



## Welcome to the February Members Newsletter

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### Wavepower 2024 Information Session



With the recent publication of Waverpower 2024, Swim England has been running several information sessions for clubs.

The last information session will be on Sunday 11th February between 14:00 and 16:00. This session is open to individuals holding "key roles" within clubs.

To view the Waverpower 2024 FAQs, [click here](#).

If you wish to attend any of the sessions please use the link below:

<https://swimming.zoom.us/j/82772811264>

Passcode: 856208

### \*NEW\* East Region Welfare Officers Forum



Following the appointment last year of Fran Vesztröcy as our new Regional Welfare Officer, we are pleased to launch the East Region's new Regional Welfare Officers Forum.

The forum is open to all club and county Welfare Officers in an East Region affiliated County or club and Welfare officers who may be attached to Swim England Affiliated Organisations based within the Region. These meetings are optional and separate from the mandated Swim England Chair and Welfare Officer forums, which are required through Affiliation and Swim Mark.

The Forums will be held between 19:00 and 20:00 on the following dates:

1. Tuesday 27th February
2. Tuesday 23rd April
3. Tuesday 25th June
4. Tuesday 27th August
5. Tuesday 29th October
6. Tuesday 17th December

Club and County Welfare Officers will receive the link for these meetings directly from the regional Welfare Officer via email. To ensure that all relevant club officers are invited, we kindly request that all clubs update their Welfare Officer details on OMS, to ensure that their Officer receives the invitation for each meeting.

## Swim England Financial Forum



On Tuesday the 27th of February Swim England will be running their Financial Forum to provide a platform for open and honest discussion and questions relating to club financial matters.

The forum will consist of presentations from Swim England on the use of Crowdfund UK and the GoCardless partnership, to help support club in fundraising and membership payment management

This forum is free and open to Club, County and Regional representatives such as treasurers, fundraising officers and secretaries.

If you would like to attend this forum please follow this link to register:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FXDCDHD>

Clubs should also note that Sport England currently has two funds over for applications at this time. Click the image to find out more.

### [Small Grants Programme](#)

This fund seeks to develop opportunities for communities to get more people physically active and we'll support new projects through providing National Lottery funding of between £300 and £15,000.

Our priority is to support projects working with people in disadvantaged communities.

### [Active Together Fund](#)

Active Together is a crowdfunding initiative that can match fund, up to £10,000, successful Crowdfunder campaigns from a total pot of £7.5m.

With expert advice and guidance to support you, this will help local clubs and organisations to run their own crowdfunding campaigns, fundraising for things such as a loss of income due to the crisis, or any other coronavirus-related needs.

**Our open funds**

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Up to £10,000 match funding

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## Coach Education Week with the Herts Sports Partnership



Running from 19th to 25th February 2024, Coach Education Week in Hertfordshire will be in full swing, running courses and workshops throughout the county to upskill and develop the sector.

The courses available are free and paid development opportunities, open to individuals living and working in and outside Hertfordshire.

For further information on Herts Sports Partnership Coach Education Week [click here](#).

To view the opportunities and courses available please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/coach-education-week-2024-2932439>

## Institute of Swimming Vouchers: Club Offer Reminder

A reminder that club members can book 'Club Offer' discounted spaces on Swim England / Institute of Swimming Assistant and Coaching Courses.



Course fees can vary due to a number of factors including but not limited to facility hire, which can impact the discount available via the Club Offer.

On average a Full Price course compared to Club Offer rates can be;

- Assistant Coaching (Level 1): Full Price = £375.00 / Club Offer = ~£221.25
- Coach (Level 2): Full Price = £660.00 / Club Offer = ~£450.00

Club members can access vouchers individually through the IOS or via their Club. Further information on club offer vouchers can be found by [clicking here](#).

Clubs who are Swim Mark Affiliated, are also entitled to a £100.00 IOS voucher that can be used towards the cost of courses, in addition to the club offer if they are available. Please also note that not all courses have Club Offer availability.

## IPC Classification Fundamentals Online Course

Learn about the most important features of Paralympic Classification in this interactive online course provided by the International Paralympic Committee.



Whatever your role or interest in Para sport, with four modules to choose from, the IPC invites you to increase your knowledge and contribute to the growth of the Paralympic Movement.

To learn more about the course and take part [click here](#).

## Club Link Programme Funding Available



Swim England is now able to offer Club Link Programme funding to further clubs. They can support affiliated clubs and pool operators to run a joint programme with up to 50% funding towards the set-up costs, e.g. teacher and coach fees and pool hire, for up to 12 weeks of sessions. While further information is still due to be released by Swim England, if your club would be interested, please contact [east@swimming.org](mailto:east@swimming.org) or [clubdevelopment@swimming.org](mailto:clubdevelopment@swimming.org)

## Black Stroke - Netflix Documentary



Filmmaker Olivia Smart hopes her new Netflix documentary will help black people overcome the 'deep-seated fears' which prevents them from learning how to swim.

Black Stroke aims to dispel the misinformation 'ingrained' within the community as it tells the story of three people's eight-week learn-to-swim journey.

