

RT SWIMMING POOL SERVICES

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Newsletter

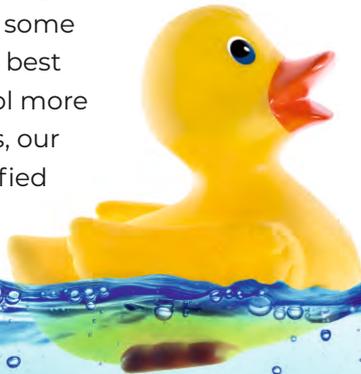
Welcome to our Spring 2026 newsletter where we look forward to another long, hot and sunny summer by the pool. Last year, with abundant sunshine and warm temperatures, our clients were able to make full use of their pools and spas.

At last, winter is behind us and we can look ahead with optimism to long hot, sunny days by the pool or spa. At RT Swimming Pool Services Limited (RTSPSL), we are committed to ensuring your pools and spas are ready for your enjoyment this summer.

Spring is a key time for maintenance of swimming pools and spas. Routine checks, cleaning, and preventive maintenance now will help in keeping your pool and spa systems running smoothly and efficiently throughout the summer season.

I will be in contact very shortly with our clients where we prepare their pools and spas for use in the outdoor swimming season to agree an opening timetable. For all other clients, please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any help in preparing your pools and spas for the season.

In this edition of the Newsletter we feature our latest pool refurbishment which was completed during 2025. We also announce a collaboration agreement with Sandara Limited for new swimming pool builds. In our regular "Pool Doctor" section we highlight the importance of water chemistry in swimming pools and spas and look at some money-saving devices and best practices to make your pool more economic to run. As always, our team of experienced, qualified engineers and myself are here to offer



expert advice as required. In the meantime, thank you for your continued support and trust in us, here's to another successful sunny year ahead!



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Glyn Richards,
Technical Director



Our customer Google Reviews say it all....



A great experience with Glyn from RT pools. Glyn was the only company that replied to a request to attend to an issue with our swimming pools filter. We spoke to Glyn who agreed with our suspicions that the filter required attention, in particular changing the sand filter medium. Glyn was polite, engaging and knowledgeable. He offered to attend at short notice on a Saturday and arrived on time as discussed. Having chatted on site the job was completed without fuss and we were kept up to date with progress along the way. And the pump house left clean and tidy. As a result the pool is back to functioning at its best. Overall a really positive experience and I would strongly recommend anyone who has a pool to contact Glyn at RT pools and use them before anyone else." Google Review, J Higson



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A NEW ERA OF COLLABORATION

We are delighted to announce that we have entered into a collaboration agreement with Sandara to provide a complete solution for future swimming pool build projects. The agreement combines the strengths of both companies to offer a seamless experience for clients, from initial dig to first swim.

Sandara Ltd will lead the construction phase. They specialise in excavation, removal and disposal of clay, soil and debris and laying the reinforced concrete sub-base. They will construct the hollow block walls, utilising vertical and horizontal rebar reinforcement filled with concrete and install specialist paving to surround the pool. For bespoke projects Sandara can construct everything from stylish changing rooms and pool houses to relaxing saunas, elegant garden rooms and versatile outdoor living areas.

RTSPSL, will project manage the overall build. We will handle the installation of pipework and fittings from the pool to the plant room as well as the installation of specialist equipment. This includes air source heat pumps/solar panels with battery storage, sand filters, pool pumps, dosing equipment, pool covers and the pool lining.



"Partnering with RTSPSL is an exciting step forward for both our Companies. RT will continue to manage all technical aspects such as pool plumbing, lining, air source heat pump, plant room, cover and maintenance etc, whilst we handle the pool structure and all related building works. Together we offer a complete high-end solution"

Lee Morris,
Managing Director of Sandara Limited



"We are delighted to collaborate with Sandara in order to deliver a first-class swimming pool design and build proposition to our clients at a competitive price. Together we have developed a pricing model for the design and build of swimming pools based on a given set of criteria. This will form the base point for the pricing of pool projects. We can't wait to get started!"

Glyn Richards,
Technical Director, RTSPSL



From Dated to Dream Pool - turning a relic into a modern gem

During the Spring and early Summer of 2025 we completed the major refurbishment of an existing service clients swimming pool. The owners are delighted with the end result which is in effect a brand-new pool complete with an automatic safety cover and surround porcelain pearl tiles

We were approached by a long-standing customer to completely refurbish their old 32' x 16' liner pool, with a depth of 7'6" to the deep end. The pool had served the family well over the years, but as can be seen from the adjacent photograph it was now tired and in need of attention.

Our customer was aware that the pool needed a new liner and this prompted a complete re think on how they would like the pool and surround to look. What followed, was a major refurbishment of the existing pool to include a much wider sun patio area.

We stripped away all the old coping stones and brick

paving and removed the old liner. The existing pool was shortened by 1.5 metres (5'). The deep end was filled in and the shallow end dug out to create an overall consistent depth 4'6" to give 4' of water for swimming. A dry pit was dug out to create the housing for the new hydraulic automatic key operated safety cover.

The pool walls were re-rendered and the pool floor screeded. New inlets, skimmers and sumps were installed along with new replacement pipework throughout. Access steps were added to the corner of the pool and the pool was site lined in light blue with a darker blue on the steps in non-slip material.

The plant room was completely re-plumbed and the pool surround area was laid in 900mm x 600mm porcelain pearl tiles. Finally, subdued lighting was incorporated around the pool with uplighting added to the tree at the far end of the pool and on the surrounding walls.



As we continue to see rising energy costs and increasing emphasis on sustainability, it's more important than ever to ensure your swimming pool is both enjoyable and efficient. Below are the key developments, devices and practices that we at RT Swimming Pool Services recommend for reducing energy consumption without compromising performance.

