

THE FRIENDS OF STONEHAVEN OPEN AIR POOL

work as volunteers year-round to ensure that the Pool is in tip-top condition for each summer season

Each year, Friends donate around 4,000 hours of skilled and unskilled labour, worth at least £35,000, to clean, maintain and market the Pool, and they also raise funds for special projects.

Recent projects include:

- a paddling pool for younger 'swimmers' (£120,000)
- new, energy-efficient boilers (£22,000 cash + £17,000 in kind, as skilled labour)
- new, more effective pool covers to retain heat and prevent flies and wind-blown debris entering the Pool overnight (estimated cost £16,000)



Cleaning, painting the terraces and the Pool 'tank', and much more work behind the scenes, ensures that by opening day, everything is in prime condition for the first swimmers, paddlers and sunbathers to enjoy - even 'Splasher', the Pool's cuddly dolphin mascot, joins in!

BUT: the changing rooms and lockers let the Pool down!



Most lockers are too small (300 x 300 x 450mm) for most sportsbags, the locks have seen better days, and they're hard to keep clean, although the Friends and Pool staff try hard!

WITH AN AWARD OF £6,000

from RBS CommunityForce, the Friends could buy 35 large (900mm), or 22 large and 15 medium (600mm) easy-clean lockers like these, with secure locks operated by £1 coins. These would be both family-friendly and also ideal for people who come for a swim wearing clothes they'd prefer to hang, rather than scrunch up!

