



Warriors of Warrington Swimming Club

Chairman Report for 2020 AGM

This is my first Chairman's Report in a period of unprecedented challenges which none of us could have anticipated or have experienced before.

Despite the challenges we have had another successful year both in and out of the water.

Swimming

- For the fifth year in a row we were crowned Bolton and District Mini League champions
- In July we won Top Team and Top Male swimmer at the Rotherham meet
- Co-op Cup Winners 2019



- In November 3 of our swimmers took part in the English School Swimming Association national competition at the London Olympic Aquatics Centre



- Shannon Campbell secured Gold 50m breaststroke at the British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS) short course event



- We held another successful Percy Mason Meet 2019



- Charis Davidson continued to win numerous medals in open water competitions, including;
 - 1,500m freestyle – Bronze
 - 5k age group winner



- We also secured numerous medals at National English, Welsh and Scottish competitions as well as outstanding personal bests, including;

English Champs

- Alex Watkinson – Club Record 50m backstroke
- Kathleen Dawson – Gold 100m backstroke
- Matthew Domville – Silver 200m Fly, Gold 100m Fly,



Welsh Champs

- Callum Warburton – Silver 50m breaststroke
- Ellie Basiurski – Silver 100m breaststroke

Winter Champs

- Alex Watkinson – Bronze 50m free, Silver 50m backstroke, Gold 100m backstroke, Bronze 50m fly

Edinburgh International

- Kathleen Dawson – Gold 100m backstroke, Gold 50m backstroke, Gold 200m backstroke

Our club has not only been represented at National events, but International events with Kathleen Dawson swimming at the American Nationals 100m backstroke.

We started 2020 as we finished 2019 with more fantastic performances from our swimmers at the County Swimming Championships in Macclesfield, some key performances;

Record Breakers : Ronnie Weall, Charis Davidson, Lauren Jones & Megan Rickels

Age Group Winners : Joseph Ashley, Gabby Hunt, Ronnie Weall, & Lauren Jones



Our swimmers continued to train hard and achieve further personal bests and medals until the closure of facilities due to coronavirus.

Swim Camp

In February 2020 we took a group of swimmers to Cyprus for an intense week of training. We shared the facilities with other clubs from around the world, but I can honestly say that our swimmers were the best!

The Swim Camp was a complete success and thanks must go to Kate Vincent and Paul Daintith for their hard work in organising everything and made sure that our swimmers remained safe at all times.



Fundraising

Very few of our swimming achievements would have been possible without the continued support from our parents and in 2019 we had some fantastic events that helped to raise funds for the Swim Camp and the overall Club.

- Penketh Carnival
- Climbing Snowdon
- Bag Packing
- Singing in the Golden Square shopping Centre
- Family Fun Gala



The above events brought swimmers, coaches, volunteers and parents together as one club, something which I am very proud of and thank you all for helping to make each event a success.

Coronavirus

Coronavirus has changed our daily life and the impact worldwide has been unbelievable. As a club I have again seen swimmers, coaches, volunteers and parents come together to ensure that we all remain active and have regular communication with each other.

I would like to thank Darren Ashley and Tim Almond for organising Zoom sessions and providing tips and advice for our swimmers during the lockdown period.

I would also like to thank Kate Vincent for organising the quizzes, which I know was a challenge, but was also something which swimmers (and parents) enjoyed and again allowed us all to keep in touch.

As we continue to see the easing of lockdown we are keen to get our swimmers back to as normal as possible training regime and I thank all parents who have reinstated membership and are supporting Livewire in ensuring our swimmers remain safe and well.

2020/21

Due to the impact Coronavirus has had on our life's, as a club and a committee our focus for the coming year is to focus our support on getting our swimmers fitness back up and ready for galas, competitions and winning more medals/trophies.

On the back of the success of the 2020 Swim Camp we have already organised a 2021 Swim Camp back to Cyprus, both Kate and Paul are working hard to get everything in place to make another successful trip.

Unfortunately we have not managed to finalise a Head Coach contract. This has been progressed and the relationship with the coaches has significantly improved, however the contract has been an outstanding actions that I am keen to resolve by the end of 2020.

My first year as chairman has certainly been interesting and whilst having some challenges it has also been rewarding in seeing how we have come together as a club and how we are working for the benefit of our swimmers. I'm looking forward to 2020/21 and building on the work we have done to date and hopefully enjoying further success in the water when galas return.

Although I have named some individuals within this report I would like to finish by thanking all of the committee, the coaches, volunteers, parents and especially the swimmers for their continued hard work and dedication to supporting our wonderful club.