



ANNUAL REPORT 2025-2026



Berkshire & South Buckinghamshire County

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It was my privilege to be elected to the role of BSBASA County President for a second time in 2025, taking over from James Glazebrook.

This time, my term of office would be a little different as I would also be Swim England South East Region President. The combination of the two roles gave me the opportunity to represent the County at more aquatic events.

For me, one of the highlights of the County President's term of office comes in October, with the Swim England National County Team Championships, better known as Inter Counties, held at the Ponds Forge International Sports Centre in Sheffield. Our team swam their hearts out against strong opposition from counties much larger than ours. My thanks go to the Alex Bowsher and David Brazil, who were the coaches for the team and Louise Vincent and Sindy Staessen the Team Managers. Thanks to Barbara Garden for all her hard work in the pre-event logistics, and the Counties Coaching representative, Paul Lloyd.

Around this time, as a swimming Referee, the weekends started to get busy, with various Club Champs and National Arena Swimming League galas to support.

In October, we had the County Development meet, which is an annual swimming competition designed to help swimmers improve their personal bests and achieve County Consideration times. It is for club swimmers who do not regularly qualify for the main County Championships. The meet is a vital stepping stone for younger swimmers to gain racing experience under professional rules without facing the fastest athletes in the County.

In early January, the first of the two County Championship weekends was held at the Wycombe Leisure Centre, followed a couple of weeks later by the second. I am always impressed by, and immensely proud to play a part in our Championships. This year was, as ever, delivered by a dedicated team of volunteers who gave our swimmers a highly professional racing environment in which to compete. We are one of the Counties that present medals and trophies to athletes during the Championships, which adds to the sense of occasion for those who have won them.

In May, I attended the Swim England South East Region Diving Skills competition held at the Rivermead Leisure Centre in Reading, at which our County divers did particularly well, several gaining national qualification scores.

In June, we ran the BSBASA Open Water Championships in parallel with the Swim England South East Regional Championships at Mercer's Park in Surrey. It was a good day for our swimmers in all age groups. My thanks go to our County Vice President, Diane Cryer, who was there to represent the County whilst I undertook my Regional President duties.

I take this opportunity to thank all the members of the County Board, and in particular our Honorary Secretary, Roger Penfold, who has supported me so much during my two terms as President.

It has been another eventful year for the County, and I have enjoyed playing my part as President. I now hand over the ceremonial reins to Diane Cryer to take us through to 2027.

Peter Roycroft
President BSBASA



SECRETARY

I have just read again my contribution to the 2024/25 Annual Report, and realised that I would be saying very much the same in 2025/26. In a sense, that might be because I have been in post too long, but I suspect it is also because not much changes from year to year.

This association, “the County” to most readers, has no resources beyond the services of the employees of, contractors to and volunteers of the clubs assigned to it. That’s it. It is merely an association of clubs, brought together by geography. For instance, the County officers are all members of assigned clubs, as are the Members of the County Board. And all the officials you see at the County Championships, together with the non-technical support and the Championships’ promoters. I suppose the bottom line is, if you want the County to do something, you ought to be prepared to lend a hand.

The County does, however, punch hugely above its weight. Roger Prior (of Slough Dolphin) was the President of Swim England for the year until May 2026. No one has disputed my statement in last year’s report, that Roger is the first person from a Berkshire & South Buckinghamshire club to hold the national presidency, as we go back to our formation in 1911. Roger did a great job, across the whole country (and the various aquatic sports) as President, supported by his wife Susan (Harrison), also of Slough, who is very well known and respected as a speed swimming technical official.

Sara Todd (Reading SC) is an elected director of Swim England. Sara is one of the Swim England appointed directors on the Board of GB Aquatics. Sara is leading on the national governance of the sport review, initiated by Swim England, which I shall touch on later. Sara, a very busy lady, following her retirement from paid employment, is also the Chair of the Regional Management Board. It is interesting to note, incidentally, that all the chairs of the South East Region, since its inception earlier this century, have been members of Berks & South Bucks clubs.

