BRAMLEY
BATHS

COMMUNITY LED SINCE 2013

# Impact Report 2023

## Heritage and Community



2023 is the tenth anniversary of Bramley Baths operating as an independent and successful social enterprise, run for and by the community.

Our place in the local community and wider Leeds landscape is being celebrated throughout the year with new events and special activities. The building's attractive and historic features hold great affection in people's memories and have helped the Baths gain a reputation for hosting creative events, helping to raise its profile and reach new audiences.

2024 marks 120 years since we opened our doors, and with plans to build on its success, we will take Bramley Baths into its next chapter, as a thriving venue serving the community.

Celebrating and showcasing our heritage and developing our cultural program are key elements of our longer term strategy.





In recognition of its social, historic and cultural significance Bramley Baths was awarded a blue plaque from Leeds Civic Trust.



Bramley Baths was well known for its swimming galas throughout its history and 2023 brought back this tradition. Named after Sir John Battle, leader of the Friends of Bramley Baths group which saved the baths from dereliction, children of all abilities from our swim school took part in the gala which will become an annual event.



year history. Welcoming over 450 visitors, the pool was transformed into a living

In October 2022 Bramley Baths hosted an art installation as part of the UK's

largest annual arts and light festival, Leeds Light Night. The Baths was one of only

two suburban venues chosen to host an installation, the first time in the event's 18

artwork of colour and light.





Our community garden offers a green space and promotes sustainability, growing a variety of produce for the community to enjoy. Flowers and planting make it an attractive place for the whole community and attracts wildlife to the area. We have plans to develop the garden further to be more widely used as a multifunctional space and increase accessibility.





# Swimming and Membership

Pre 2020 members

Members in April 2021

Members in July 2023

Members in April 2022



Swimming remains at the heart of what we do, teaching this vital life skill and providing a hub for health and wellbeing services.

we currently teach

schools a week
that's an average of

455

school children, some of whom have never been swimming and don't get the opportunity to go outside of their school swimming lessons.

children in private lessons

babies learning to swim

adults learning to swim



Gym 1904 has been fully re-equipped with over £95,000 of Technogym equipment, a company with eco-friendly credentials and promoting sustainability. Our electricity powered equipment uses less energy in comparison to the old and uses sleep mode when not in use. Equipment such as bikes and rowing machines generate their own energy when in use, and all machines are made from recyclable materials and are long lasting, reducing maintenance calls and production of spare parts. The old equipment was recycled so Gym 1904 is more environmentally friendly from production to use.





A new swipe card entry system for members and visitors has been introduced. This will help us capture data about the gym, pool and classes to support and direct future activities and best serve our community.





## Environmental



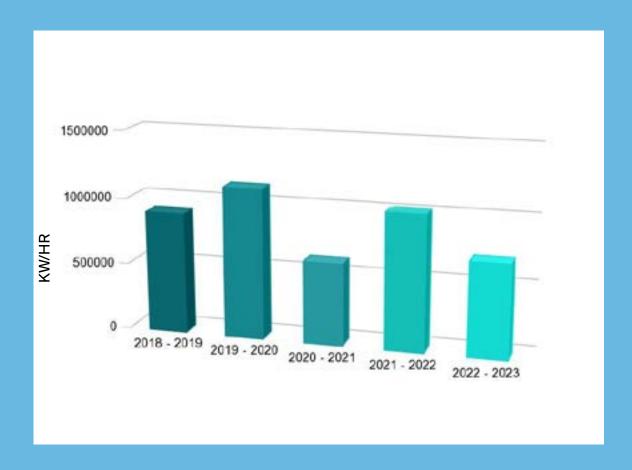
#### **Hyprolyser®**

The use of a new Hyprolyser uses salt to generate sodium hypochlorite providing a sustainable way to disinfect the pool while making the water safe for swimming. This on-site system uses renewable salt, safer to store than chemicals with less impact on the environment compared to other disinfection options, and uses less chemicals to correct PH balance in the water.

