



06 June 2025



# RTW monson NEWSLETTER

Please do take the time to read the whole newsletter so that you don't miss any important notices relevant to your swimmer - especially training time changes highlighted in **RED**

## SAVE THE DATE

Friday 12th September 2025 is Monson Annual Awards Night, Masonic Hall, St Johns Road, Tunbridge Wells - More details to follow



## SUMMER BREAK

Every year we take a summer break. Our last session will be on Sunday 27th July and will return to swimming on Monday 18th August. We return to a reduced training programme for the first week and back to full programme on 1 September



## Callie Ann's 50m Pool for Kent Campaign - IMPORTANT

Callie-Ann Warrington from our Performance Squad, who as many of you will know is a Paralympic Silver Medallist, has a current campaign running for a 50m Pool facility in Kent the provision of which will be of enormous benefit to our swimmers. This campaign has now sparked the interest of the BBC and Callie-Ann is also due to meet with Sports England to state her case. There will be an official launch on 05<sup>th</sup> September and survey responses will form an integral part of this campaign and its success

As a club, we need to help to support the case and we are asking **every member** to complete the following survey as soon as possible

### 50m Pool Survey

For Swim School Members, please complete the following survey

### 50m Pool Swim School

Please also consider signing Callie-Ann's petition to support this vital resource for our swimmers

### 50m Pool Petition

Thank you for your co-operation



## Swim England National Awards 2025

Nominations for the Swim England Awards 2025 are now open to the public with a closing date of Sunday 06 July 2025

With many different categories available, you can nominate Coaches, Volunteers & Officials as well as your club for recognition

If you would like to vote please use the [Nomination Form](#)

For a list of the full criteria, please follow this link: [National Awards](#)

The information page is available on the Swim England website: [Website](#)

The Swim England Awards Ceremony will take place on Saturday 29 November 2025 in Birmingham



## Kent Swimming – Job Opportunities

Kent Swimming is looking to appoint two individuals to two newly-created remunerated positions.

### **Position 1: Administration Manager**

This position offers approximately eight hours per week encompassing administrative support for various members of the Management Team, including but not limited to the Chair, Secretary, Masters Manager, Competitive Swimming Manager and Artistic Swimming Manager. The position is self-employed and allows for home working.

The KCASA Management Team meets four times a year and attendance at these meetings forms part of the role. Your attendance would also be required at the Annual Council Meeting, usually held in September.

### **Position 2: Events Manager**

This position offers approximately ten weeks of work per year (35 hours per week) and ultimately leads to being the Meet Promoter for various KCASA Championship events including: Masters, Competitive Swimming and Artistic Swimming.

The position is self-employed and allows for home working. In addition, the nature of the role does require attendance at the events falling under control of the position. The KCASA Management Team meets four times a year and attendance at these meetings forms part of the role. Your attendance would also be required at the Annual Council Meeting, usually held in September.

For further details and how to apply please use the following link: [Kent Swimming](#)

Applications close Monday 16 June 2025 at noon

# Thank You, Volunteers

#volunteersweek



June 2–8 is National Volunteers Week and we would like to take the opportunity to say a massive 'Thank You' all of our fabulous volunteers at all levels and all areas of the club. We could not operate without you and each and every volunteer is truly appreciated! A few of our volunteers are pictured below, but we are so lucky to have many more – you are all amazing!





## South East Regional Open Water Championships

The Open Water Championships of both the Swim England London and Swim England South East provide the only opportunity for qualifying for the Swim England National Championships. In both cases, the top three swimmers (representing a club affiliated to the respective region) in each age-group/gender event will qualify.

This means that to have a chance of qualifying for the National event, members of Kent Rural clubs must swim in the South East event and members of Kent London clubs must swim in the London event.

### Swim England South East Open Water Championships 2025

The South East Region Open Water Swimming Championship event is taking place at Mercers Park, South Nutfield, Redhill RH1 4EU on 29 June with full details available [here](#). Please note that the closing date for entries is Tuesday 17 June 2025.

### Swim England Open Water National Championships 2025

These will be held on 26 July (Age Groups) and 27 July (Masters) at the Rother Valley Country Park, Mansfield Road, Sheffield, South Yorkshire S26 5PQ and full details are [here](#)

**Merchandise** for the South East Regional Open Water Championships is now available to purchase with a current ORDER WINDOW 1 (13th May - 22nd June) - Items will be sent to your home address in time for events on the 29th June 2025. Please use the following link: [SwimPath](#)



## Monson Club Kit

There have been lots of questions about kit of late especially since we have not been ordering from our core supplier for a while for numerous reasons.