Roger Prior, Jenny Gray (Reading Royals ASC), Peter Roycroft (Amersham SC) and I are all directors of Swim England South East Ltd, the company which now heads regional aquatic sports in this part of the country. Peter is now in his second year as Regional President ... As I said, B&SB punches above its weight in governance!

It is not my business to review the reports of those volunteers who lead the various disciplines across the County. There are a few points to be made, however. Our County swimming championships, held over 2 weekends in January, were once again a huge success, a tribute to the Performance Swimming Events’ Manager, James Glazebrook, and his magnificent support team. The County team were, unfortunately, relegated to Division 2 of the national Inter-Counties competition in Sheffield last October. The County promoted an excellent Masters’ event in Braywick last September, and our team came 4th in the regional round of the masters’ inter-county event, in which the regional results are aggregated to provide a national result. Although not in the period under review, the County promoted an Open Water Championship in June this year, its first such championship in modern times. In earlier years of the Association, there were swimming competitions in the River Thames, so I guess such events would be construed as open water swimming today!

While there are no county teams per se in other disciplines, our clubs’ athletes perform well in them, especially in artistic swimming and diving, and we are growing in strength in water polo.

I mentioned last year that there was a new senior leadership team at Loughborough, and it was changing the outlook at Swim England. The recently announced resignation of the Chief Executive may well, however, hamper the progress of the change. I also mentioned earlier the governance review, which could, and I stress “could”, lead to fundamental change in the way regions and counties operate. The first consultation on what the review team has come forward with has not necessarily been universally well received. There is, however, I think a mood afoot amongst those who have participated in the consultation, outside of Loughborough, ie the “Members” – those club members appointed by regions to attend the Swim England AGM - and regional boards, that change is needed, but nervousness that Swim England will be able to deliver it.

There is one item crucial to our sports – access to suitable water. I mean indoor pools here, as, this being the Thames Valley, there are any number of flooded gravel pits where open water swimming may be pursued. Incidentally, personally I would counsel against swimming in any river, especially the Thames, given the doubts about water quality! As far as I know, the competition and training pool estate remains as at the time of the 2025 Report, and I am not aware of any plans for further new pools in Berks and South Bucks.

On a sad note, Barbara Coker passed away in November 2025. Barbara, who was associated with Reading Royals SSC (as it then was) for many years, was County President in 1995 and, together with her late husband, Doug, received the President’s Plate in 1996 for services to the sport in the County.

Finally, I should like to conclude with a list of thanks, to

- James Glazebrook and Peter Roycroft, the Presidents for the year in question. They have been dedicated and hard working in support of the aquatic disciplines in the County;
- the Hon Treasurer and the members of the Management Board;
- the discipline managers (many of whom are also Board members), and the swimming officials’ co-ordinator. Their support and endeavours are vital to ensure the success of our sports in Berkshire and south Buckinghamshire. I must make special mention of Bob Odell, who retired as Masters’ Manager during the year, a role he first took on as interim manager, and just grew into the substantive role, becoming a must respected figure in masters’ swimming across the Region;
- Kristie Jarrett, the Regional Club Development Officer assigned to this County, who has attended, and reported to, meetings of the Management Board during the past year;
- Sandra, my wife, who looks forward to my retirement from this office!

And, on that note, I said last year that I would not stand for election as Hon Secretary again. Circumstances are such that I have reneged on that promise, but 2026/27 really will be the last year!

Roger Penfold
Secretary

TREASURER

Covering the County Association's activities April 2025 – March 2026

Overall, the finances are healthy, in someways too healthy in that the County aims to invest funds in the development of swimmers with development camps and training sessions, funded with the income generated by the 2 county meets.

We executed well on the generation of funds, but had only limited success with the expenditure plans. We did send a team to the National County Team Championships but were unable to create the development environment with the training camps and events which we had previously held.

As a result the county recorded a bigger income over expenditure than was budgeted for in the year.

