

SWIM ENGLAND WEST MIDLANDS CLUB NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2017



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Swim England's Annual Volunteer Satisfaction Survey



Swim England values each and every volunteer and the work that they do within our sports, and we are constantly trying to improve the service and support that we provide them.

Each year we send out our volunteer satisfaction survey to find out about our volunteers' experiences, any additional support and training they would like to receive and what we do, or don't do which they think would make a real difference.

As a Swim England volunteer, your experience and feedback is essential to judging where we are at the moment and identifying anything we could do to support you and future volunteers.

Please help us improve the service we offer you by completing the survey below. The survey will remain open until midnight on **Wednesday 15 November 2017** and should take around 10-15 minutes to complete. Please click the link to complete the survey <http://www.swimming.org/swimengland/volunteer-satisfaction-survey-2017/>

The answers you provide will help us to shape the work and priorities of our Volunteer Engagement department. Your answers will be treated in confidence, in accordance with the Market Research Society's Code of Conduct, so please be as honest as possible.

Swim England volunteers who take part in the survey will be entered into a prize draw and two winners will be selected at random to **win £100 Amazon gift vouchers** each (please see terms and conditions below).

If you would like to know more about how we use this information, please contact volunteering@swimming.org.

Please note that when we refer to swimming throughout the survey we are referring to all the aquatic disciplines (swimming, para-swimming, synchronised swimming, water polo, diving and open water).

Thank you in advance for your invaluable feedback.

Swim England Volunteer Engagement

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) will come into effect on 25 May 2018

GDPR will replace the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA), however, many of the GDPR's main concepts and principles are much the same as those in the current (DPA). Therefore broad compliance with the DPA will remain valid under GDPR. Clubs and counties are recommended at this stage is to ensure that they are compliant with the DPA.

[Click here](#) for guidance on the DPA on the Swim England website.

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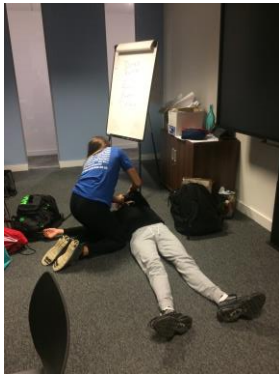
West Midlands Young Volunteer Programme

Thirty members from different swimming clubs across the West Midland Region attended the Regional Young Volunteer's Programme on 7th & 15th October 2017 at Worcester.

The programme focusses on continual volunteer development and offers access to four courses. These are 'First Steps into Coaching', 'Young Aquatic Helper', 'Timekeeper' and 'Core skills in First Aid' courses.

The programme raises awareness of the wide range of roles available to young volunteers at events and within their clubs. It is a really great way of giving something back to their club, but it also gives them valuable life skills in preparation for adulthood.

The two days were a fantastic success with all volunteers engaging in all of the activities and having great fun.



ESSA (English School Swimming Association) Water Polo Tournament in Malta

Sancha Tonks, Pia Tonks (Boldmere) were selected to play in the ESSA (English Schools) squad in the Exiles tournament in Malta. They had several training sessions/practice matches before a two match tournament against Malta Senior Girls. ESSA won both matches, 18-6 and 14-2. A fantastic effort from the team. Well done!





Congratulations

Congratulations to the following clubs who successfully completed their annual health check in September 2017:

Newport & District
Wrekin College SC
Stourbridge SC
Wellington SC
COSACSS
Dove Valley ASC

Newcastle (Staffs) ASC
Oldbury S & TC
Orion SC
Northgate Bridgnorth SC
University of Warwick SC
Telford & Wrekin Forum

Well done to Cannock Phoenix SC & University of Birmingham SC who are new SwimMark accredited clubs.

Updates & General Information for SwimMark Clubs

During a previous Swim England Club Management Group meeting (formerly the swim21 National Panel), a decision was made to compile an update following each quarterly meeting (March, June, September and December) and circulate this to all accredited clubs. The following is the latest update:-

SwimMark Updates:-

- E7 and E13 - Please note that minor amendments have been made to these elements in relation to Swim England membership.
- E14 – just a quick reminder that all Safeguarding training should be refreshed every three years, unless stated otherwise by the respective training provider. Please refer to the guidance document within element 14 if you would like to check which courses are acceptable for SwimMark.
- There is a new 'Best Practice' tab on the portal – please refer to this if you wish to view examples of best practice for each of the Essential elements.
- The SwimMark Network module now lasts for two years (with an annual health check at 12 months) and still covers three elements – a Development/Business Plan, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and a Training Needs Analysis (TNA).
- The Performance Module will also last for two years (again with an annual health check) from December 2017, however the performance criteria is currently being reviewed for all disciplines (Swimming, Diving, Water Polo and Synchronised Swimming).

