

BRIGHTLINGSEA LIDO



Lido in *Brief* – MARCH 2021

Update on all things Lido from the trustees

Café Lido open for takeaways

The Lido café reopened for takeaway drinks, snacks and ice creams from Friday March 12th. The initial opening times are expected to be Friday, Saturday, Sunday 9am to 4pm; these times are obviously weather dependent. The trustees are happy to give a young team – Jay Jenkins and Leon Peacock- the opportunity to develop the business and hopefully move towards a fuller opening when restrictions allow. They are aiming to use local suppliers – butchers and bakers – to source their meat and bread. We hope you can support this venture if you are out walking or exercising with friends and family.

Refurbishment Progress – moving towards opening!

Unfortunately, the current lockdown has further delayed major plant room repairs to the pump and electrical systems. Whilst there are still government restrictions in place the capacity to undertake full blown prep work with groups of people has been limited.

BUT given the recently announced government roadmap out of Covid restrictions it is anticipated that small work parties will be able to get started on pool cleaning and painting from 12th April. If this goes as anticipated and there are no further govt enforced delays then Trustees are confident that the **Lido will be open** for swimming again from around **21 June!**

There will of course be a need to adjust operating practices as required by conditions at the time but it will be necessary to have an online booking system (to avoid queuing) and to limit numbers on site. A sessional system is likely to maximise opportunities for swimmers with several bookable sessions per day rather than an all-day ticket. Season tickets and early morning swims should be available and all new procedures will be finalised in due course.

Whilst the operation of the pool will be dependent to some extent upon national developments, we must remember that **outdoor swimming is good for the body and mind** we want to give people the opportunity to enjoy themselves safely again in the open air.

Annual Report

Our Annual Report and Accounts for 2019-20 have been published and are available on this link <http://bit.ly/LidoAnnualReport>. The report showcases our second season as a charity, before the flood and Covid disrupted our plans for 2020

Join us

We are now advertising for a new **Lido Operations Manager**. The role will be full-time during the summer season and part-time for the rest of the year and cover the whole Lido site including the cafe. The ideal candidate would have experience in a leisure, hospitality or sport environment and excellent

customer service, organisational and people management skills. A commitment to our charitable aims and a can-do attitude is essential. Please see our Facebook page or website for details or email brightlingsealido@gmail.com to request a pack. Applications close on 6 April.

There will also be paid opportunities for **Lifeguards**. We will be contacting our previous lifeguards to see if they are available this summer. Please get in touch if you are interested

We are actively looking for new unpaid **Trustees** to help to steer our Lido in 2021 and beyond, Experience of catering management, HR, governance, marketing/ social media or plant room operations would be a particular advantage, but the most important attributes are a commitment to our Lido's objectives, good team working skills and the energy to get involved (either on site or behind the scenes). If you are interested please read our annual report then email us (brightlingsealido@gmail.com) and a current Trustee will get in touch to discuss next steps.

Finally, we ask all **Volunteers** to ensure they have registered using our google form so that we can keep you informed and be in touch as and when volunteering opportunities arise. On-site activities may need to be pre-booked to keep numbers manageable until Covid restrictions are lifted. If you receive this update via email on Sunday 14 March then you are already on the list. If you did not get the email or would be interested in signing up for the season ahead please fill in the form on this link To register as a potential volunteer please complete our google volunteer form <https://forms.gle/xfbRJafj6MTxmLaK6>

Fundraising will be as important as ever as we emerge from the lockdown and have to adapt to new ways of operating. The Fundraising team never sleeps or misses an opportunity and they are eager to get out and engage with our community when allowed. They managed to collect £244.41 last November from the charity pots in local businesses in town.

Thanks again to all our volunteers and supporters – we have all worked so hard to reduce infection rates in our area – please keep up your guard and continue to be patient.

We can see some clear blue water ahead so bear with us and hopefully we will be able to enjoy a relaxing and very hot summer ahead.

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