My thanks to Barbara Garden who will be examining the accounts for 2025-2026.

Jonathan Mills
Treasurer

PERFORMANCE SWIMMING

Introduction

Please find the 2026 Annual Report of the Berkshire and South Buckinghamshire ASA Performance Swimming Events Committee.

The report is written to cover the 2025/2026 season, including:

1. The 2025 County Development meet
2. The 2026 County Championships
3. New County Swimming Records
4. Developments in county swimming facilities

The Performance Swimming committee comprises the following members:

- James Glazebrook (Committee Chair)
- Stuart Fillingham
- Rob Moore
- Andy Mackay
- Jonathan Mills
- Sam Dyson

The committee delivers 2 performance swimming meets each year, the 1-day “County Development Meet” and the 4-day “County and Age Group Championships”. These meets are the main fund-raising events for the BSBASA organisation.

On behalf of the BSBASA management board, I would like to recognise the hard work that each and every member on the committee has put in to deliver another year of high-quality swimming meets. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the committee for their support and commitment to the County as I know how much this means to our swimmers and clubs.

Development Meet

The Development Meet took place on 12th October 2025 at Braywick Leisure Centre using all 10 lanes of the main pool. This is an annual meet aimed at swimmers 17 years old and under from the county who do not yet have licenced times that allow them to be considered for entry to the following County Championships. The events programme remained unchanged from the 2024 Development Meet covering 50m, 100, and 200m events for each stroke and individual medleys, as well as mixed freestyle and medley team relay events. The only change to the conditions from 2024 was to align the qualifying “no faster than” times with the updated County Championship consideration times.

This year 394 swimmers took part (up from 375 in 2024) and completed 1622 swims (up from 1482 swims in 2024). Total income increased to £15,227 (up from £12,552 in 2024). Costs were similar to last year (£4,130) although the leisure centre is still to invoice for the pool booking as of April 2026.

Support for the meet from the clubs remains strong so we will continue to run the Development Meet, with the 2026 event planned to be held at Braywick pool on 11th October. The qualification times will continue to be aligned the County Championship’s consideration times.

Our thanks also go to Maidenhead Marlins and Windsor Swimming Clubs who helped the committee with some of the planning of the meet and advised on the best way to use the facilities.

County Championships

The County “Speed Swimming” Championships is the biggest event run by the BSBASA each year. This year the event was held at Wycombe Leisure Centre using the 50m pool over full 4 days, covering the weekends of 10th/11th and 24th/25th January. The meet included a full programme of events; featuring individual events of 50m, 100m & 200m of each stroke; 400m, 800m and 1500m freestyle; 200m and 400m individual medleys; and freestyle and medley relays.

For the 2026 event, the tandem relay events which were a feature of the programme for the previous 2 years were removed from the programme, replaced by Mixed 4 x 50m freestyle and medley relays at the end of Day 1 and an 8 x 50m Squadron freestyle relay at the end of Day 4. Entry numbers for the meet were up marginally on last year with 614 swimmers qualifying for 3233 swims (up from 569 swimmers and 2,967 swims in 2025). All qualifying entries were accepted although this meant 2 sessions running longer than 3hrs, requiring additional breaks to meet licence requirements. The increase in swimmers also meant that all but 2 of the events that had finals had 8 or more swimmers qualifying for them.

Entry fees were maintained at similar levels to 2025 with some minor changes to align with similar competitions and slightly reducing the cost of the long-distance races. Total meet income increased to £48,143 (compared with £42,309 in 2025). Costs for holding the meet increased significantly from 2025 due to price hikes imposed by Wycombe Leisure Centre, standing at £26,359 (compared with £21,696 in 2025), an increase of 21%.

The pool cost increases are not a major surprise after costs have been relatively stable over previous years. However, in conjunction with the cost hike, the leisure centre also imposed restrictions on the use of the leisure centre which created additional complexity on the running of the event, as well as reducing the quality of the facilities available to the athletes. This included a significant reduction in the time the meet was able to use the community pool for swim down; the changing rooms were used by the public as well as swimmers (we were previously able to separate this). The section of the sports hall used for marshalling and swimmers to wait for their events and complete land warmups was also further from the pool entrance than previously.

