

# Welcome to the November Club Newsletter

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## A message from the Regional Chairman

Lockdown - again!

As we send this newsletter, we are once again faced with a nationwide lockdown that will halt our sport. Clearly life has been difficult enough for our clubs since the pandemic struck in March, and this is not the news we hoped for, just as clubs started returning to training and a form of competition. Swim England are challenging the decision to include pools in the lockdown, and we are grateful for their determination over this issue.

In the meantime we thank our club chairmen and committees for everything they are doing to support their members through these difficult times and to keep up spirits that have been dented. Like everyone we hope that the lockdown will be as short as possible and that we can all get back in the water in early December. As always, if there is any support our staff can give please send an email to east@swimming.org and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Joan Wheeler, SEER Chairman

# Regional Development Camp Content 100% Online



Our regional development programme has been 100% digital this year and we've had so much engagement from swimmers and parents, it has been fantastic. Catch up on the full story here and head over to our Youtube and Podcast channels to access all the resources, which are freely available to everyone!

#### **VACANCIES**

#### **DIVING MANAGER**

Following the resignation of the regional Diving Manager, we are looking for someone to take on this role. If you are passionate about diving and think you could help, please have a look at the Role Description and contact the Regional Chairman, Joan Wheeler at chairman@eastswimming.org before 10th November.



#### STRONGER AFFILIATION

#### 30 DAYS TO GO!

From 1st January 2021, Stronger Affiliation will be the minimum standard



required for Swim England membership. Both Swim England and the Region has publicised this initiative and our staff are making personal contact with the clubs who have yet to load the required evidence on the Swim England Portal, to advise, support and encourage them to make progress as soon as possible. If clubs are unable to re-affiliate it will mean that they and their members will be uninsured and their members will be unable to train, compete, coach or officiate.

# Your Stronger Affiliation submission needs to be uploaded and approved by 1st December

We really want to support clubs to get the evidence they need in place well before the deadline, so please respond to our staff when they make contact.

Those clubs with SwimMark accreditation have already submitted the required documents and need to take no further action, apart from maintaining their accreditations.

## **Data Collection on Return to Training**

If your club has not done so yet, please complete the data collection on the status of clubs returning to training. It is essential for Swim England to build a picture on where extra support is needed.

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ClubsReturnToTheWater



# **Available Workshops**

We have a number of online workshops available for booking.

Welfare Officer Seminar - 11th November 6.30pm

This is for club welfare officers and their Chairs to understand of the needs of the welfare role, and to clarify differences around internal disputes and welfare matters.

<u>Safeguarding Workshops</u>- There are multiple courses available online. All teachers, coaches, welfare officers, and team managers must attend this course every 3 years.

Team Manager Workshop- 5th November, 7pm

If your Club Welfare Officer is looking for a Time to Listen workshop, please register interest on your <u>webpage</u>.

# **Regional Staff Contacts**

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