



the flamingo pool

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Knitters successfully raise £ thousands for The Flamingo Pool

Dedicated local volunteers have been busy knitting to help raise funds for self-funded local charity, The Flamingo Pool.

A group of local volunteers have managed to raise £5653.60 since December 2013 by knitting seasonal items such as Easter chicks, Easter bunnies, Father Christmas' and hats for The Flamingo Pool. This figure is likely to have reached £6000 in the near future.

Each year the sales and demand for the hand knitted items increases. Last year alone, £1143 was raised from sales.

The knitting circle started in December 2013 and has gone from strength to strength. Shirley Parris, Hazel Wignell, Joy Tedbury, Lorna Winterborne, Carole Hanna, Diana Hunt and Claudine Grynprez each have donated not only their time but also the materials for free.

The money that The Flamingo Pool has raised from the sale of the knitted items has paid for a TV screen in the reception area, new grating around the main pool, re-painting and new equipment in the ageing first aid room and has made a contribution towards new mannequins used for teaching CPR. The remainder of the cost of the mannequins was paid for by a generous legacy donation.

Steve Buxton, from *The Flamingo Pool*, said: "We would like to thank all of the ladies that have tirelessly knitted to raise funds for The Flamingo Pool. We really couldn't have raised this money without their help. I would especially like to thank Shirley Parris who has been fundraising with complete dedication for The Flamingo Pool, since its concept, over 20 years ago".

"Without the help and commitment of these ladies, we would not be able to provide such fantastic facilities to our local community."

Knitted items are for sale at The Flamingo Pool reception. Cash donations are also gratefully accepted. In addition, donated books, puzzles and games organised by

Shirley Parris, contribute towards the staggering £1500 per day that it costs to run the pool.

The Flamingo Pool, a self-funded charity embraces eco-friendly technology to lower their carbon footprint and save money. This allows them to provide more activities at the pool.

Both pools are disinfected by Ultra-Violet (UV) light so that the level of chlorine in the pools is approximately a third of a normally disinfected pool.

Anyone can come to the Flamingo Pool for swimming, aquafit, swimming lessons, lifesaving, swimming clubs, family fun, inflatable sessions and training courses.

Find out more at www.flamingopool.co.uk

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Notes to Editors:

The Flamingo Pool:

- The Flamingo Pool is a charity who aims to provide and maintain a public swimming pool for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Axe Valley and its neighbourhood and offer the best aqua activities in a safe & enjoyable environment. We aim to offer a high standard of affordable exercise, fun facilities, teaching programmes, classes and employment opportunities to the local community in Axminster and its surrounding towns and villages.
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