



**Shropshire's Premier
Pool and Spa Company**

A photograph of a swimming pool under construction in a rural setting. The pool is rectangular and filled with blue water. It is surrounded by a concrete deck. In the background, there is a green field, trees, and a red brick building. The sky is overcast.

Welcome to your swimming pool project guide

Shropshire Pools and Spas is owned and run by husband & wife team Tony & Tracy Roberts. Tony has been in the industry for over 25 years and has a wide & experienced knowledge, as well as the enthusiasm to learn and pass on information on all of the new products & developments available to customers.

Tony is a qualified ISPE (Institute of Swimming Pool Engineers) Technician. Through previous contracts, Tony has been involved in many projects throughout Shropshire & beyond, both domestic & commercial, and is well known & respected for his quality workmanship and listening to customers requirements thus fulfilling their needs to the finest detail.

Tracy started working alongside Tony back in 2008 after a long career in the hospitality industry. Looking after the showroom & admin, Tracy will be your first point of contact whether it is for your chemical supplies, equipment replacement, swimming pool & spa sales, water chemistry advice and lots more. She has gained various customer care awards as well as obtaining a City & Guilds qualification in sales and also has her certificate in water chemistry awarded in accordance with BISHTA (British & Irish Spa and Hot Tub Association) recommendations.

In 2016, Rachael joined us to work in the showroom, due to ever-increasing sales of pools, spas and chemicals. Rachael has been a close family friend for over 6 years, so was an obvious choice to bring on board. Our newest addition to the sales and administration team is Becky, who came on board in 2018. Becky is with us on a part-time basis and with her previous retail experience, she will have no problems in upholding our friendly and professional customer service reputation. To compliment the family run firm, Tracy and Tony's son, Dan assists Tony when required to do the larger jobs and spa deliveries. Their daughter Sarah can be seen in the showroom on a Saturday to help with customer enquiries.

Together, Tony, Tracy, Dan, Sarah, Rachael & Becky strive to offer you the best experience possible so you can enjoy the best experience possible.



So, you have considered, dreamed of, talked about, researched, weighed up the benefits of owning a swimming pool, talked about the lifestyle you could all be leading and have come to the conclusion.....let's do it!

We have always wanted to build an outdoor swimming pool ever since we first used one some 15 years ago.

When we finally decided to commit to creating one we embarked on looking at different designs and one that we felt would fit with the farm house we live in whilst having a minimalist modern feel to it. That was the easy part!

We then had to embark on finding someone that could help us create it. The first time we met Tony I believe that within 15 minutes we told him that he would be our chosen builder.

Tony and Tracy made this whole process an absolute joy. They gave us the confidence in every part of the process whilst politely guiding us with their years of experience.

We could not have created this amazing addition to our home without the professional help of Tony, his family and their company and to them we are eternally grateful.

David, Zoe, Ella, Jake & Tilly
Shropshire

From the first contact you make with our team at Shropshire Pools and Spas, we aim to put you at ease with the expertise and support from Tracy, Tony and the team. But where do you start?

This guide will talk you through many options available to further your research into deciding on the right pool for you and your lifestyle.

"First class service from initial enquiry to planning and installation"

Mrs R
(Shrewsbury)

We can work alongside any architects or project managers to advise them every step of the way or even just on a consultancy basis if you wish to undertake the project yourself. We use quality products to ensure we provide a quality service with a quality after sales service to match.

With 25 years experience, Tony can advise on all of the options available and if needed, we can arrange the relevant trade's people to ensure you have a minimal amount to do.

I just wanted to say a big thank you. Our pool was installed three weeks ago and we have not been out of it since. The quality of the product is excellent couldn't be more happy. Just as important your advice when we were first looking steered us in the right direction. With no hard sell and your patience as we pulled all the various trade guys together you showed true customer service. Finally but not least Tony and Dan fitted the pool with no fuss and no mess, Tony even answered all my daft questions without laughing too much. Would recommend you to anybody looking for a pool and wish you growing success.

Mr H
Telford



Indoor pools

During cooler months, an outside pool is “winterized” (around 6 months of the year.) The benefit of an indoor pool is that you can use it all year round. Furthermore, an indoor pool offers you privacy and is easier to maintain.

Consider your budget as an indoor pool can cost about three or four times more than an outdoor one but you get the pleasure of its use all year round.



Outdoor swimming pools

Outside pools do not generally require planning permission unless you are in an area of outstanding natural beauty, green belt, listed building or a conservation area. Ensure you choose a sunny spot so that you make the best use of solar energy to keep the water warm.

