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**Ashton Under Lyne Swimming Club**

1919-2005

The Ashton-Under-Lyne Baths were opened in 1870; it was one of the first and largest municipal swimming baths. The architecture of the building is Byzantine in style and largely red brick. Sixty per cent of the building was occupied by the main Swimming Bath. The pool was 100 feet long and 40 feet wide and was used mainly by male bathers, with a three hour period on Thursdays for ladies. In the eastern section of the building was a smaller pool, 27 feet long and 15 feet wide, for the use of female bathers. During the winter months, when the main bath was closed, the smaller pool was used by men and women at different times. There were also private bathrooms and Turkish baths. Part of the building was used as a police station and a station for one fire engine. During the winter months the main pool was covered over with a wooden floor, built on wooden supports placed on the bottom of the pool, it was used instead as a concert hall, meeting room and a skating rink. Ashton Baths introduced mixed bathing in the July 1921, one of the first in the area to do so; this has been attributed to the local swimming club campaigns for mixed gender bathing.

Records of Ashton under Lyne Swimming Club including: minute books; membership lists; and a dissertation based on the records of Ashton under Lyne Swimming Club - "Festive Mermaids' and Murky Waters: Gender, Competitive Swimming and Society in Britain from the late nineteenth century to the present day." by Jennifer Broadbent, Pembroke College, Oxford University.

Ashton under Lyne Swimming Club to be allowed borrow these records as when the need arises.

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DD376/1	<b>Members Lists</b> 3 items	1921-1958
DD376/1/1	<b>Junior Members (15-18 yrs)</b> This file has full members lists and the subscriptions paid by all members. 1 Volume	1921-1950
DD376/1/2	<b>Junior Members (Under 16 yrs)</b> This file has full members lists and the subscriptions paid by all members. 1 Volume	1921-1958
DD376/1/3	<b>Senior Members (Over 16 yrs)</b> This file has full members lists and the subscriptions paid by all members. 1 Volume	1921-1958
DD376/2	<b>Accounts</b> 5 items	1906-1972
DD376/2/1	<b>Cash Book</b> This file details the expenditure and income of the Ashton Swimming Club from 1906 to 1911. 1 Volume	1906-1911
DD376/2/2	<b>Accounts and Membership Book</b> This file lists new members from 1919-1920 and details the accounts from 1908-1910. 1 Volume	1908-1920
DD376/2/3	<b>Cash Book</b> This file details the expenditure and income of the Ashton Swimming Club from 1911 to 1922. 1 Volume	1911-1922
DD376/2/4	<b>Accounts Book</b> This file has the accounts for the years 1922 to 1924 with notes from the external bookkeeper. 1 Volume	1922-1924
DD376/2/5	<b>Accounts Book</b> This file has the accounts for the years 1962 to 1972 with balance sheets inserted regularly. 1 Volume	1962-1972

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DD376/3	<b>Log Books</b> 2 items	Jul 1956- May 1979
DD376/3/1	<b>Log Book</b> This file includes details of the Galas and Swimming Competitions held between 23 Jul 1956 and 22 Oct 1956. There are times for each participant and press cuttings covering the Galas with details of who won, some with pictures of the competitors. 1 Volume	23 Jul 1956-22 Oct 1956
DD376/3/2	<b>Log Book</b> This file includes a log of participants' times and the record holders of the swimming club. 1 Volume	May 1974- May 1979
DD376/4	<b>Minutes</b> 4 items	Jun 1919- Nov 1989
DD376/4/1	<b>Minutes</b> This file has the minutes from the monthly meetings held by Ashton Swimming Club with news cuttings relating to the topics discussed at the meetings from Jun 1919-Feb 1925.	18 Jun 1919-26 Feb 1925
DD376/4/2	<b>Minutes</b> This file has the minutes from the Committee Meetings from Mar 1925-1938 with some general correspondence re: a thank you letter for a donation to the local hospital and billing letters from businesses.	6 Mar 1925-1938
DD376/4/3	<b>Minutes</b> This file has the minutes of the Committee meetings with nominations of officers from Mar 1959-Feb 1972.	4 Mar 1959-4 Feb 1972
DD376/4/4	<b>Minutes</b> This file has the minutes from both annual and monthly meetings dated Mar 1972-Nov 1989 with some miscellaneous letters, one a letter of resignation from the committee.	6 Mar 1972-2 Nov 1989
DD376/5	<b>Histories</b> 1 item	2005
DD376/5/1	<b>Thesis</b> This file is a Thesis entitled 'Festive Mermaids' and Murky Waters: Gender, Competitive Swimming and Society in Britain from the late nineteenth-century to the present day written by Jennifer Broadbent from 2005. this document discusses Ashton Baths' change to	2005

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mixed sex bathing and includes floor plans of the baths both from 1870 and 1975.

DD376/6	<b>Photographs</b> 4 items	1932-1938
DD376/6/1	<b>Photo</b> This photo is of the Aston Swimming Club Junior Squad from 1933. The people on the photo are: M. Robinson, W. Wood, J. Lowe, A. Dean, G. Nield, J. Calverly, B. Hubbant and A. Clayton. 1 Photo	1933
DD376/6/2	<b>Photo</b> This Photo is dated 1938, it is of the members of Ashton Amateur Swimming Club who participated in the following teams: Northern Counties Senior Champions, Northern Water Polo League Winners, Lancashire County Senior Champions, Northern Squadron League Winners and Bolton and District League (Division 1) Winners. 1 Photo	1938
DD376/6/3	<b>Photo</b> This Photo has no information with it but is a slightly different copy of File DD376/6/3. 1 Photo	1933
DD376/6/4	<b>Photo</b> This photo shows the 1933 Northern Counties Junior Champions, the 1933 Oldham and District Water Polo and Squad Champions, the 1933 Manchester District Water Polo, 2nd Division Champions, the 1933 J. W. Cole Shield Winners and the 1932 Oldham and District Water Polo Champions. 1 Photo	1933