



TCP October 2022 Pool News

Our community owned Tenbury Swimming Pool faces closure without urgent financial help

The trustees of Tenbury Swimming Pool do not want our wonderful community asset to become a leisure centre closure statistic

The Tenbury Swimming Pool faces an uncertain future with best case scenario operating losses of £10,727 in 2022/23 and £134,028 in 2023/24 without financial support and community action due to the energy price increases and rising inflation.

The most recent utility figures from Freedom Leisure are alarming and far more than anticipated. The increase for the next 6 months will be £61,862 resulting in an operating loss of £10,727 and the impact in 2023-24 assuming the cap remains in place will be £134,028, showing a worse case operational loss of £184,000 without financial support and mitigating actions affecting the membership. Currently the cap is only for 6 months with a review after 3 months where decisions will be made going forward. Despite the Government's positive PR, the cap does not actually provide much support at all. A review by the government is the only option going forward.

The trustees believe the future of the Tenbury Swimming Pool is not viable without urgent mitigating operational and building development actions, additional local financial support, and government help. TCP and Freedom Leisure have met on several occasions with Malvern Hills District Council to ask for additional financial support for this year in addition to the annual grant of £68,476 that TCP received and passed on immediately to Freedom Leisure. A request to increase the grant for 2023-24 has been made in line with the projected energy cost increases. TCP have agreed to raise £20,000 in 2023/24 and will need help to achieve this.

TCP are also applying for decarbonisation funding for our building improvements that will help to reduce costs. TCP and FL have worked exceedingly hard in partnership over the last 4 years to make the Tenbury Swimming Pool a financial success so we must not let this current challenge beat us. The facility was on target to make a financial profit for the first time in 2022-23 although the current predictions now are for a £10,727 loss due to the energy increases. This is disappointing as the staff of the swimming pool have worked hard to achieve a 64% increase in active participation compared to pre covid figures and the operational and building improvement mitigating actions have reduced the electricity costs by 22% and the gas costs by 67%.

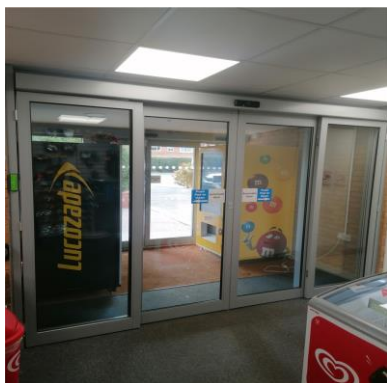
TCP and FL Coffee Morning Friday 11th November at 9.30 a.m. and Saturday 12th November at 9.30 a.m. Meet your trustees and some of the FL team.

If you would like to know about the current financial situation facing the Tenbury swimming Pool or find out more about the TCP and FL plans for the future, please come along to our informal meeting.

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Important energy crisis updates from TCP and FL:

Like all leisure centres in the UK, Tenbury Swimming Pool has been affected by the energy cost increases influenced by the war in the Ukraine and the sharp rise in the standard of living affecting salaries and consumables. TCP and FL are actively working with Malvern Hills District Council to seek additional financial help during this period of uncertainty.



What are TCP and Freedom Leisure doing to help?

With a grant from the Hobson Charity a second automatic door has been installed in the centre reception. This is a small change with immediate effect. The reception is now a much warmer place!

The numerous mitigating changes that are being made, including extra doors, the pool cover, tweaking with the pool temperature, have helped FL to reduce their gas consumption in Tenbury by 67% compared to the same period in the previous year. A 140,690 KWH saving.

There has also been a 22% reduction in electricity usage showing a 16,447 KWH saving.

Longer term TCP are working hard to secure funding for more solar panels, double glazed windows, and new energy efficient boilers.

We're all in this together so with your help and support we'll protect the long-term future of the Tenbury Swimming Pool and have a lasting impact on the health and wellbeing of your community.



Date for your diary: Christmas Open Day – Tuesday 20th December

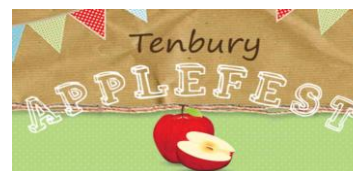
After the successful open day in August Freedom leisure are planning a Christmas Open Day on Tuesday 20th December.

Time to get a health check before starting a new year fitness regime, take part in an exercise class or successfully beat the spike island.

Contact Freedom Leisure Tenbury on freedom-leisure.co.uk/centres/tenbury-swimming-pool



Applefest Saturday 1st October Freedom Leisure attended the Tenbury Applefest again this year with support from TCP. During the day people of all ages challenged themselves to a mini 'Applefest' triathlon – Rowing, the Plank and Squats with winners receiving a 3-month membership and other prizes. A big thank you to everyone who visited our stand.



Do you want to join TCP as a trustee or volunteer?

TCP would like to build on their volunteer and trustee base to enhance their impact on the sustainability of the Tenbury Swimming Pool. Do you have skills related to website design and social media? Do you have time to attend regular operational and strategic meetings? Do you want to be part of our exciting future as we enter negotiations for a new long-term contract with our preferred operator?

If yes, Email TCP at info@tenburypool.co.uk or phone 01584 819653