### Case Study

**Drumheugh Baths, Edinburgh**

Evenly he might have visited the recently opened public baths at Whitley Bath in London. To find the baths shareholders had raised £6,000 for 150 shares, or the end of needlessly spent £4,000. It was a further £5,000 to reconstruct the baths after a disastrous fire in 1891. Ten years later the company then went into liquidation, only for the baths to be bought by its present tenants, the Drumheugh Baths Co Ltd.

Since then, as at Arlington, survival has required members to dig deep to fund tennis courts. As at Arlington and Western, Drumheugh retains its rings and trigunias. Its postcode cubicles have also remained in use, thanks to a rule requiring members to leave their shoes in the vestibule.

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**Great Lengths**

- **Owner**: Southwark
- **Address**: Artichoke Place, SE5 8TS
- **Architect**: Fusion Lifestyle
- **Built**: £294,000 towards £1.15 million
- **Pools**: 1
- **Opened**: October 1 1892
- **Category**: Grade II

**Camberwell Baths, London**

Toward the end of the 1870s, if not of his own making, only trade from the Lady Camberwell Church House, the story of Camberwell, Belsize, and Dulwich is closely intertwined with that of Dulwich, where he was born. As at Arlington and Western, Drumheugh retains its rings and trigunias. Its postcode cubicles have also remained in use, thanks to a rule requiring members to leave their shoes in the vestibule. Eminently practical, as one would expect of Edinburgh’s elite, but proof also that Victorian pools, if properly resourced and sensibly managed, can serve as the urban oasis of the 21st century.

Drumsheugh was the design of the eminent Sir John James Burnet whose father was architect of the Drumheugh Baths Club. He chose the Moorish style, perhaps influenced by Turkish baths he had seen in Paris during his training.