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# BATLEY BATHS PROJECT

PRESENTED BY  
DOWNS AND SPECIAL FRIENDS



**Batley Baths**  
Project Team



AN EVENING OF PURPOSE & IMPACT

# Welcome to the Batley Baths Visionary Evening

We are honoured to share with you our vision for the future of this beloved community landmark.

Through this booklet, you'll learn about the rich history of Batley Baths, our transformative plans, and the powerful impact your support can have in breathing new life into this cherished space.

*Together, we are preserving history,  
fostering inclusivity, and building  
a sustainable future for Batley.*

Akhtar Kasia  
DNSF Trustee



# About DNSF

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## About DNSF (Downs and Special Friends)

Downs and Special Friends (DNSF) is a charity rooted in North Kirklees, committed to empowering individuals with Down Syndrome, Autism, ADHD or other diagnosed and undiagnosed disabilities.

## Our Mission

Our mission is to ensure these individuals and their families have access to supportive, inclusive spaces where they can thrive.

## Involvement

DNSF's involvement with Batley Baths is a natural extension of our mission, as we work to transform this historic facility into a welcoming community hub for everyone.



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# HISTORY OF BATLEY BATHS

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**Batley Baths  
has stood as a  
vital part of the  
Batley community  
for over a century.**

Originally established in 1893, it was built during a time when public baths were essential for public health and well-being, especially in urban and industrial areas.

For generations, Batley Baths has served as a place where families learned to swim, gathered for community events, and enjoyed leisure time.

It is a piece of history that we are committed to preserving and enhancing for future generations.



# THE DECLINE AND CLOSURE



**Over the years, Batley Baths faced challenges common to many historic public facilities.**

Financial constraints and changing community needs eventually led to its closure, leaving a significant void for local residents. The facility, once filled with activity, now stands in disrepair and awaiting a new purpose.

DNSF believes that with your support, Batley Baths can be revived and serve as a thriving hub for health, wellness, and social connection once again.



## BATLEY BATHS

# OUR VISION

**DNSF envisions  
Batley Baths as a  
revitalised community  
space that blends its  
historical charm with  
modern amenities.**

Our vision includes a centre dedicated to children with special needs, a community café, enhanced swimming facilities, and wellness areas.

Batley Baths will not only be a recreational site but a place of learning, inclusivity, and social engagement, offering services that meet the needs of today's community.

# Transformative Plans

Our plans include:

## 1. Swimming Facilities

Scheduled sessions for schoolchildren and the general public, ensuring that everyone has access to swimming as an essential life skill.

## 2. Gym Facility

A modern gymnasium equipped with the latest fitness technology to cater to all ages and abilities, promoting health and wellness for the entire community.

## 3. Adult Day Centre

A dedicated space for children and young adults with special needs, designed to foster learning, social engagement, and skill-building.

## 4. Community Cafe

Operated by children with special needs, the café will provide a warm, inclusive space for the community while offering work experience and skills development.

## 5. Spa & Wellness Area

Sauna, steam rooms, and spa services to promote relaxation and well-being.



# Objectives & Goals

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## | Inclusivity and Accessibility

To create a welcoming space for everyone, regardless of ability.

## | Sustainability

Develop a business model with multiple revenue streams to ensure long-term success.

## | Community Engagement

Work closely with local residents, schools, organisations to deliver programs and events that enhance community life.

## | Support Local Economy

Provide job opportunities, support local suppliers and increase footfall in Batley.



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# IMPACT OF YOUR SUPPORT

Preserve a piece of Batley's history

Create inclusive opportunities  
for individuals with special needs

Promote health and wellness  
across the community

Contribute to a sustainable community  
project that will benefit generations to come



# Batley Baths

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Gym Visual Renders



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Cafe



Description



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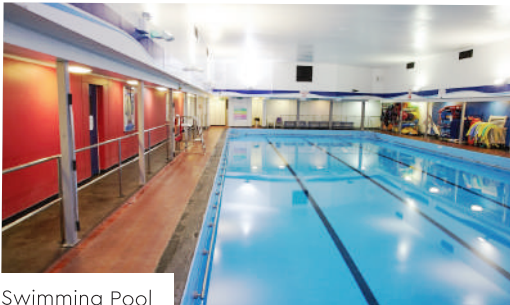
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Spa & Wellness



Entrance



Swimming Pool

Batley Baths  
& Recreation Centre

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ENTRANCE & RECEPTION →

SUPPORT



# How You Can Help

Your support is invaluable to this project.

## > Donate

Make a one-time or recurring donation to fund essential renovations and support our programs.

## > Spread the Word

Help us raise awareness by sharing our story with your networks, on social media and within the community.

## Qarz-e-Hasna

"Loans that will enable us to bring these plans to life"

Amount:  Years:

**Bank Name:** Virgin Money

**Account Name:** Downs and Special Friends

**Account Number:** 11687601 **Sort Code:** 050005

## > Volunteer

Share your time and skills with us to help manage the facility and run events.

# How You Can Help

*We aim to continuously improve Batley Baths, adding new facilities and adapting to community needs.*

*With your support, Batley Baths will evolve into a premier wellness and recreational destination that upholds Batley's rich heritage while meeting modern demands.*



# Thank you for supporting Batley Baths!

Your contribution will help us bring this historic facility back to life as a vibrant, inclusive community hub. Please complete the form below to make your pledge.

## Your Details:

Full Name:

Organisation (if applicable):

Email Address:  Phone Number:

Address:

## Your Pledge: I would like to make a pledge to support the Batley Baths project in the following way:

One-time Donation:

Monthly Donation:

Qarz-e-Hasna:

Amount: £

Amount: £

Amount: £  Years:

Volunteer Support:

Skills / Services I can offer:

Payment Information:

## Please indicate your preferred method of payment:

Bank Transfer

Direct Debit (for monthly pledges)

Cheque

Cash (on the evening)

Bank Name: **Virgin Money**

Account Name: **Downs and Special Friends**

Account Number: **11687601** Sort Code: **050005**

## Gift Aid (For UK Taxpayers):

Make your donation go further at no extra cost to you.

Yes, I am a UK taxpayer and would like DNSF to claim Gift Aid on my donation.

Signature:  Date:

## Acknowledgements:

Please keep my pledge anonymous

I am happy to be acknowledged as a supporter of Batley Baths.

## Return This Form To: Downs and Special Friends (DNSF)

Email: [info@downsandspecialfriends.org](mailto:info@downsandspecialfriends.org)

Address: 5 Howard Street, Batley WF17 6AA



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