Feedback from the Coach’s Forum held after the championships was largely positive and highly appreciative of how the competition was organised and run. There is some frustration in the loss of the swim down facility although the practicalities are understood. The new relay events were particularly well received and will be kept for the 2027 programme.

The 2027 Championships are planned to be held again at Wycombe Leisure Centre on 16th/17th & 30th/31st January.

Performance Swimming facilities within the County

The Performance Swimming Events Committee takes a keen interest in the development of facilities available in the county which are suitable for the organisation of galas and competitions. The county has 7 pools suitable for holding Level 3 meets:

- Braywick Leisure Centre, Maidenhead (10 lanes, 25m)
- Bracknell Leisure Centre, Bracknell (6 lanes, 25m)
- Chilterns Lifestyle Centre, Amersham (8 lanes, 25m)
- Crosfields School, Reading (5 lanes, 25m)
- Rivermead Leisure Centre, Reading (8 lanes, 25m)

- The Centre, Slough (8 lanes, 25m)*
- Wycombe Leisure Centre (8 lanes, 50m)

*The Centre pool is not new but only held its first licensed Level 3 meet on 7th February 2026.

James Glazebrook
Performance Swim Manager

* Performance Swimming Records are available in Appendix 1.

MASTERS SWIMMING

(Report for the period November 2024 - November 2025)

The South-East MASTERS Inter-Counties competition was in its 25th year and in November 2024 was again held at the Olympic Pool, London (SC). B&SB again came 4th in our Regional event and this was good enough to place our district 6th nationally out of the 31 competing districts. We scored 8 individual heat wins through Amanda Heath (4) and 1 each from Laura Cooke, Kirsty Johnson, Millie Sansome and Kellyn Caldwell. Our oldest competitor Duncan McCreadie (79) made a valiant effort in his swim, coming a very creditable 4th.

The South-East MASTERS (LC) at Crawley in January 2025 had few entries from our district but we nevertheless had 6 winners in various events, namely David Wood, Charles Wilson, Amy Barton (Wycombe), Luke Withers, Duncan McCreadie (Maidenhead) and Chris Ehringer (Bracknell). The next major event in the calendar was the Bracknell Open MASTERS (SC) in early March and, as might be expected, this was heavily subscribed by our local swimmers with more than 40 persons entering various events. 28 of these enjoyed success in their age-group with Bridget Bewick, Brodie Judge, Claire Moore and Josephine Wells leading the way with 5 wins each. On the same day Amanda Heath had opted for the Swim Wales MASTERS Championships (LC) in Cardiff where she took 4 Gold and 1 Silver from 5 events. Also in early March, Duncan McCreadie competing at Le Mans in France set 1 new European (800fs) and 1 new British record (200bk). The Swim England South-East 1500 (LC) at Crawley at the end of the month attracted a capacity field of 55 competitors and Samantha Usher (Wycombe) emerged as a worthy winner in her age-group. In the relay session held at this meet Amanda Heath swimming with her 3 Spencer team-mates in the mixed 280+ age-group set 3 European records in little more than an hour! At about the same time Amanda received a special award from Runnymede Borough Council as their 'Sportsperson of the year'.

In May the news was made not by one of our swimmers but by Roger Prior, a long time member of the Regional and District Management Boards, senior referee and keen supporter of MASTERS swimming when he was installed as Swim England President at the Swim England Annual Council Meeting. Roger can regularly be seen poolside at National, Regional and County competitions.

The British MASTERS Championships took place at the Olympic Pool, London (LC) in June where Amanda Heath was again among the medals with 5 Gold and 1 Bronze. Pip Williams took individual Gold on 50bs but almost better was the achievement of the Wycombe team (including Pip) in taking a medal in the 4 x 50m mixed free relay (240+ age-group) coming in just behind City of Sheffield, who broke the European and British records in winning the event. The Sheffield team included Andrew Moore who competed for Amersham in his early years but now resides near to Manchester. Later in the month Amanda won an SER open water event over 2 Km and just to prove it was no fluke she followed this up with a win in July over 1.5km at Shepperton.

