

Hi Tony, Mohammed, Bet,

I was walking into town [today](#) from Caversham, past King's Meadow, when I noticed the unassuming building that I normally walk past without a second thought had been opened up to the public. It was a fantastic surprise to discover that it was a swimming pool, so close to where I live, which must have been glorious in its hay day.

I was also very touched to hear that there was a dedicated group of volunteers working very hard to restore the building to its former glory and make use of it in so many ways - as a facility for those using the meadow, as a community centre, as a pool and so on.

I wholeheartedly support this enterprise, and I got the impression that many others in the community feel the same way. It would be a fantastic asset for me personally (I would love to get out and swim, but there isn't a pool at a convenient enough distance to bother regularly), as well as being a brilliant focal point for the community.

In terms of community, it was also great to hear how the project was bringing people together - from giving people the opportunity for gaining skills and experience when volunteering to help with building work, to helping people get more invested in their local area. I also strongly believe that if many people get involved in projects like this, it catalyses attitude changes that ripple out to affect the wider community.

I understand that for this project to proceed in the planned direction, you need to add the building to the 'list of assets of community value'. As my representatives, please could you take my views (a firm 'yes please') into consideration when making this decision.

Yours Sincerely