

PRESS RELEASE

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Community Investment in Accessible Access to Leisure Pool



Photo Caption: Easyroller wheelchair arrives at Dunbar Leisure Pool

*From left: Pippa Swan, Dunbar Community Council; Carol Tait, **enjoyleisure** Service Manager for Dunbar; Alasdair Swan, Dunbar Community Council; Jacquie Bell, Dunbar Community Council.*

Demonstration video available here: <https://youtu.be/c9cas57E7Yw>

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Thanks to the generosity of Dunbar Community Council, supported by funding via Community Windpower, **enjoyleisure**'s Dunbar Leisure Pool is now in possession of a state-of-the-art accessible wheelchair to assist customers in and out of the pool.

The purchase of an 'Easyroller Wheelchair' means that customers with various additional needs can now gain easy and safe access to the pool, thus benefitting from the numerous health and wellbeing benefits that come from being in the water, whether for rehab, therapy, relaxation, fitness or pleasure.

As water supports an individual's bodyweight, it is a great form of physical activity for all ages and abilities. As well as providing a whole body workout, it can also be especially beneficial for the mind, as a means of de-stressing and relaxing, plus there's the social aspects of meeting others and spending time with family.

For customers with additional support needs, a pool hoist is generally used to aid customers into the water. However due to the configuration and layout of Dunbar Leisure Pool, with its high freeboard and beach entrance; a wheelchair is the optimum route of access into the pool.

The "Easyroller Wheelchair" is a fully plastic, metal free wheelchair, specifically designed and manufactured for use in swimming pools and showers. It provides direct access for users from the changing rooms, via the showers and into the pool in one easy step.

It is easy to manoeuvre, has a strong and adjustable breaking system and incorporates a 'tip stop' function which prevents the chair from being tipped more than 3 degrees backwards.

Its simplicity of design, ease of use and direct access to the pool, will relieve considerable apprehension for individuals, their carers and families about gain entry and exit to the pool.

Pippa Swan, Chair of Dunbar Community Council said, "Dunbar loves its leisure pool and it is so important that it should be accessible to all. The Community Council is so pleased to have been able to support **enjoyleisure** in this endeavour. The new chair is fully submersible so that users can be helped right into the water. It is easy to use and a vast improvement on the old one! We are looking forward to working on more exciting projects with **enjoyleisure** in the future."

Diane Wood, Community Benefits Director at Community Windpower Ltd said: "We are delighted to support Dunbar Leisure Pool with the purchase of this wonderful Easyroller Wheelchair. The ability to access the pool so simply will enhance the health and well-being of those individuals using it, further heightening the rewards and all-round experience of visiting their local swimming pool".

Bill Axon, **enjoyleisure** Chief Executive comments, "As East Lothian's charitable, health wellbeing and leisure trust, **enjoy** is committed to providing accessible and inclusive activities for all ages and abilities, so everyone across East Lothian has the opportunity to improve their overall health and wellbeing.

We are very grateful for Dunbar Community Council and Community Windpower's support in purchasing this wheelchair, which will allow us to provide a much easier transition to the pool for our customers with additional needs.

Swimming has so many health benefits, and by providing easier access to our facilities, we hope that we can encourage more individuals within our communities, and beyond to enjoy a swim at Dunbar Leisure Pool."

For information about the activities and services offered by **enjoyleisure** at Dunbar Leisure Pool and across the county visit www.enjoyleisure.com.

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About 'enjoyleisure'

Enjoy East Lothian Ltd, known as **enjoyleisure**, is the Charitable Health, Wellbeing & Leisure Trust for East Lothian. **enjoyleisure** aims to improve lives by inspiring active living, through the provision of sport, leisure, fitness and recreational activities across the county. **enjoyleisure** actively encourages, motivates and inspires all ages and abilities to "enjoy" participating in physical activities to help improve their overall health and wellbeing.

enjoyleisure's management portfolio includes: 6 Sports Centre, 5 Swimming Pools including Dunbar Leisure Pool, Musselburgh Links, the Old Golf Course; Winterfield Golf Course; numerous Grass, Synthetic and 3G Outdoor Pitch facilities; Climbing Wall, Athletics Arena; and seasonal recreational facilities.

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About Dunbar Community Council

Dunbar Community Council is an active player in community matters, promoting and often funding, if in a small way community projects, commenting on public consultations and representing your views to the local authority. Dunbar Community Council contributes to making your community a better place to live, work and play in.

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About Community Windpower

Community Windpower Ltd is at the forefront of wind energy development in the UK. We are proven renewable energy specialists, experienced in the identification, design, development, construction and operation of onshore wind farms.

Community Windpower is responding to the Covid-19 crisis by making £255,000 of funds available to local communities in or near our seven wind farms. We're working with our teams at BeGreen Dunbar and BeGreen Dalry, along with various community councils and the Dalry Parish Boundary Trust, to ensure funds are made available to organisations who need it most. The financial support is through both money diverted from wind farm community benefit funds and directly from Community Windpower itself.

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