The World MASTERS Championships in August in Singapore saw a return to form of Guy Emerson (Amersham) who had been largely sidelined with various problems for some time. He posted decent times in individual events but saved his best efforts for achieving Silver medals with his Spencer teammates in 4 x 50fs and 4 x 50 medley mixed relays. Not to be outdone, Amanda Heath gathered another 4 medals (3 Gold) at the same meet and then came 4th in the 3 km open water event.

Using only 6 of the available 10 lanes, our County Open MASTERS event took place early September at Braywick L.C. Maidenhead. Although 55 clubs participated, the number of entries was 15-20% down on last year and may prompt us to move the meet to a 6-lane pool, e.g. Bracknell. 33 local

swimmers won their age-group events, with Bridget Bewick (Bracknell 60-64 range) being the most successful having 5 victories.

The Swim England National MASTERS Championships took place in Sheffield at the end of October. Kellyn Caldwell was our most successful female competitor with 2 Gold and 2 Silver medal performances. 10 other ladies claimed medals. There were no similar achievements in the open/male category with our sole victor being Dave Milburn winning 2 of his 3 breaststroke events when alas he was competing for his second club Basingstoke.

The South-East MASTERS Inter-County event took place in early November and was again held at the Olympic Pool, London. There were 32 districts involved spread over 5 galas around the country. Last year Surrey had come second and this year they were clearly intent on improving their position. The 'win at all costs' approach propelled them not only to first place in our district but also nationally. B&SB came 4th in our event which translated to 8th nationally out of 32 competing districts. Our gala provided 4 of the top 10 nationally so the strength within the South-East is clear. Winners Surrey amassed 461.50 points (44 wins), 2nd were Hampshire on 333 points (8 wins), 3rd came Middlesex on 304.50 points (8 wins) and 4th came B&SB on 293 points (9 wins). There were individual successes for Kirsty Johnson (44) on 50fly* and 50bk*, Karen Jenden (35) on 50br, Kellyn Caldwell (36) on 50fs*, Laura Cooke (60) on 50fly and Brodie Judge (24) 50fly. There were 3 relay wins, namely 4 x 50fs* female (140 years+), 4 x 50fs* female (220 years) and 4 x 50 mixed medley relay (260 years). Laura Cooke's effort achieved 2nd place nationally and Brodie Judge came in 3rd on the national table. A great effort also came from Jacqueline Wells (65) who came 2nd in her 50fly event and this was good enough to place her 3rd overall. Five of the wins are marked with an * which indicates that the winner was also 1st nationally - brilliant. Once again, although B&SB is the smallest district in the South East, it is clear that our swimmers continue to 'punch above their weight' both locally and nationally.

Bob Odell

MASTERS Manager (retired).

ARTISTIC SWIMMING

The only Artistic Swimming Club, Reading Royals Artistic Swimming Club, in the county has had another busy competitive year.

Cara Ziedler has been a member of the GB Senior team and duet squad and Francesca Pringle joined the senior squad and both competed in the World Cup event in Spain.

Following National age groups Rie Bracewell and Callum Wilding were both selected to the England youth training squad and will have three camps at the training centre in Bristol.