The 12-minute film can be viewed by [clicking here](#) or via the article link below.

[Click here to read the full story](#).

## Good Governance for Clubs and Affiliated Organisations

Swim England has developed a number of Good Governance workshops and information sessions along with useful documents and tools to support Officers in their roles within a club or organisation. Each session is free of charge to attend and will be delivered online via Zoom.

The sessions are designed to support new and existing Chairs, Treasurers, Secretaries, Membership Officers and Welfare Officers in dealing with challenges and the day-to-day running of the organisation.

For further information including the dates of the sessions please use the relevant link below;

- Chair's information session on dealing with internal disputes: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ClubChairSessions>
- Secretary and Membership Officer information session: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Secretary-Membership>



- Welfare Officer information session: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Welfareofficerworkshops>

Additional information on these workshops can be found by [clicking here](#).

## Qualifications

### East Region-Based Qualifications:

- 10012: [Swim England Swimming Coach - Blended Learning](#) - 12/02/24: John Warner Sports Centre
- 11284: [Swim England Assistant Diving Coach - Blended Learning](#) - 12/02/24: Inspire: Luton Sports Village
- 10654: [Swim England Assistant Swimming Coach - Blended Learning](#) - 20/02/24: Alive Downham Leisure
- 11039: [Swim England Assistant Swimming Coach - Blended Learning](#) - 18/03/24: University East Anglia Sportspark
- 10176: [Swim England Assistant Water Polo Coach – Blended Learning](#) - 02/04/24: Riverside Leisure Centre - Chelmsford
- 11068: [Swim England Assistant Water Polo Coach – Blended Learning](#) - 02/04/24: The Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School
- 11500: [Swim England Assistant Swimming Coach - Blended Learning](#) - 10/04/24: Parkside Pools
- 10653: [Swim England Swimming Coach - Blended Learning](#) - 22/04/24: Alive Downham Leisure
- 11328: [Swim England Swimming Coach - Blended Learning](#) - 01/05/24: Crown Pools
- 11502: [Swim England Assistant Swimming Coach - Blended Learning](#) - 08/05/2024: Hadleigh Pool & Leisure
- 10177: [Swim England Water Polo Coach – Blended Learning](#) - 04/06/24: Riverside Leisure Centre - Chelmsford
- 10059: [Swim England Assistant Swimming Coach - Blended Learning](#) - 10/06/2024: Stanground Sports Centre
- 10282: [Swim England Assistant Swimming Coach - Blended Learning](#) - 01/07/24: Inspire: Luton Sports Village
- 10966: [Swim England Assistant Swimming Coach - Blended Learning](#) - 23/08/24: Brentwood Centre
- 10919: [Swim England Swimming Coach - Blended Learning](#) - 02/09/24: Runnymede Leisure Centre
- 10087: [Swim England Assistant Swimming Coach - Blended Learning](#) - 10/09/24: Tiddenfoot Leisure Centre
- 10159: [Swim England Assistant Water Polo Coach – Blended Learning](#) 01/10/24: Riverside Leisure Centre - Chelmsford
- 10011: [Swim England Assistant Swimming Coach - Blended Learning](#) - 04/10/24: John Warner Sports Centre
- 10067: [Swim England Swimming Coach - Blended Learning](#) - 07/10/24: Stanground Sports Centre
- 10284: [Swim England Swimming Coach - Blended Learning](#) - 07/10/2024: Inspire: Luton Sports Village
- 10068: [Swim England Assistant Swimming Coach - Blended Learning](#) - 08/10/2024: Stanground Sports Centre

## National and Regional Volunteering Opportunities

### Regional Volunteer Opportunitites



Applications are invited from Swim East Region BS Technical Officials Swimming Officials (minimum qualification Licensed Judge Level 1) to officiate at this year's Regional Long Course Championships In Luton and Norwich.

To find out more and to register to attend please [click here](#).

### National Volunteer Opportunitites

#### Swim England Sports Operations Committee: Member Vacancy

Forming part of the Swim England governance structure, the Sports Operations Committee reports directly to the Swim England Board.

The Committee has a wide brief including overseeing the effective delivery of the aquatic pathway, across all disciplines from learn to swim through to the elite programmes, ensuring a seamless transition for all participants.

If you are interested in joining the sports operations committee or wish to learn more about the role please follow this link to view the full adverts - [Click here](#)

## Hints and Tips for clubs

### **Swim England Wavepower Safer Recruitment: References**

"For paid roles in 'Regulated Activity', a minimum of two references must be obtained, even if the person is known to the organisation. References must not be from a person who is related to the applicant

One of the references should be from the applicant's current employer and, if possible one reference from a sports organisation or club which they have been involved with.

If the applicant has not previously been involved with a sports organisation or club of any kind, then the applicant should be asked to provide a reference from someone who knows them personally, who has some knowledge of their attitude to wellbeing and safeguarding. Both References should contain a statement to illustrate that the referee is aware of the post the applicant is applying for.

All references must be followed up by contacting the referee prior to any offer of appointment being made." - Wavepower, Section 3, Essential Toolkit, Page 67.

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