If you have current club members/previous members who no longer require access to the online portal please email clubdevelopment@swimming.org and we will deactivate the respective accounts.

If you have forgotten your password for the portal please utilise the 'Forgotten Password' button on the portal login page, which will enable you to change this.

General Updates:-

- Visit the Clubmatters website (<https://www.sportenglandclubmatters.com/>) to find out more about different legal structures, innovative ways to engage with young people and find out about new anti-doping guidance. There's also information about finding, keeping and developing volunteers - https://www.sportenglandclubmatters.com/new-animations-to-bring-volunteering-to-life/?utm_campaign=Club%20Matters%20-%20October%202017&utm_medium=email&utm_source=CMA_SPORT%20ENGLAND&utm_content=

Thank you for your continued commitment to SwimMark!



Swim England Sponsorship Pack now available

When it comes to developing a sponsorship pack there is no “one size fits all” document as clubs seek sponsorship for various different projects and events. Swim England have compiled a document as an extension of the Sport England Sponsorship Toolkit available through Club Matters to support you in designing your own unique Club offer. This document will provide guidance, samples and templates that you can use to develop a sponsorship proposal specifically for your club. In most cases these templates and examples are generic to all disciplines, but some examples are swimming focused, but can be adapted to suit the needs of Waterpolo, Synchro and Diving too.

Please visit the link below for further information on how to get started and templates

http://www.westmidlandswimming.org.uk/website/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=806:creating-a-sponsorship-pack&catid=20:news&Itemid=36

Raise FREE funds for your club with easyfundraising!

Swim England have teamed up with easyfundraising to give all aquatic clubs access to an unlimited source of free funding. [easyfundraising](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) is the UK's biggest retail fundraising site, connecting over 1 million supporters with 90,000 good causes.

It really works for aquatic clubs...

Sports clubs have raised over £2m using easyfundraising, including over £200,000 by aquatic clubs alone! Make a real difference to the future of your club and join easyfundraising today:

1. Sign up your club at <http://swimming.easyfundraising.org.uk>
2. Then log into easyfundraising every time you shop online via a computer, tablet or mobile device...

Click on to your chosen retailer, shop as normal and the club gets a free donation from the retailer – easy! Get fellow members, parents and colleagues shopping and in turn your club could raise thousands!

There is so much support available!

There are also a range of resources on your easyfundraising profile when you

Register, in addition to a free coaching service!



Changes to Swim England Club Membership

Swim England have been reviewing their club membership and have decided to implement some changes which will come into effect in 2018.

Renewals submission

The introduction of the Online Membership System (OMS) in 2012 streamlined the administration of renewals data. This means that clubs are now submitting their renewals earlier every year. To make sure that clubs and members are properly insured for the activities they are taking part in, we have made the decision to bring the submission of the renewals deadline forward to the **28 February** for 2018.

To help with this, and to alleviate some of the challenges clubs experience when adding new member details, a new version of OMS will allow prospective members to enter their data using an online form. This will automatically be uploaded onto the your OMS for approval before it is submitted to us.

Membership cards

From January 2018 membership cards will no longer be issued to clubs for your members. We feel that removing the need to send out cards to members will alleviate some of the workload for clubs.

New members will now receive an email from Swim England once we have processed their details. This will tell them all about their Swim England membership benefits and how they can access the Online Membership System (OMS) to view and update their details. Members will also get an email when their membership is renewed.

2018 membership fees

We have agreed the new Swim England membership fees for 2018, they are as follows:

- Category 1 £9.10
- Category 2 £26.40
- Category 3 £5.20

If you have any questions about the above information, please email the Membership Services department via renewals@swimming.org or call **01509 640727**.