NATIONAL

National Championships (April, Nottingham)

- Tech Team – Bronze medal (one of only three of fifteen without Base Mark)
- Free Team – 5th place (17 teams)
- Acro Team – 4th place (one of only two teams without a Base Mark)

Junior solo – Francesca Pringle 4th Senior Solo 7th

Junior Tech Duet Francesca Pringle and Eloise Hackett 4th

National Age Groups (March, Gloucester)

- Youth Mixed Duet (Callum Wilding & Romilly) – Bronze medal
- Youth Solo – Rie Bracewell 5th
- Youth Figures – Rie Bracewell 4th, Callum Wilding 12th
- 12U Figures – Olivia Magini 8th, Maya Carrion 14th
- Youth Team – 7th place

REGIONAL RESULTS

Regional Age Group & Youth Championships (February)

Gold Medals

- Youth Mixed Duet (Callum Wilding & Romilly McQuillan) – 1st (Gold)
- 12U Combo Team – 1st (Gold)

Silver Medals

- Youth Figures – Rie Bracewell 2nd (Silver)
- Youth Figures – Callum Wilding 4th
- Youth Solo – Rie Bracewell 2nd (Silver)
- Youth Free Team – 2nd (Silver)

Bronze Medals

- 12U Figures – Olivia Magini 3rd (Bronze)

Regional Squad Selection

- 7 athletes selected for the regional training squad with 4 competing in the regional games in Bristol

2026 has been a building year. Several of the senior swimmers have moved to Bristol as part of the National Squad. The club have utilised the Rivermead Leisure Centre which is allowing the recruitment of new swimmers and also allowed them to show all their routines at a packed audience.

Jenny Gray
Artistic Swimming Manager

DIVING



Programme

There remain two Swim England Diving Clubs within the county boundaries:

- Amersham Diving Club based at the Everyone Active operated Chiltern Lifestyle Centre in Amersham
- Albatross Diving Club who are based at their new home pool, GLL operated Rivermead Leisure Centre in Reading.

Both clubs use Luton for highboard training, Amersham also use the London Aquatic Centre and Albatross Southampton. Both Albatross and Amersham both hold Club Affiliation with the renewal of Albatross being presented to the next Southeast Regional Board.

Amersham is a family-friendly, competitive swimming and diving club located in the heart of the Chilterns. Their mission is to provide a supportive environment where swimmers and divers of all abilities can achieve their full potential. Diving is fully integrated and well supported within the Club, allowing them to offer competitive opportunities at all levels — including Pre-Skills, Skills and Age Group diving as well as Masters, and junior/adult learn-to dive groups.

Since the last report the club has remained focused on increasing the number of divers and lessons offered and has recently appointed a new Head Coach who will focus on both the recreational and competitive programmes hoping to double the number of competitive divers qualifying for both the National Skills Finals and National Age Group Championships next year.

Established in 1978, Albatross is part of Readings aquatic heritage offering both a community lesson-based programme and nationally competitive squad opportunities. Since moving into the new pool Albatross has experienced phenomenal growth which has now plateaued with the club focusing on greater engagement and retention strategies. Having introduced their own grading system and with the support of both Swim England Southeast and the National body have developed and hosted 2 coach development workshops and 2 diver development afternoons to

share club experiences and look at best practice in coaching and diver progression in line with changes in competition conditions.



Following the introduction of an adult section last year this has grown in volume and depth with training and competition collaboration between the two clubs resulting in 3 combined sessions being organised in Reading, Amersham and Luton.

Whilst it was not possible to host a county competition 2 Learn to Dive events were organised and the reintroduction of the annual Interclub competition last year and this proved successful attracting, this year, over 160 pre-skills divers to the Reading pool.

Both the clubs have a steady number of enquiries with Albatross introducing a Pay As You Go option within the programme to assist in the early development of lesson programme divers. An Albatross coach attended the Swim England Talent Games as a judge gaining valuable experience in developing key skills at a young age particularly in dry sessions which she has used to build new training sessions. The club are extending their dry offer by financially supporting another coach in gaining a Level 3 Personal Trainer qualification as a prerequisite to a becoming a level 4 Strength and Conditioning coach and supporting another in gaining a mat and reformer Pilates qualification. Both will work with the coaching team to incorporate these skills into lesson plans.

The 2-day Southeast Region National Skills Qualifier 2026 was held in Reading and its success has meant that the pool will host the same event in 2027.