The block and liner pools are one of the cheapest methods of building a traditional pool. The pools are usually constructed from a single layer of high density solid concrete blocks and inside is rendered smooth with sand and cement. The liners are then individually fabricated to your pool. The pool kit will come with all that you need for your pool except basic building equipment like cement, sand and concrete blocks and heating although the heating source for your pool can be discussed when you meet with Tony and Tracy during consultation. Size and shape is completely up to you and the liner will be tailor made to fit your pool once construction is completed.



Tile finished pool

A tile finished swimming pool is made from reinforced concrete, insulated and built to last. Your pool can be tailored to your choice of shape and size as well as a choice of colour and design of tiles often ceramic, glass or porcelain mosaics. Opting for a tile finished pool will ensure surfaces are hard wearing as well as being as individual in design as you would like. Cleaning and maintaining your pool is also easy as glass tiles have a high resistance to mould and pool chemicals. The tiles should last a lifetime using the correct adhesives and grouts



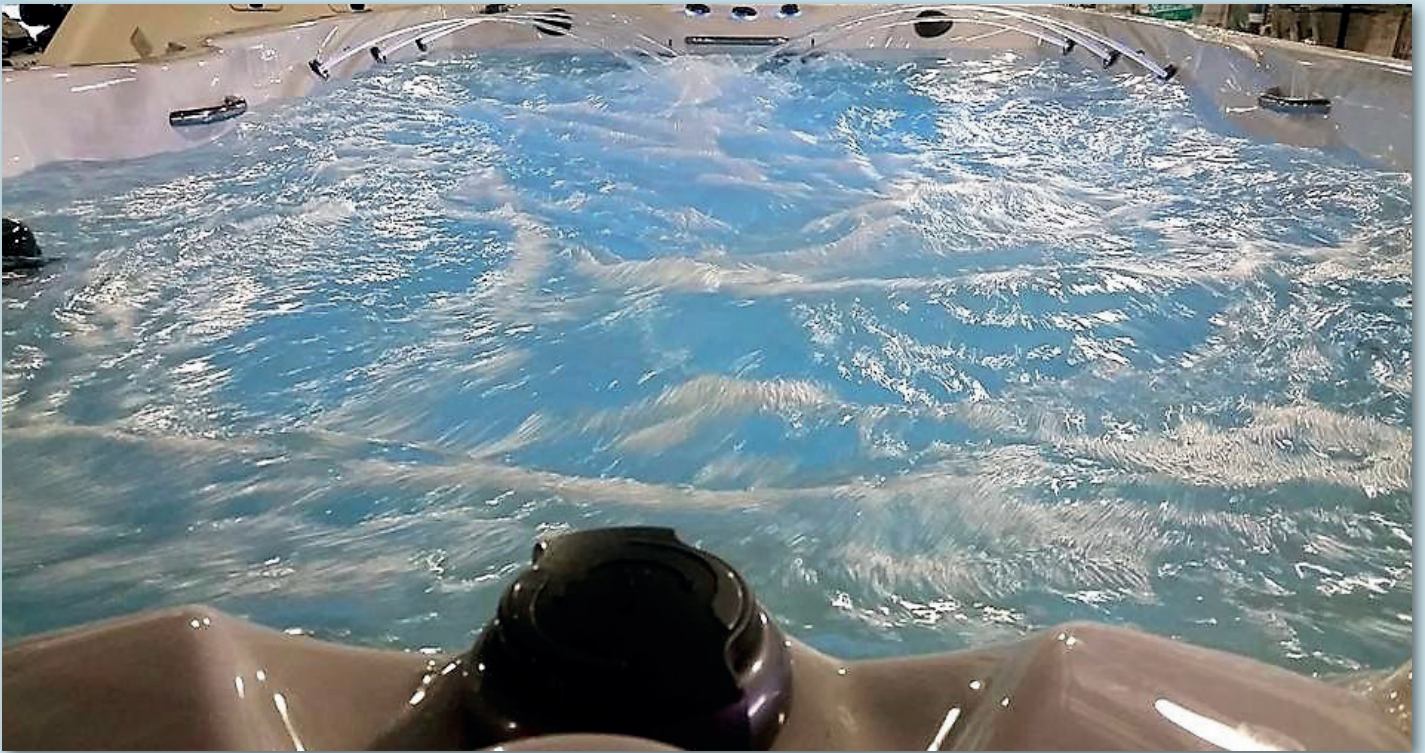
Fibre glass one piece pools

A fibre glass pool is easy to install, easy to maintain and is delivered already constructed. Niveko One Piece skimmer pools are available in a range of sizes as well as optional extras like a choice of step entrances built into the pool or built in slatted pool covers to suit most customer requirements and taste.

The range of Niveko swimming pools are made from 100% Polystone material, meaning they are extremely strong, durable and wear resistant. The walls of these pools are made 8mm thick, the floor 6mm and are finished off with a 30mm thermal insulation. All the pools are pre-plumbed and pressure tested before the leaving the factory to make the installation as easy as possible.



