

Please see latest regional information including events and courses that are coming up over the next few months,



## Regional Statement

### **To All Members and Affiliated Organisations**

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Swim England North West we regret to inform you of the resignation of Mr David Burgham, Chair of the Region, for personal reasons.

The Board of Directors would like to thank David for over 30 years of dedicated service to the region, the sport and we wish him and his family all the best for the future.

Please be assured that we will continue to support our members, affiliated organisations, volunteers and events during this transitional period.

Jim Wilks

On behalf of the Board of Directors

Swim England North West Ltd



## SENW Ltd Chair Vacancy – Volunteer Role for Swim England North West Region

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Swim England North West Ltd is looking to appoint a new Chair to lead the Region's Aquatic Community, [please click here for further details.](#)



### **Governance Guidance – Club Structures and Templates**

As part of affiliation to Swim England all clubs have to have a constitution i.e. the document that outlines the functions and the rules under which the club operates.

The constitution, together with the club's policies and procedures, helps to protect club members and officers, and makes the club run more smoothly.

If your Club/League/Local Association constitution is due to expire in 2024 please contact

[swimnorthwest@swimming.org](mailto:swimnorthwest@swimming.org) to ensure you have the correct constitution model template to complete.



### **Swim England Club Link Programme**

Due to its overwhelming success in 2023, Swim England are running their Club Links Programme for a second year, the programme is aimed at encouraging closer working relationships between both clubs and learn to swim providers, by introducing people in the upper stages of learn to swim to progress into local aquatic clubs.

If your club would be interested in finding out more about the Club Links Programme, please drop us an email at [clubdevelopment@swimnorthwest.org](mailto:clubdevelopment@swimnorthwest.org) and we will put you in touch with the right person at Swim England. Alternatively please click the following link, then 'Club Links' for more information:

<https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/club-development/>



### **Exciting News! Dive into the Future of Water Polo in North West!**

Join Swim England North West in shaping the next era of Water Polo

Our Water Polo Management Group is on the lookout for passionate individuals to fulfil the following roles:

1. Coaching Lead
2. Competition Lead

Be part of the action, contribute to the growth, and foster excellence in our water polo community, for more information [click here](#).

### **SENW National Skills and Age Group Qualifier – Diving Competition**

Swim England North West Diving Management Group are delighted to confirm that their SENW National Skills Qualifier Competition will be taking place at Manchester Aquatics Centre on Saturday 18th May 2024, [click here for all the details](#).

### **SENW Boys U16 Water Polo Academy**

U16 Boys Inter regional training session open to 2009/2010 born boys in preparation for Inter Regional event on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2024, [click here for further details and to register](#).

### **SENW Young Volunteer Award (Online) 29.4.2024**

The Swim England North West Young Volunteer Award is designed to provide young people, between the ages of 14 and 17 the opportunity to develop the necessary knowledge, skills and experience to prepare them as Volunteers within Aquatic Sport. The Award has been designed to suit young people from any Aquatic Discipline, (Swimming, Water Polo, Artistic Swimming and Diving).

For further details and to book [click here](#).

If you are unable to attend this date please complete the [Expression of Interest form](#).

### **SENW Summer Regional Swimming Championships 2024**

Entries are now open and will close Wednesday 3rd April 2024 (11:59pm) [click here for all the details](#).

Merchandise now available to order [please click here](#)

### **Open Water Officials Training**

Swim England Open Water Officials representative, Paul Kendall is looking at running Open Water Technical Officials theory training again this year. Potential dates for the training are as follows (which will be delivered via Zoom and is expected to last approximately 3 hours):

- Sunday 17th March
- Saturday 27th April
- Saturday 18th May &/or Sunday 19th May

Expressions of interest should be sent to: [openwater@eastswimming.org](mailto:openwater@eastswimming.org) as soon as possible.

### **Swim England North West Ltd - Membership**

On the 1st of January 2022 the region became Swim England North West Ltd.

**If your club isn't a member your club will not be able to attend the regional AGM or vote on how the region is managed.**

This does not affect how we provide help to your club or any of our regional courses/events or competitions. If your club isn't already a member we are inviting your club to become a member of the company, Please email [swimnorthwest@swimming.org](mailto:swimnorthwest@swimming.org) if you require further information

### **Swim England to carry out 'thorough' review of SwimMark accreditation programme**

Swim England is proceeding with a 'thorough' review of its SwimMark accreditation programme and will be seeking the views of affiliated clubs, regions and key stakeholders, [click here for further details](#).

