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PRESS RELEASE

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Final funds released to support local swimming pool

In February 2021 the Heathfield Partnership Trust Limited announced that their long-term fund-raising campaign to bring an indoor swimming pool to Heathfield had reluctantly been wound up.

At that time the Trust made public it's intention to donate the funds raised for this project to support two local causes. Money was given to local primary schools to help children who had inadequate access to computers to support home learning during lockdown. A second donation was made to the Cross in Hand Swimming Pool in order to sustain this valuable existing facility.

Sufficient funds were held back at this time to meet any final expenses incurred as a result of formally closing the project. Enough time has now elapsed for the Board to be confident that all outstanding liabilities have now been covered and as a result a further donation of £2,808 has been made to the Friends of Cross in Hand Swimming Pool.

Chair of the Partnership, Rupert Simmons said "We are aware that the Committee at Cross in Hand were facing significant maintenance issues this year as well as facing the challenge of heating the pool next season in the face of rapidly increasing energy costs. The money donated to us at the time was to support construction of a new pool which has proved impossible however we can at least make sure that our existing community facilities remain in good shape and accessible for as long as possible"

Elliott Stevens, said on behalf of the Friends of Cross in Hand Pool Committee "This winter we really needed to make permanent repairs to the pool to prevent a water leak so that we can open next year confident that the Pool will operate all summer. This donation alongside a grant from Heathfield and Waldron Parish Council has enabled us to commission the repairs early which is a hugely positive position for us to be in".

On behalf of the Committee Elliott said "Thank you to both Heathfield and Waldron Parish Council and the directors of the Heathfield Partnership for these donations which are greatly appreciated and will help more students learn to swim and improve their confidence in the water when our pool reopens in April 2023. The Pool committee has decided to invest £2000 of the funding to repair leaks and the remainder will be used to subsidise the hire costs for other local primary schools allowing their students to hire the facility next year without the associated pool hire costs'.

The outdoor pool is available for external hire, enabling families to enjoy swimming locally. For full details of the Pool service please visit <https://www.crossinhandschool.com/friends/Splash>

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