Course & Coaching Updates

Team Manager 2

Date: Wednesday 17th January 2018

Time: 6.30pm – 9.30pm

Venue: Basepoint Business Centre
Isidore Road
Bromsgrove
B60 3ET

Team Manager training is designed to ensure any volunteers who are taking groups of athletes to competitions or camps, locally or abroad, are fully equipped to do their role. Ensuring athletes arrive and return from sporting activities unharmed is a big responsibility and this training will ensure volunteers have all the necessary skills and knowledge to do this with confidence.

The workshop is **free of charge**.

Minimum age to attend workshop is 16 years old, although it should be noted that an individual cannot take the role of a Team Manager fully until they turn 18.

Time to Listen Workshop

Swim England has linked up with the NSPCC and is accredited to deliver the 'Time to Listen' module that is aimed at Club Welfare Officers (CWOs). Whilst it is appreciated that some CWOs will be trained and experienced in child protection issues, the Time to Listen programme provides the opportunity to consider the roles and responsibilities of CWOs and the action taken should any incident occur.

Time to Listen training is a requirement for Welfare Officers as part of SwimMark Essential Club Accreditation.

The workshop is free of charge, although a £20 deposit is required to book onto the course, refundable on attendance.

Date: Wednesday 17th January 2018

Time: 6pm – 9.30pm

Venue: Coventry Sports & Leisure Centre
Fairfax Street
Coventry
CV1 5RY

Safeguarding & Protecting Children

Date: Wednesday 7th February 2018

Time: 6.30pm – 9.30pm

Cost: £35 per person

Venue: Stafford Council Offices
Civic Centre
Riverside
Stafford
ST16 3AQ

Spaces are limited on all courses, so please book early.

To book a place on the course, please contact the Regional Office:

Telephone 01527 888929

Email westmidland@swimming.org

Education Courses

[Click here](#) for full list courses in the Region.

Level 1 Courses

[ASA Level 1 Swimming Assistant \(Teaching\)](#) starts 12/02/18 at Malvern College Sports Complex

[ASA Level 1 Swimming Assistant \(Teaching\)](#) starts on 19/02/18 at Fox Hollies Leisure Centre

Swim England Assistant Coaching Blended starts 06/02/18 at Wrekin College & Much Wenlock Leisure Centre, Shropshire

Please note if you are part of a swim mark accredited swimming club we have a club offer available on this course. Please contact Amanda Swan on Amanda.swan@swimming.org regarding this offer.

[ASA Level 1 Swimming Assistant \(Teaching\)](#) starts 19/02/18 at Stafford Leisure Centre

Level 2

[ASA Level 2 Swimming Teacher](#) starts 17/11/17 at Oswestry Leisure Centre

[Swim England Swimming Coach](#) starts 06/01/18 at Perdiswell Leisure Centre, Worcester – *Please note if you are part of a swim mark accredited swimming club we have a club offer available on this course. Please contact Amanda Swan on Amanda.swan@swimming.org regarding this offer*

[ASA Level 2 Swimming Teacher](#) starts on 03/02/18 at Shrewsbury School

[ASA Level 2 Swimming Teacher](#) starts on 23/02/18 at Meadowside Leisure Centre

Swim England Swimming Coach Blended starts on 01/08/18 at Wrekin College and Much Wenlock, Shropshire

Please note if you are part of a swim mark accredited swimming club we have a club offer available on this course. Please contact Amanda Swan on Amanda.swan@swimming.org regarding this offer.



Regional Coach Conference SATURDAY 10th MARCH 2018 Royal Life Saving Society, Worcester

Led by the Swim England Talent Team, the West Midland Region will be delivering an exciting and informative day of workshops aimed at coaches, team managers and volunteers. The content is soon to be confirmed, but please ensure you circulate the date within your clubs and ensure you save the date in your diaries as it will prove to be a useful and informative conference not to be missed.



Swim England T-30 Challenge

The Swim England T-30 challenge is a unique and simple event which determines just one thing – who can swim the furthest in 30 minutes!

You don't have to have a Swim England membership to enter the T-30 Challenge. It's open to everyone living in Great Britain between 18 and 108 years old.

Medals will be awarded to the top three male and female swimmers in each ages group, as well as the top three male, female and mixed teams in each age group.

Entries close on 13th December 2017

For more information and entry please visit

<http://www.swimming.org/masters/t-30-swimming-challenge/>