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Uxbridge's 1935 open air swimming pool has been awarded a £1m grant by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) towards its restoration and reopening to the public.

Uxbridge open air pool gets new lease of life

Hillingdon Council applied for grant aid to top up the £1.2 million it is providing to bring the historically important pool off park Road back into working order.

The pool will form part of the council's £20m Uxbridge Lido which will include an indoor swimming pool and leisure centre to complement the nearby athletics track recently opened by the Queen.

Under the restoration programme, the unique twelve-sided star-shaped 50-metre pool, the children's pool and two cascades will all be revamped along with the sun decks and footpaths.

The grandstand will undergo major renovation work and a new shower block built. The entrance building will be improved to create the main entry point for the leisure centre.

Sue Bowers, Heritage Lottery Fund Manager in London, commented: "Outdoor pools are like gold dust in the capital and Uxbridge is a real gem."

Olympic pool campaign

The council is working with local residents, local swimming clubs, the Amateur Swimming Association and one of the country's sporting legends, Duncan Goodhew to back a campaign to upgrade our existing plans to create a 50m pool at the Uxbridge Lido.

The group are lobbying Sport England and the Department for Culture Media and Sport for an extra £5m for a 50m pool that can be used by international athletes, as well as the local community. The council believes this facility will be ready for 2008/2009 and will give London a lasting legacy for our young people.

Cllr Henry Higgins, Cabinet Member for Culture, Sport and Leisure said: "In the overall costs of preparing the capital for the Olympics in 2012, which will run into millions, the £5 million that we need to provide a world class facility that will be the envy of many countries seems a small price to pay."



Your memories

Do you have memories of using Uxbridge Lido or are you one of the people on our front cover? We'd love to hear your memories either by email to hillingdonpeople@hillingdon.gov.uk or by letter to *Hillingdon People*, Corporate Communications, London Borough of Hillingdon, 3E/07 Civic Centre, Uxbridge UB8 1UW.