Swim spa



A swim spa is a portable unit that satisfies the need for swimming and relaxing! The swim spa creates a powerful jet of water that allows the swimmer to swim continuously against a current of water. Many swim spas offer a hot tub area for relaxation and all the features of a hot tub. The temperature is fully controllable, so you can change it accordingly to suit your individual requirements.

Wooden above Ground pool



A wooden pool gives you endless design possibilities coming in various shapes and sizes. The wooden pool kit comes complete with steps, fittings, filtration, maintenance kit, cover and liner. The pool is usually made from redwood. Opting for a wooden above ground pool would be classed as portable as they can be dismantled and moved with ease. Most metal framed above ground pools are not classed as portable due to them requiring steel supports concreted into the ground.

An outdoor pool

The process



The chosen size and shape of your pool has now been determined so the journey begins. Preparation of the ground starts and the hole will be dug to the size and depth of your pool. A digger is usually required for this. Once the ground has been dug out, a concrete slab is then poured in.



The area around your pool is back filled and the walls are now built and rendered with concrete.



Coping stones are laid around the surround of the pool and at this stage your mud pit of a garden now resembles a pool! The paving area is laid to complete your poolside landscape. Your chosen vinyl liner will now be fitted to make your pool water tight.

At this stage, you and your family will be getting excited about your new pool, but the journey hasn't ended just yet.



You pool will be filled with fresh water, the cover and roller system is now attached and your pool is nearly ready to enjoy. Lets get the system up and running and your water heated.

Our team will give you information on looking after and maintaining your pool and you will be left with guidance on how to do this.



Refurbishment project



This Rectangle Hopper pool with roman end steps was originally an outdoor pool which was refurbished to become an indoor pool with suitable equipment added for disability access. The pool was first fitted with new underlay. Then a blue mosaic patterned liner was hung and a vacuum placed in order to set the liner air tight to the underlay. The vacuuming process helps to eliminate any creases to achieve a smooth finish.



The pool is now ready to be filled half way with fresh water ready for the pool fittings to be put into place. The vacuum can be removed and the pool is now filled to the correct level. The resin rubber chipped flooring is laid in order to minimise any slip hazards.



Pools check list

Below are some considerations you will want to make prior to getting quotes. Tracy and Tony will guide you through the options available to make it a little less daunting:

- 1) Do you want an indoor or outdoor pool?
- 2) What type of pool do you want?
 - In-ground
 - Wooden Above Ground
 - Hydrotherapy
 - Plunge Pools
 - Block & Liner
 - Fibre Glass 1-Piece Pools
 - Fully Tiled
 - Exercise Pools with Counter Current Machine
 - Swim spa
- 3) What size do you want your pool to be?
 - Length, width, depth including the actual water depth
- 4) Do you want a constant depth, hopper (deep end), sloped?
- 5) At what temperature do you want your pool to be?
 - Standard temperatures are 27-28 degrees
- 6) What are the access conditions to the pools location when building work is underway?
- 7) Is planning permission required?
- 8) Where will the plant equipment be sited?
- 9) Who is responsible for managing day to day maintenance of the pool?
 - Teaching of pool chemicals and regular maintenance will be given by our team.
- 10) Do you have a timescale in mind?
- 11) What type of liner do you want for your pool?
 - (On site lined/ plain/ patterned/ tiled/ combination)
- 12) What cover do you require?
 - (Winter debris/ solar blanket/ liquid cover/safety)
- 13) Do you want steps for your pool?
 - (Corner/ square/ roman/ ladder)
- 14) What kind of lights would you like for your pool and how many?
 - (Halogen/ LED)
- 15) Have you decided what is going to be your heat source?
 - (Air source/ oil/ gas boiler/ solar)

Useful sites

<http://www.spaslimited.co.uk/>

Our website features important information on our services, contact details and testimonials.

<http://www.cpc-chemicals.co.uk/media/wysiwyg/leaflets/a5-blue-horizons-18-page-poolcare-guide.pdf>

An online guide providing you with full information on the boast system and products available

<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/search/pins/?q=swimming-pool>

Ride the wave of the social media and take a look at some ideas on Pinterest.

http://ceramics.waxmanarchitectural.co.uk/media/wysiwyg/wax_arch/brochure_pdf/W_Brochure_Pool.pdf

PDF Tile collection

https://www.plasticapools.net/amfilerating/file/download/file_id/5143/

Liner samples

Notes or questions to ask...

**Shropshire Pools & Spas - Percy Throwers Garden Centre,
Oteley Road, Shrewsbury,
Shropshire SY2 6QW**

sales@spaslimited.co.uk

01743 235081