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Following some sections of the pool floor beginning to sound hollow, a Geological survey of the pool in 2011 revealed that while the base and sides were structurally sound and constructed well beyond today's standards. Approx 70m sq of the screed on the floor had de-bonded from the base, which had been allowing algae to form in the numerous cavities that had been created.

We had suspected this had been the cause of the algae problems we have been suffering from the last few seasons. Although the use of chemicals made the algae harmless it was unsightly and only with a tremendous effort from the lifeguards continually brushing it away were we able to keep its presence to a minimum.

We knew the only way to solve the problem would be to replace the de-bonded area of the screed. Finding a company to undertake the work was the first problem, many came and looked, saw the size of the pool and were never seen again. Finally in early 2012, Manchester based pool specialist Aqualiners agreed to come and look at the pool when it had been drained and give us a quotation for the necessary repairs.

The next task was to raise funds for the £32,000 to carry out the repairs, which would include removing and replacing the damaged sections of screed and stripping back the existing paintwork and re-surface the entire pool floor with a modern sealant to give a smoother surface for easier maintenance.

The BRM Day committee had selected the pool as one of the benefiting charities of the very successful BRM Day held in October 2012 to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Bourne based Formula 1 Grand Prix team BRM and Graham Hill winning the Constructors and Drivers championships in 1962.

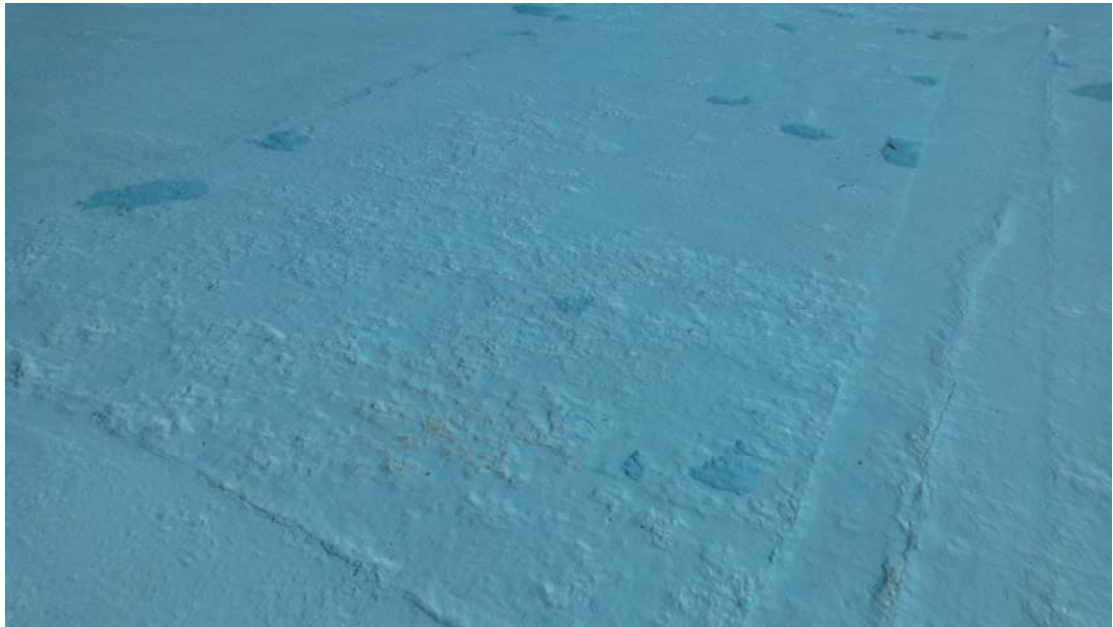
In December 2012 the Pool was presented with an interim donation of £15,000 and advised that the proceeds of the forthcoming DVD of the event would also be shared between the two nominated charities.



Following discussions with The Len Pick Trust in early 2013 who have been staunch supporters of the pool over the years, they kindly agreed to provide a £15,000 Grant to enable the repairs to be carried out as we were aware the algae problem appeared to be getting worse each year.

Work commenced in April 2013, which revealed that in the two years since the survey, the de-bonded areas of screed had increased from 70m sq to 110m sq.

The final cost of repairs came to £37,000 and the management of Bourne Outdoor Swimming Pool would like to take this opportunity to thank the BRM Day Committee and The Len Pick Trust, without who these repairs would not have been possible. Their generosity has ensured that the Pool will be able to continue to offer a unique leisure facility for the people of Bourne and beyond for many years to come.



Some sections of the original Pool floor were very uneven which was also allowing Algae to form



Identifying the de-bonded areas, the ticked sections were ok



Work begins removing the be-bonded areas





Finally the task of hand painting the pool was aided by a working party from Cummins Stamford