

BRIGHTLINGSEA LIDO



Accessibility and

Equipment update August '21.

As one of its strategic priorities Brightlingsea Lido has taken steps to improve accessibility for all and enhance provision for users with impaired mobility. In 2018 ramps were installed at the entrance and an accessible changing room was created.

The Lido trustees planned to upgrade provision and further improve facilities in 2020. Following applications by trustees and the Lido access consultant Rowena Macaulay, grant funding of £11,000 was obtained from Catalyst for a pool hoist, and £4,000 from the FSJ Trust for a changing bench.

The impact of flooding and the Covid pandemic meant that the pool was not operational at all during 2020. Due to serious flood damage the site had to undergo a major repair and restoration project when circumstances allowed during the course of 2021.

As part of the refurbishment work the changing bench was fitted in the accessible changing room earlier this year. Delays in the delivery chain of the hoist meant that it did not arrive on site from the USA supplier until after the Lido opened on June 21st 2021. Following a specialist assessment it became evident that the groundworks required for installation are more complex than first thought, and the work cannot be undertaken whilst the pool is operational.

As part of the overall development programme, trustees are looking to provide a pool cover. This will improve water temperature and provide more potential access for users with mobility impairment. The installation of the pool cover and the access hoist will therefore be scheduled for the close season with the aim of being operational in 2022. This will confirm Brightlingsea Lido as one of the most accessible and user friendly open air facilities in the country.

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