

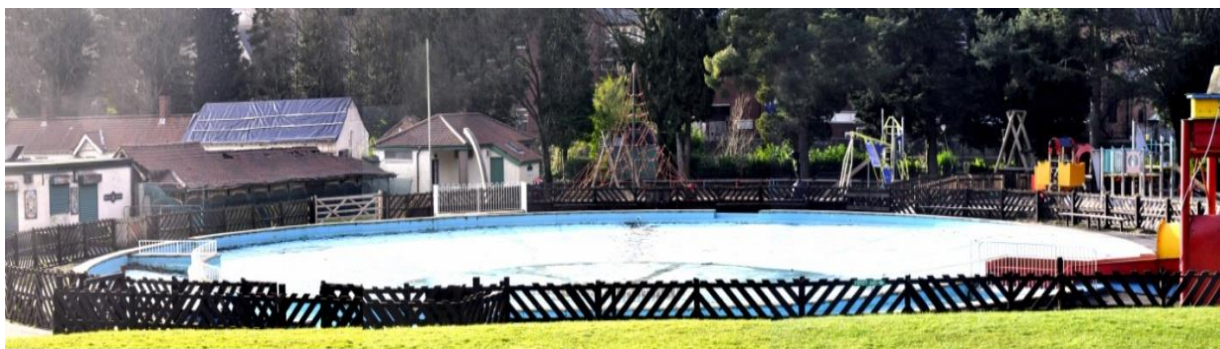
## **Pontypridd Paddling Pool**

### **Ynysangharad War Memorial Park, Pontypridd**

#### **Photographic Record (March, 2014)**

Ynysangharad War Memorial Park is a public park of the 1920's, laid out in Edwardian style and situated on level ground, on the east bank of the river Taff at the centre of Pontypridd. It was laid out on fields, allotment gardens and an orchard in the triangular area between Ynysangharad House and the Brown Lennox Chain and Anchor Works on the east of the river Taff on the west and the south. The suggested layout was formal, with straight tree-lined walks around the various sports grounds. The final layout was less formal, with sports facilities and ornamental features, with a framework of tarmac paths, some straight, some curving.

The paddling pool site encompasses a circular reinforced concrete paddling pool, constructed in 1923, which has a diameter of 34 metres, and a surface area of 908 square metres. The paddling pool gradually increases in depth from the edge to the centre to a depth of 0.9 metres. A dwarf concrete wall with coping has been constructed around the circumference of the paddling pool. In the north east of the site a modern spiral water flume adjoins the paddling pool. The whole site is enclosed by wooden fencing, with further metal fencing in place to restrict movement in particular locations, within the paddling pool.



*Image 1 - A general view of the paddling pool from the park east side, looking towards the river Taff, with the Grade II listed Lido to the south, on the left and children's play area on the right towards the north west.*



*Image 2 - A close up view of the perimeter fencing, surrounding the circumference of the paddling pool.*



*Image 3 - A general view from the south (lido side), showing the paddling pool with the modern spiral water flume in the background, along with gate and perimeter fencing in the foreground .*



*Image 4 - A view showing the detail of the dwarf concrete wall, topped with coping, constructed around the circumference of paddling pool. This view also shows a more detailed view of the spiral water flume, with its catch pool to the north east of the site. The brick built, internal wall, topped with metal railings, segregates an area for toddlers, from other older users, up to the age of 12 years old. Also shown are the steps on the east side, one of four entry points for paddlers, there are identical sets of steps on the north, south & west sides of the pool.*



*Image 5 - A close up view of the dwarf concrete wall, topped with coping, which forms the pool circumference.*



*Image 6 - A close up view of the modern spiral water flume's, catch pool, showing the exit point, for users.*



*Image 7 - A more detailed view of the internal brick built wall, which segregates the toddler area, from older users of the paddling pool.*