## SALT + WATER + ELECTRICITY = SODUIM HYPOCHLORITE

### **UV Lamp**

Our UV lamp provides a disinfection technique using ultraviolet light which kills 99% of harmful bacteria, microorganisms and viruses. Some chemicals still need to be used to treat the pool but less are needed overall, reducing the amount being released into the environment.



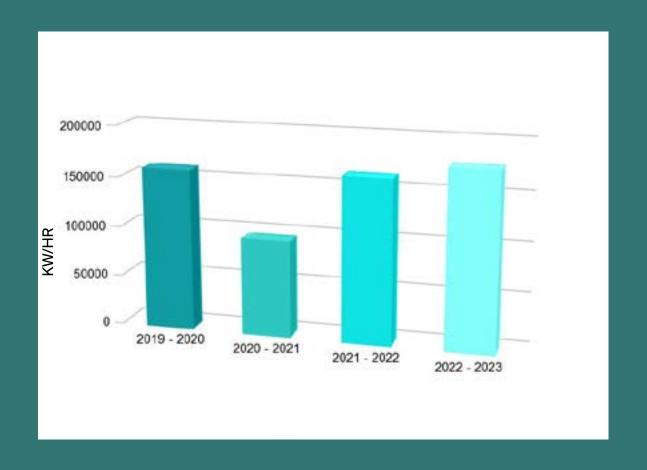
## Gas

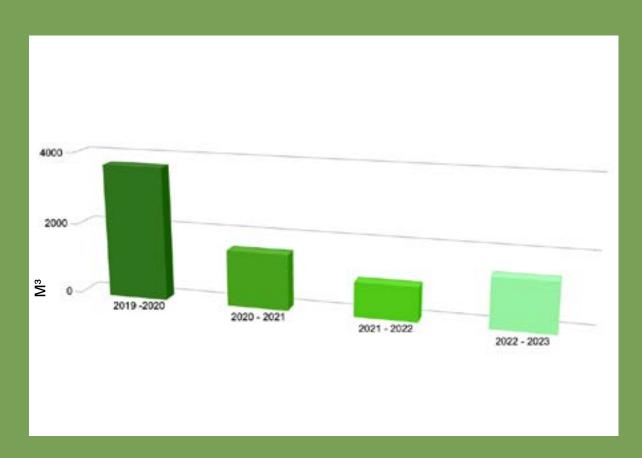
70 carbon tonnes of gas have been saved since 2022 - 2023, equating to a 31% saving in this fossil fuel.

# Electricity

Electricity usage increased by 3000 carbon tonnes in 2022 - 2023, largely due to extremely hot weather and use of air conditioning units. In 2023 we installed new microwave motion sensors and LED lighting. Each unit dims to half power when no movement is detected and then to off after 10 minutes, using 2KW/HR less than the old fittings.

55 old LED lights were removed and will be re-used in poolside changing areas.
A 'lights out' policy has been introduced in the pool space on bright days to reduce energy consumption.





## Water

Consumption metres cubed (M³) has drastically reduced from 2020 - 2021, by introducing photo electric cells on taps and reducing showering use. New taps use 3 - 4 litres of water less than the old push-style taps, and upgrading toilets to water-saving flush and fixing leaking showers have contributed to water savings and reduced wastage.

2022 - 2023 usage is currently up due to a pipe leak that lasted over 18 weeks – we are investigating this and looking to rectify.



	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23
Profit & Loss				
Turnover	£639,756	£190,219	£629,984	£916,426
Grants	£ 44,552	£585,567	£305,951	£ 95,801
Surplus/(loss)	(-47,738)	£ 62,852	£218,071	£199,192
Cash in hand	£ 78,835	£308,835	£500,864	£462,197
Balance Sheet				
RESERVES	£124,046	£186,898	£404,969	£604,131

We introduced the Real Living Wage for all staff aged 18+

The average living wage for a 16/17 year old is £5.28. However, we pay £9.60 per hour because Bramley Baths values the contribution of young people, especially when they have the responsibility of lifeguarding.

Staff have recieved competitive pay increases in line with the cost of living.