



Realise The Dream



Background

In anticipation of the closure of the outdoor pool at the village's primary school in 2013, a group of parents and supporters have been raising funds to build a new heated indoor pool at the school, available all year around, so our children and local community can learn and enjoy swimming in Debenham.

The Project

The proposed new pool is to be built on the school's playing field next to the pre-school playgroup building. It will big enough for up to 30 swimmers, can accommodate 3 swimming lessons groups at a time and will have its own changing rooms.

During term time weekdays, it will be used by the primary and other schools and local groups, whilst in the evenings and weekends a programme of swimming lessons will be offered together with opportunities for private group hire and public swimming sessions. There will also be holiday programmes available throughout the year.

Where are we now?

Through the efforts of the project's community based steering committee and fundraising group, over £120,000 has been raised through local grants, charities and from a range of events such as the fun run, quiz nights etc. This was topped up by Sport England last summer, awarding £109,000 from their Inspired Fund. With fundraising continuing approx. £230,000 has been raised to date.

Since then we have engaged a Project Manager and Architect to turn our outline plans into a detailed costed scheme. Engaging a builder and specialist pool supplier to assist, the project has now been worked up – but there's a problem and we need your help!

What do we need?

We have a great scheme but inevitably some of the funds have already been spent on developing the project and the actual cost of building has just kept rising. In particular, complying with ever stricter environmental and health and safety regulations, means that we now have a project budget of £400,000 and therefore we have a major funding gap of about £170,000. So we are asking for your help to raise the funds.

How will we do it?

We need the whole community to back the project as this will support our funding applications to a number of new available grant schemes. The community have already contributed much to the project, **but there must be people and businesses out there who could offer either funds, materials, services or equipment to help us make this happen.**

Why Now?

There a deadline! Our various grant givers need it at least started by the end of 2015. That's not much time, so it's now or never!

If you can help or point to someone who can – great, but even better **come to our community meeting on Wednesday 20th May 7pm at Debenham Leisure Centre and together we can realise our dream!**

If you can't make the meeting but want to help, simply email:
contact@debenhamcommunityswimmingpool.org.uk