

All the latest news, events, and opportunities from across the region:

### ★ ✨ 🏆 SENW Celebrated its volunteers during 'Volunteers Week 2026'

This Volunteers' Week, we proudly celebrated the incredible people who keep aquatic sport thriving across our Region. Volunteers are the **backbone of our sports** — the reason clubs run smoothly, competitions take place, and our members can enjoy the water week after week. Without them, none of it would be possible.

👉 [\[Click here for all the details\]](#)

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### 🏊 Final Introduction to Open Water Swimming Sessions a Big Success

Last Saturday, we wrapped up our final Introduction to Open Water Swimming sessions, and what a fantastic way to finish. Designed for members curious about trying open water for the first time, the sessions proved successful, with every athlete heading home armed with top tips for competing confidently in open water.

👉 [\[Click here for all the details\]](#)

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### 🏊 SENW Regional Open Water Development Day 2026

Well done to all the athletes who took part in the final session of the Swim England North West Open Water this weekend. The camps first session was held in Wigan focusing on distance swimming and the skills required. The final session was held at Sale Water Park, where the athletes got the opportunity to learn open water skills and swim the course which will be used for the Open Water Championships at the end of June.

👉 [\[Click here for all the details\]](#)

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### 📣 Vacancy – SENW Regional Welfare Officer (Voluntary role) 📄

Swim England North West (SEnw) is excited to announce a vacancy for an enthusiastic and passionate individual to join our team as the SENW Regional Welfare Officer. This voluntary role will provide support to clubs and Welfare Officers across the North West Region, as and when required, or at the request of the Swim England Safeguarding and Welfare Team. 👉 [\[Click here for further details\]](#)

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### 🚨 Strong Swimmer? It Can Still Happen – Learn to Float to Live 🗣️

Over the past few weeks, the UK has seen a heart-breaking rise in accidental drownings in open water. These incidents are a devastating reminder that water is unpredictable, conditions can change in seconds, and even the strongest swimmers are vulnerable. As a community, we must look out for one another and keep safety at the heart of everything we do. We would like to provide all Swim England North West members with a vital reminder of how to be safe in open water. 👉 [\[Click here for all the details\]](#)

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### 🏊 Cumbria Clubs - Cumbria United, Barrow sign up event 13th July 2026 ❤️

Cumbria United Against Suicide is a free county-wide project uniting sports clubs, coaches, and athletes from all sports and physical activity clubs to take a stand against suicide. The campaign uses the power of sport - teamwork, community, and solidarity - to reduce the stigma around suicide and open up life-saving conversations. 👉 [\[Click here for further details and to register\]](#)

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### 🏆 ✨ Save the Date! ✨ 🏆

Swim England North West Regional Awards Night 2026 on Saturday 3rd October 2026 🎉

An evening to celebrate achievements, recognise success, and enjoy a fantastic night with the North West aquatic's community 🏊🏆 More details regarding the Awards nomination period to follow soon!

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### 🏊 Water Polo Clubs 🇬🇧

Do you have members in your club who are passionate about helping shape the future of water polo in the North West? SENW hosts a Water Polo Management Group, which meets four times a year. This group plays a vital role in developing opportunities for our athletes, ensuring the North West has a strong and unified voice within Swim England, and contributing to the national direction of water polo. The group oversees the management of teams for Inter-Regional Competitions and continues to explore new ways to strengthen athlete development across the region.

We are now inviting each club to nominate a club representative to attend future meetings. Our aim is to ensure a broad range of clubs, perspectives, and playing abilities are represented, enabling us to work collaboratively and make decisions that are truly in the best interests of water polo athletes in the North West.

We would be delighted to have your club involved, please send contact details of your representative to [clubdevelopment@swimnorthwest.org](mailto:clubdevelopment@swimnorthwest.org) who can join the group on the next meeting, which will be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> July at 7:30pm.

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### **SENW/SENE Regional Open Water Championships 2026**

SENW/SENE Regional Open Water Championships 2026 will be held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at Sale Water Park, Rifle Rd, Sale M33 2LX, this event is now fully booked.

Merchandise for the event is now available to purchase   [\[Click here to order\]](#)

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### **Pre-Competition Open Water Swimming Familiarisation Session – Sale Water Park, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026** Ready to sharpen your open water skills and get valuable time on the course ahead of the [2026 Regional Open Water Swimming Competition](#)?

With race day approaching on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June, Swim England North West is pleased to offer a dedicated Open Water Familiarisation Session — ideal for swimmers who have already completed open water training but want an additional opportunity to have a coached swim at the competition venue.

 [\[Click here for further details and to register\]](#)

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### **Artistic Swimming Grading - Share your thoughts with us**

Swim England have been working hard reviewing our national grades for artistic swimming. We have created a proposal and would like to gather feedback from the artistic community before it is finalised.

 [\[Click here for Video explaining the proposal\]](#)

 [\[Click here to take the survey\]](#)

The survey will close on 18<sup>th</sup> June. If you have any questions, please contact [karen.thorpe@swimming.org](mailto:karen.thorpe@swimming.org)

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### **National Junior Para-Swimming Meet 2026**

Activity Alliance is pleased to announce that entries for the National Junior Para Swimming 2026 are now open. The event will take place at the Alan Higgs Centre in Coventry on 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

 [\[Click here for further details\]](#)

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### **GM Sports Club Conference – Connect, Learn & Be Inspired**



Are you involved in running a grassroots sports club in Greater Manchester?

Registrations are now open for the Greater Manchester Sports Club Conference on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2026, they are excited to welcome grassroots clubs from across Greater Manchester.

 [\[Click here for further details\]](#)

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### **Vacancies**

- ORCA Swimming Club – Head Coach  [\[Click here for further details\]](#) closing date 12.6.26
- Blackburn Centurions SC – Level 2 Swimming Coach (Volunteer)  
 [\[Click here for further details\]](#) closing date 12.7.26

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### **Crowdfunder**

Sport England support sports clubs and community groups to get more people active, and tackle inequalities in sport. Through the [Sport England Movement Fund](#) on Crowdfunder, clubs can access up to £15,000 in match funding per project.

Ask the Expert: Drop-In Sessions  [\[Explore upcoming sessions and register here\]](#)

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### **Swim England National Programmes – Coaching & Team Manager Opportunities**

Interested in working with the Swim England National Programmes – Swimming for 2026-2027? Swim England are inviting Coaches and Team Managers to complete an 'Expression of Interest' form.

 [\[Click here for further details\]](#)

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### **Volunteer Opportunities & Training**

- **Volunteer Training Courses:**
  - [Team Manager 1](#) (22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026, 6pm)
  - [Team Manager 2](#) (7<sup>th</sup> September 2026, 6pm)
  - [SE Safeguarding](#) (29<sup>th</sup> June 2026, 6pm)
  - [SE Safeguarding](#) (17<sup>th</sup> July 2026, 6pm)
  - [SE Welfare Officer](#) (21<sup>st</sup> July 2026, 6pm)
  - Safeguarding refresher module also available  [\[Book your place\]](#) (In order to complete the Refresher course all candidates must be 18 years or over and have completed the 3 hour (face to face / online) Swim England Safeguarding course within the last 3 years).