### **Swim England Diving Judge 1 Course - Registration of Interest**

2024 dates now out please [click here to register your interest](#)

### **Swim England Diving Judge 2 Course - Registration of Interest**

The prerequisites for the course are:

- Completion of J1 course
- Active as a J1 for 2 years OR judged at 8 club/regional events and assessed as competent before undertaking J2

[Click here to register your interest](#)

### **Foundations of Inclusivity CPD**

A free learner-led CPD to provide an introduction to equality, diversity and inclusion. Please note, CPD attendance is now a mandatory requirement as part of Club Affiliation for executive officers.

[Click here for further details.](#)

### **Coaching Courses**

- **Assistant Swimming Coach – Darwen (Blended Learning)**, Closing date 19.3.24 [Click here.](#)
- **Assistant Swimming Coach – Workington (Blended Learning)**, Closing date 27.3.24 [Click here.](#)
- **Assistant Swimming Coach – Stockport (Blended Learning)**, Closing date 10.4.24 [Click here.](#)
- **Swimming Coach – Darwen (Blended Learning)**, Closing date 21.4.24 [Click here.](#)
- **Assistant Swimming Coach – Knowsley (Blended Learning)**, Closing date 14.5.24 [Click here.](#)
- **Assistant Artistic Swimming Coach – Irlam (Blended Learning)**, Closing date 11.6.24 [Click here.](#)
- **Assistant Swimming Coach – Sale (Blended Learning)**, Closing date 6.8.24 [Click here.](#)
- **Assistant Swimming Coach – Birkenhead (Blended Learning)**, Closing date 8.8.24 [Click here.](#)

[Click here to see available funding for coaching courses.](#)

### **Changes to DBS and Safeguarding requirements**

As part of our commitment to safeguarding and welfare, from 1 January 2024, all club staff whose DBS and Safeguarding expire, will not be allowed poolside unsupervised. The changes have been published in Wavepower 2024. A second Safeguarding refresher module is now available to those who have completed the full Swim England face-to-face / online CPD, [click here](#)

Funding is also available for clubs that complete the refresher and face to face CPD via Swim England/IOS [click here for full details.](#)

**Please note** the Swim England safeguarding course is the only **Approved training** From 2024, anyone who holds a role which Wavepower states requires safeguarding training will need to complete the Swim England Safeguarding course. This is a bespoke course which covers the important and unique aspects of safeguarding in an aquatic environment.

### **Volunteer Training Courses**

- **SE Safeguarding Face to Face course Burnley**, 23.3.2024, 10.30am – [click here](#)
- **SE Safeguarding**, 9.4.24, 6.30pm – [click here](#)
- **SE Safeguarding**, 1.5.2024, 6pm – [click here](#)
- **SE Welfare Officer Training (Time to Listen)**, 17.5.2024, 6pm – [click here](#)
- **Team Manager 1**, 22.3.2024, 6pm – [click here](#)
- **Team Manager 1**, 14.4.2024, 1pm – [click here](#)
- **Team Manager 2**, 26.4.24, 6pm – [click here](#)

### **Swim England Good Club Governance Workshops**

Swim England offer a number of workshops to support clubs and individuals undertaking these roles. To register your interest, please click one of the links below:

- Club Secretary and Membership Officer workshops, 19.3, 1.5, 20.5, 25.6.24 [click here.](#)
- Club Chairperson information session **Mandatory attendance**, 27.3, 8.4, 12.4, 16.4, 19.4.24 [click here.](#)
- Club Welfare Officer workshop **Mandatory attendance**, 15.4, 17.4, 26.4, 13.5.24 [click here.](#)
- National Chairs Forum, If you have previously attended or recorded your interest, you don't need to do it again, you will be sent the joining link, [register here.](#)
- National Welfare Forum 26.4.24, Any Welfare Officers who are interested in attending or for further information please [click here.](#)
- SwimMark and Club Affiliation workshop, 24.4, 7.5.24 [click here.](#)

### **Club Matters (open) workshops**

Club Matters training opportunities are free and available to those involved in the delivery of sport and physical activity in England.

Please [click here](#) for the upcoming Club Matters workshop opportunity's that are available.

### **Hardship Funds**

There's some useful guidance on [Sport England's Club Matters](#) on how to go about setting up a hardship fund.

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Kind regards

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