Statistics

	Amersham	Albatross
Lesson/ Learn to Dive Programme	110	165
Pre-Skills Development	12	12
Skills Qualifiers	9	10
Age Group	4	6
Elite		
Seniors		1
Masters/Adults	10	16

Amersham support the club with 5 Dive Coaches and 2 Assistant Coaches. Albatross has 10 Programme Dive Coaches with 2 Bank Dive Coaches who support absences. They also have 5 Assistant Coaches. One Albatross coach is now a dive course tutor, 1 an international judge, 4 are senior judges, recently judging the Aquatics GB Diving Championships in Sandwell, 1 a national judge and 8 regional judges.

Both clubs have had movement in their coaching numbers due to changing personal circumstances but are active in promoting coaching opportunities to parents and older divers on their programmes from which all new coaches have been drawn.



Competitive Calendar

Both clubs have entered divers in regional open and national competitions this last year including the Swim England National Skills Finals and Swim England National Age Groups where Amersham diver Jasper Hussain won the gold medal in the Group A Platform. Both too will be attending this years national finals.

Administration, Coaching and Recognition

All the Albatross coaches have come from involvement in the sport either as a diver themselves or as a parent of a diver. Both clubs also support Swim England with judges and officials with Amersham having Regional Judge 1's and Albatross having Regional Judge 1's, National Judge 2's and Senior Judge 3's. The county was represented at all Swim England and Aquatics GB Regional Qualifiers and National Events this year by a selection of these judges as well as recording officials. In recognition of the importance of mentoring and supporting the wellbeing of its coaches Albatross have created a specific role of Coach Development Coordination Manager who will be responsible for supporting newly qualified coaches and ensuring all coaches individual development goals providing mentoring, training and practical support.

The club are proud of the success of Charlotte West who received the Swim England Southeast Silver Award as Technical Official of the Year.



Emma West
Diving Manager

WATERPOLO

As in previous years, to my knowledge, water polo is played competitively by only one club in the County, Reading SC. I think, therefore, that the best course for my report is to repeat much of the content of the report on water polo submitted to the AGM of Reading SC in October 2025, as below.

2024-2025 Water Polo Business Plan Objectives

- 1) Pools - To hold pool time in Eton as a minimum with the opportunity to expand for seniors. To identify at what point in the Waterpolo year it may be possible to launch a feeder session at Rivermead for juniors.
- 2) Membership - To increase senior, junior and particularly learn to play membership. To continue the junior club and expand the number of sessions for seniors and juniors to 2 sessions per week but with the proviso that we continue to ensure we break even financially.
- 3) Games - League/Results - Try to regain our league position in Division 1 of the (Summer) London League and to re-enter a mixed U17 squad into the Hampshire league (Winter season). To try to start to integrate some of the older juniors (15+) into the senior squad sessions and games. To develop the less skilled members of the team and also improve inter-team play out of competition by playing 4 senior friendly games.
- 4) Junior Polo - To continue to develop and expand the junior Water polo section, to ensure that it continues within Reading Swimming Club. To try to split the junior section into two groups/sessions, for older and younger juniors (mini polo). To continue to develop the juniors with the aim of more attending regional training sessions and breaking into the regional squad.

Accomplishments to date

1) Pools

We continue to train at Eton School pool following our move there in 2020 and have established that this pool and facilities are more fit for purpose than Rivermead.

In terms of playing games at Rivermead there remain a number of obstacles that prevent us from doing so, but we aspire to having a training session back at Reading once we are financially able to support such a move.

Currently we only have two training sessions a week; on Seniors on Thursdays (20.30 – 22.00) and Juniors on Sundays (19.30 – 21.00).

This is not ideal; we need more pool time for seniors and we need another session for the juniors so that we can split the larger and smaller juniors up, and reduce the numbers in each session (24 is too many to develop their skills bearing in mind the relative inexperience).

Ultimately we would like to try to develop the junior section, to do what Basingstoke have done in Hampshire, and develop a centre of excellence for juniors from all over Berkshire/Buckinghamshire in Reading.

