



## POND HALL ACTION GROUP

NEWSLETTER NO 1

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**Welcome to the first newsletter of the Pond Hall Action Group! Some of you may be wondering if anything has happened since the open meeting on 10th March 1995 or was it just a flash in the pan!**

**Well, a great deal has happened and there's lots more to come. This newsletter aims to bring everyone up-to-date with progress so far and to let you know what will be happening in the future.**

### FORMATION OF THE GROUP

Following the open meeting, a meeting of all those keen to take an active part in the venture was held on 22nd March. This Group became the Pond Hall Action Group. A Co-ordinating Committee was elected.

The Group has no shortage of enthusiasm and no shortage of talents for all the work to be done - planning, organising fund-raising events, typing, photocopying, to name but a few.

### WHY THE SURVEY?

The Group quickly realised that it needed to know what you would really like to see on the Pond Hall site. So, the door-to-door survey was carried out. This involved a lot of leg-work, so thanks to the members of the Pond Hall Action Group who ventured out in all weathers to distribute and collect questionnaires. Thanks also to all of you who so willingly completed the questionnaires. Many of you had the completed questionnaires ready for collection. That made the job so much easier.

The greatest difficulty we encountered was managing to catch people at home. Despite several visits, there was no reply at a number of houses, perhaps because people were on holiday or at work. We are sorry if you had a form ready which has not been collected. Hardly anyone refused to complete the questionnaire.

## SURVEY RESULTS ( TO DATE)

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| Total number of households surveyed  | - | 1,580 |
| Total number of questionnaires received so far   | - | 1,266 |
| Total number of households where there was no reply  | - | 279   |
| Total number of refusals   | - | 35    |
| Total number of households who wish to have the Pond Hall site retained for leisure and recreational purposes only               | - | 1,252 |
| Total number of households who <u>do not</u> wish to have the Pond Hall site retained for leisure and recreational purposes only | - | 14    |
| Total number of households who would prefer a leisure pool   | - | 846   |
| Total number of households who would prefer a competition pool   | - | 329   |

### MASSIVE SUPPORT!

These results show clearly that there is massive support in the community for the continuation of facilities for swimming within the Pond Hall site.

### SO WHAT NOW?

The information now available has enabled a member of the Group who is a qualified architect to start work on a design for the site which will include not only a modernised indoor swimming pool, but also as many of the additional facilities which you voted for, in particular, a day centre for the elderly, some facilities for young people which are not currently available locally. It is our intention that when these plans are formulated, you will have the opportunity to see them and let us know what you think.

### THE NEXT STEPS

Now that we know for sure that the community is fully supportive of the Action Group's objectives, we feel that we can move forward confidently.

### LOGO

We feel that it is important that the Group is easily recognisable, so some of our more artistic members have developed our logo which you can see at the beginning of this newsletter. The Dr Black memorial clock and the words "The Pond" represent the historical significance of the Pond Hall site as part of our Burgh's heritage.

The logo will be used on all posters and letters and we are investigating the possibility of having badges, car stickers and T-shirts printed.

### YOUTH COUNCIL

It is very encouraging to report that a Youth Council has been formed by young people themselves. Their contribution will be very valuable. More about this next time!

### SWIMMING CLUB

Steps are being taken to re-form the Cockenzie and Port Seton Swimming Club. Watch out for more information about this soon.

### FUND-RAISING

Unfortunately, we can't get very far without money! Already, several small raffles have been held. Our first major event is on 27th May 1995 when there will be a sponsored walk and a car boot sale. Posters giving details of these events are in the library and local shops. Please give them your support!

Next, we are planning some events in co-operation with staff at "The Camps" - Bourne Leisure are very supportive. We hope these events will take place during the Glasgow fair fortnight. Watch out for some details and for other events after that.

### AND FINALLY .....

This newsletter has given you a brief overview of activities so far. We aim to keep everyone informed of what is happening, so look out for Newsletter No 2 in the not too distant future.

Also, please keep an eye on local noticeboards and the local papers for news.