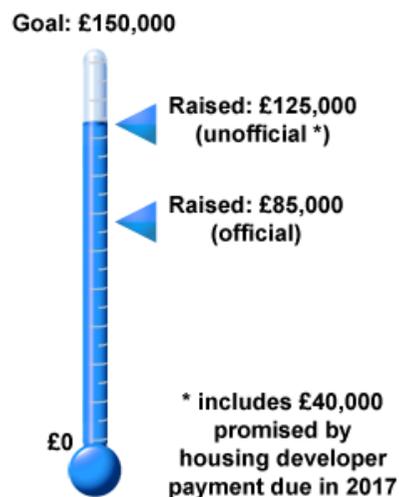


## We're nearly there!



## Where will it be?

\*\*\* New Site! \*\*\*

We've just been offered the freehold on a new site for the pool in the Cullompton north-west extension. It will be close to the new primary school and within easy walking distance of the health centre.

This site is much larger than ones we've been offered previously, and will enable us to build a first-class swimming and hydrotherapy centre, with room to expand.

We're told there may be funding available too. We have of course accepted the offer and will be working closely with all the parties involved to make the pool happen.

## How you can help

Here are just a few of the ways in which you can get involved in this exciting project. Come and help us build a community-owned, community-run swimming pool and learner pool, plus Mid Devon's first hydrotherapy pool.

- Join our team (we need 7 more people)
- Volunteer in our shop (just 2 hrs/week) (if you don't want to man the till you could sort/clean/iron/price donations)
- Help us find and apply for grants
- Help us find donors and sponsors
- Help deliver leaflets, posters, surveys
- Help at an event or run one of your own
- Donate money or a raffle prize or something we can sell in our shop
- Join our 50/50 Club
- Help us collect a mile of 20p coins
- 'Like' our Facebook page

**Just one little thing will help!**

## How to contact us

**Visit our shop:**

15 Fore Street, Cullompton, EX15 1JS  
(next to Bubbles launderette)

**Telephone:**

01884 33978 (Admin)

07510 308 949 (Shop)

**Email:** [admin@cullypool.org.uk](mailto:admin@cullypool.org.uk)

**Website:** [www.cullypool.org.uk](http://www.cullypool.org.uk)

We're also on **Facebook** and **Twitter**

# Cullompton Swimming Pool Campaign

## Information

**Autumn / Winter 2015**



**Registered Charity**  
**1161344**

**Patron:**  
**Sharron Davies MBE**

## **Our Aims**

We're aiming to build and run a 25 metre indoor, heated swimming pool and learner pool in Cullompton. We're also aiming to build a self-contained hydrotherapy suite alongside it (the first one in Mid Devon).

We need to raise the first £150,000 ourselves, and the rest (about £2.5 million) should then come from grants, donations, sponsorships, the sale of shares, etc.

We're working closely with an architect to establish a design and accurate costings. We're also gathering evidence to support our grant applications, and putting together a formal business plan.

The pool will be owned by the community and run as a social enterprise. It will be managed by a panel of voluntary trustees.

We aim to minimise running costs by:

- Using volunteers to manage and staff the pool wherever possible. Lifeguards will of course be fully qualified.
- Using green energy systems for heating and electrical systems as far as possible.
- Minimising chemicals by using alternative systems such as UV.
- Introducing as many cost-efficiency measures as we can, and learning from other community-run pools.

## **Campaign History**

A campaign to build a pool in Cullompton has been running on and off since 1922. Many older residents can remember their grandparents donating money for a pool when they were children. Unfortunately the campaign ground to a halt several times over the years, and all the money raised up to 1985 was returned to the community, including gifts to returning servicemen after WWII, purchase of the CCA fields, and maintaining the old Community College pool. All the money raised since 1985 is in our bank account.

Culm Valley Swimming Club (later known as Culm Valley Swimming Pool Campaign) began in October 1985 (with a balance of £0) and was based at the Community College pool (which was closed in 2001 due to repeated vandalism and has now been filled in). They raised over £55,000 by 2011, and made a profit of over £23,000 after deducting the costs of running the pool and other expenses. (Their full accounts are on our website.)

Cullompton Swimming Pool Campaign was formed in August 2011 when the Culm Valley Swimming Pool Campaign ended. We inherited the £23,000 and have since increased it to over £65,000. A further £20,000 is held in trust for the hydrotherapy pool and a housing developer has promised us £40,000. So we are over 80% of the way to our £150,000 target.

## **Do It Yourself!**

In 2004/5 a MDDC feasibility study found that a pool in Cullompton would be too costly for the Council to build and operate. It recommended that the community should take it on themselves as a charitable/social enterprise, and this is exactly what we have done – with MDDC's full support (but not financially).

We formed a steering group in 2011 and became an independent charitable incorporated organisation in April 2015.

Most community-run pools are highly successful and self-sustaining, so they cost Council Tax payers nothing. In this area they include Axminster (Flamingo Pool), Chudleigh, Clyst Hydon, Crewkerne, Kingsteignton, South Molton, Topsham and Wiveliscombe, and there are many more across the country. We've visited several of them and they're happy to help us and share their expertise.

We are a very small but enthusiastic team that is determined to make this project work. If we can prove there's sufficient need/demand for the pool (and we're working on that right now) we should be eligible for a wide range of grants.

Cullompton's pool is (hopefully) now just 3 or 4 years away. We could really use your help to keep the campaign going and to help run the pool when it opens.