We are currently in the process of doing a full kit review and looking to change supplier, so please bear with us. Our plan is to have new kit available to order from September for the new season.

We will not be changing massively. Instead it will be an evolution of where we are today. We are looking to streamline the design so we get maximum flexibility across core and competition kit, to reduce lead times and most importantly to ensure all kit is performance lead in fabric and style.

If your child does not have any Monson tops, please let [Lorna](#) know no later than **Fri 6th June** and we will order you a top from one of our suppliers that we use for tops when we need them urgently. They are cost effective at circa £15 each. The material is performance and quality is good. They are the tops many of the swimmers wear from nationals or arena league.

Thank you and thank you for your patience while we evolve.



## Swim South East Newsletter

Please do consider signing up for the Swim South East Monthly Newsletter, these are packed with information about regional and national swimming and often contain useful tips and guidance. You can sign up with the following link: [Newsletter](#)

To obtain a copy of the June Newsletter, please use the following link: [June Newsletter](#)





## Aquatics GB

### Race to Recycle Programme

Aquatics GB have launched an initiative to recycle racing suits to support athletes and reinforce their commitment to sustainability.

Athletes can donate pre-loved racing suits at selected Aquatics GB events which are then recycled and redistributed to athletes who may otherwise struggle to afford them

For more information please use the following link: [Race to Recycle](#)

The eligibility criteria for applying for a pre loved race suit is here: [Eligibility](#)



### Swim England Strategy

Members may wish to view the Swim England Strategy, at its foundation are strong, guiding principles and 18 goals which set out our roadmap for the future.

[One Swim England | The Swim England Strategy](#)



### IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE: PERSONAL PROPERTY

Regrettably we have had an incident where a swimmer has had some of their belongings taken from a changing room, so please do remind your swimmers to look after their belongings

This is a reminder to all our members, to please leave valuables at home or leave with parents when in the pool.

When swimming at our pools and especially the public pools, please use lockers available and secure the lockers as, unfortunately, neither the pools nor the club cannot be responsible for any losses or damage to personal belongings.



### Monsoon OneTeam Hours

A gentle reminder that our OneTeam policy asks all families with a swimmer in a competitive squad to complete 6 hrs of volunteer time in a calendar year to avoid incurring the charge set out in the OneTeam Initiative.

Please don't forget to log your volunteering hours using the following link: [OneTeam](#)

If anyone is unsure how this scheme works please do get in touch with our [membership secretary](#)

## Upcoming Timetable Changes

No changes this week

## Easy Fundraising – [www.easyfundraising.co.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.co.uk)

We are always looking for ways to raise money for our club and this way is simple. Please follow the link below to register, every time you shop online/via the easy fundraising app a donation is made to Monson, whether it's a £5 purchase and we get 1p, or if you buy car insurance through compare the market and we get a £12.30 donation.

It doesn't cost you anymore than your purchase and the retailers, who range from Amazon, Ebay, Halfords, M & S and 100's more provide the donation.

### Easy Fundraising

Every person that registers via this link, Monson get a £5 so please share it around to aunts and uncles, grandparents etc it really does all make a huge difference to our club.

## CLUB CONTACTS

In order to streamline communication, please use the following email addresses.

## NEWSLETTER ITEMS

If you would like to add anything to the newsletter, please email [monsonnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:monsonnewsletter@gmail.com). Please ensure that any content is received by midday Thursday for inclusion in that week's newsletter

### For any coaching related queries:

Performance & Junior Performance -  
[Karen Bradbury](#)

Age Group 1 – [Richard Smith](#)

Age Group 2 - [Katie Bowman](#)

Age Group 3 - [Alex Counsell](#)

Development - [Della Clout](#)

Academy 1 & 2 - [Sarah Williams](#)

Youth Squad 1 - [Richard Smith](#)

Youth Squad 2 - [Vicky Turton](#)

Junior Squad - [Jan Annan](#)

Water Polo - [Tim Price](#)

### For any other queries

General Club enquiries - [Sueli Armada Bennett](#)

Membership - [Amanthi Tollit](#)

Billing & Finances – [Ala El-Kour](#)

Kit - TBC

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