

Wiveypool Report – March 2023

It's only been a few months since our last update, but we have plenty of news to tell you about.

Pool Opening

We're delighted to confirm that we will open for morning only lanes from Saturday 8 April. The main season will start on Saturday 29 April. Whilst we would have liked to open earlier and more fully, energy costs are still very high, and heating the pool earlier would have been very costly.

Detail of how to purchase membership is on our website, www.wiveypool.org

Cost of a Swim

We have taken the decision to keep the costs of a swim the same as they were in 2022. It's very important to us for the pool to be affordable to as many as possible, and with our new energy sources about to come on line we believe this to be a sustainable approach. But we will need to monitor our costs carefully as we go forwards.

Energy Project

In the last update, we told you about the sustainable energy generating equipment that we're buying. We hope this will make the pool more environmentally and financially sustainable for the long term.

We're very excited to tell you that we have now started installing the equipment. The huge air source heat pump arrived very recently, and we've readied the ground for the installation of new solar panels, which we hope will arrive this month. The photo below shows it being carefully moved into place at the back of the pool.



And if that wasn't enough, the pool developed a leak over the Winter. It took a lot of locating, but it is now fixed. We're very grateful for the huge amount of work put in to get the pool in such a good position, especially by Martin Keane, Sylvia Cottrell, Phil Lincoln and Paul Whittard.

Lifeguards

We are recruiting some new lifeguards to keep you safe while you swim, 2 undertook the 6-day NPLQ (National Pool Lifeguard Qualification) course recently at Blackbrook and passed with flying colours. Wiveypool is running its own NPLQ course from 10-15 April 2023. Check the RLSS website if you need more details.

How You Can Help

We will soon start to benefit from our new renewable energy sources, but haven't yet paid for them fully. In addition to the wonderfully generous donations we received, we had to take out a £40,000 loan, that we need to repay. If you can help us with this, donations can be made here: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/wiveypool>

We also have a lot of work to do before we open, after all the construction work that has been going on there's lots of repainting, clearing and cleaning to be done. Watch this space for details of working parties over the next few weeks. If you can spare a few hours, it makes such a difference. No skills are needed, just enthusiasm!

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Wiveypool Committee