

Development report.

Swim Mark

I am very happy to report that this year all previously accredited SwimMark clubs retained their accreditation and we also welcomed Ashbourne and District Swimming Club, who accredited in March. This brings our total number of accredited clubs up to 19 out of 22 Derbyshire clubs which is excellent.

The East Midlands has the highest SwimMark percentage of all regions and this is greatly supported by Derbyshire clubs.

Officials

Thanks are owed to Derbyshire's Officials Coordinator Ralph Shepherd for all his work in arranging the training of officials in Derbyshire.

Between March 2018 and 2019 the following numbers of officials were registered:

- J1 26
- Upgraded to J2 15
- Upgraded to J2S 6

Over the same period Derbyshire has run 10 x Judge 1 Courses for various Clubs around the Region where a total of 69 trainees attended.

Open Water

One of our planned focus projects for this year and next is the discipline of Open Water Swimming.

This year we ran two Derbyshire Open Water training days in June at Cliff Lakes in preparation for the Midlands Open Water Festival in July. 17 swimmers attended the 1st training day and 15 swimmers braved the cold on the 2nd training day. On the 2nd day Margaret Roberts took 5 parents through the Level 1 Open Water Judges Training.

Next year we are keen to further encourage and develop Open Water Swimming in Derbyshire. We hope that the planned Open Water venue in Long Eaton will provide new opportunities for training and possibly for a Derbyshire Open Water Festival.

Young Volunteers Programme

The East Midlands Young Volunteer Programme has proved popular this year with 127 young volunteers taking part in some form of training. Of the 127 young volunteers in the East Midlands 25 were from Derbyshire.

Next year we hope to provide more opportunities and hope that young volunteers in Derbyshire can continue to benefit from the opportunities.

Coach/Teacher Funding

Over the past year DASA have helped to fund coaching and teaching courses for 57 Derbyshire club members:

Level 1 Teaching – 17

Level 2 Teaching – 7

Level 1 Coaching – 25

Level 2 Coaching – 7

Level 3 Coaching – 1

Planning is in place to run another level 1 and 2 coaching course in Derbyshire towards the end of 2019.

Club Link Funding

Last year DASA won a funding grant from Derbyshire County Council. This grant is being used to support 'Club Link' projects in three Derbyshire clubs with the aim of improving the entry route into clubs and increasing category 1 and 2 membership.