We have listed some specific actions we recommend you consider implementing:

Upgrade to a variable-speed pump: A major shift in recent years has been moving away from older single-speed pumps towards variable-speed drives. These allow the pump to run at lower speeds when full power isn't necessary. So, if your pump is older and running at full speed all the time, switching to a variable-speed unit can cut energy use dramatically.

Install or properly use a pool cover: Evaporation and wind-driven heat loss are major contributors to energy waste. A good cover and, where appropriate insulation and windbreaks help retain heat and reduce runs on the heating/pump. So, whenever the pool isn't in use and especially overnight, remember to deploy a cover.

Use an air source heat-pump or solar heater (or both): Heating the pool water remains one of the biggest energy draws in a pool installation. Integrating solar panels and inverter-driven heat pumps can significantly reduce energy use. These systems can pay off, particularly during cooler months or where you want an extended swim season.

Switch to LED lighting and integrate timers/automation: New-generation LED lights for pools consume far less energy than older halogen/incandescent systems. The use of smart controllers/timers, so that pumps/heaters/lighting only run when required reduces wasted energy.

Set temperature sensibly and monitor usage: Every degree you raise the water temperature above the minimum comfortable level can increase operating costs.

Good maintenance and system optimisation: Even with the best equipment, if the system is poorly maintained (clogged filters, undersized plumbing, neglected timer settings) you will lose efficiency. A clean filter, correct water chemistry, and prompt repair of any leaks or faults all help in overall efficiency. Regular servicing, appropriate sizing and correct operation are essential.

At RTSPSL, we are able to audit your pool, equipment and usage:

- Review your current pump, filter and heating system and evaluate if a variable-speed or inverter upgrade is appropriate.
- Assess whether you would benefit from a pool cover upgrade, solar/heat pump installation, or improved insulation/wind-break strategy.
- Implement smart controls, timers and automation so that your pool runs when it should and doesn't waste power when it shouldn't.

- Set up a maintenance plan to keep your pool at peak efficiency, including filter cleaning, water chemistry, leak checks and regular reviews.

Should you be interested in making your pool more energy efficient, please contact us to schedule a pool-efficiency audit. During this audit we will:

- Examine your current equipment, age, sizing and performance.
- Measure your likely current energy consumption and estimate potential savings with upgrades.
- Provide you with a clear, written proposal of recommended devices/practices, with cost vs savings and pay-back timeline.
- If you decide to proceed, we can coordinate installation, set-up of controls and provide ongoing monitoring.

At RTSPSL we are committed to helping you enjoy your pool in the most cost-effective, efficient and environmentally friendly way possible. If you have any questions, or would like to talk through options, please don't hesitate to contact us.



We take a look at the importance of water chemistry in swimming pools

Maintaining proper water chemistry is crucial to the longevity of the pool and the health and safety of those who use it:

Prevention of Algae Growth: Balanced water chemistry prevents algae from thriving, thus avoiding green, murky water that can be difficult (and expensive) to get rid of.

Protects Pool Equipment: Proper water chemistry helps protect pool equipment from corrosion and buildup, extending the lifespan of the pump, filter, heater, grout and tiles or liner etc.

Ensures Clean and Clear Water: When water chemistry is balanced, it remains clear and inviting, while also protecting the pool's surface from damage.

Safe Swimming Environment: Unbalanced water can irritate swimmers' skin, eyes and hair, whereas proper chemical levels keep the water comfortable for swimmers.

At RTSPSL, each of our qualified, experienced engineers carry the latest Palintest Lumisco Pooltest 6 which enables a complete water balance calculation, with tests for alkalinity, bromine, calcium hardness, chlorine, cyanuric acid and pH. Where we service clients pools and spas, our procedures provide for a complete water balance calculation on a monthly basis and where we visit more frequently than monthly, pH and chlorine/bromine testing are carried out during interim visits.

Whilst all aspects of water balancing are crucial, we would particularly draw attention to the dangers of not getting the pH level right. pH measures the acidity or alkalinity of water. It ranges from zero to fourteen. Seven is

considered neutral, so below seven is acidic and above seven is alkaline. It is essential to maintain pool/spa water so that it is neutral and not too acidic or alkaline.

High Alkalinity (high pH levels): swimming in a pool where the water has high alkalinity should be avoided as it can cause irritation to skin and eyes. High alkalinity also causes cloudy water, clogs your pool filters and creates a rise in dirt buildup.

Low Alkalinity (low pH levels): Swimming in a pool with acidic water can be dangerous, known symptoms include, stinging eyes, throat irritation and respiratory issues. Acidic pool water will corrode metals and destroy pool surfaces.

Over the years, unfortunately, we have been contacted to assist where low pH levels for a prolonged period have caused extensive damage, including eating away the grout between the tiles/tile band, destroying concrete surfaces, deteriorating liners, corrosion to metal surfaces such as pool ladders, light fixtures, railings etc and damage to the pump, filter and heater. So, a damaging and potentially expensive mistake to make.

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I highly recommend this company.

Our pool was in disrepair with the sides flaking off, loose tiles and edging stones and leaks. Glyn and Richard came and reviewed what needed to be done, they were very conscious of our budget and produced a plan to come within that. The team worked in the coldest part of winter, were really helpful and friendly. And the work was completed on time.

As it happened when the pool was filled again another leak was detected. At no charge they came back, reviewed the work, fixed the leak and made sure that we were happy.

A tremendous company ethic, good quality work and good value for money (no pool repair is cheap). I have not found a better company to maintain our pool."

Google Review, Nick

Please contact us to discuss your swimming pool requirements!

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