2) Membership

Membership across seniors and juniors remains stable. The junior section will always be impacted by the number of players leaving the area for A-levels / university etc.

We are still receiving a steady number of enquiries from potential new starters; people moved to the Reading area mostly.

We do have a potential issue with the junior section; a good number of our juniors (approx. half) turned 18 and as a result we have lost them from the juniors section. We are trying to encourage some to join the senior section but the majority have gone to university so we are looking at ways of integrating them back in during holidays to keep the connection with the club and encourage a potential return in future.

We have launched the Learn To Play section – most players who joined have stayed with us but we are still looking to grow. David Vine donated an hour of pool time in September so that we could run some training with potential new kids who could join the Learn To Play squad. All seemed to enjoy the session, but unfortunately, none have joined following this. We have had feedback that our L2P session clashes with swimming sessions making it difficult/impossible for those kids to come to play Waterpolo if they want to continue swimming on a Sunday.

An investment has had to be made during the year to increase pool time for the Learn to Play section incurring additional cost while revenues would temporarily lag behind. As noted above, efforts are continuing to grow this section through various means.

Our aim over the next 3-5 years is to have:

- a) A strong Men's team playing to a good level of competition
- b) A development Men's team for older juniors and newer seniors to the game to have the opportunity to play games against other teams
- c) A Junior section 12-18
- d) A Mini's section (c8-12 and new junior starters for first 4-6 weeks)

We have run a recent recruitment campaign to local schools and on the Reading Swimming club website, and we have had a number of new junior members come along (3 so far from Reading SC, one of which wants to continue and is joining).

3) League/Results

The senior London league team have continued playing in Division 2. Matches are competitive and as we head into the final stretch of matches we are broadly mid table. We started the league strongly with some good wins although have been caught out in the last few. But we have been able to give an increasing amount of match time to up and coming players which will hopefully be beneficial in the long run.

4) Junior Polo

The junior section is going well and we have c.30 juniors (ranging from 11 to 17) training at present. Some of the older members have been training with the seniors this year and some have played in the senior league matches.

The juniors are very committed and seem to love the sessions, we have had some great feedback from both parents and juniors.

We played in the Hampshire U17 mixed league this year (with Winchester, Basingstoke, Jersey, Weymouth and Portsmouth) to give our juniors some match practice and they played well. We hosted a tournament at Eton for the U17s to play this year.

Three of our boys and 1 of our girls went to regional training (U16 & U18 levels) with one (Josua Santacaterina) making it to the team and represented the South East in the regional tournament (in Liverpool). Another Junior Airlia Philippidis was invited to play with Worthing for her age group (we do not have enough female players to do this ourselves) in the National Age Group Championships and she helped the team achieve a bronze medal (essentially the team was the 3rd best for it's age group in the country).

5) Coaching

We currently have 2 qualified coaches for the seniors/juniors; Head coach Alexis Philippidis (Level 2 qualified) and Assistant coach Paul Hancock (Level 1 qualified). Both have completed their DBS and Safeguarding courses.

We need to get at least one more coach trained and have a willing candidate (Richard Bromham). We also have a number of volunteer juniors who help out with the learn to play squad so we may need support from the club to help with any relevant requirements for these.

6) Water Polo Structure

The new structure for the team with Steve Brown as Waterpolo Chairman, Alexis Philippidis as Head Coach and Paul Hancock as Coach has helped the club make progress and organise itself better.

Roger Penfold

Interim Water Polo Manager

(with grateful thanks to Steve Brown)

APPENDIX 1 PERFORMANCE SWIMMING RECORDS

During the 2025/2026 season (from 1st April 2025 until 31st March 2026) 1 new County Junior Record and 7 new County Records were set by the county's athletes, as listed in the table below

Gender	Course	Event	Swimmer / Club	Location	Date	Time
Junior County Records						
Mixed	LC	4x50m Freestyle Relay	Amersham B	Wycombe LC	10/01/2026	01:52.71
County Records						
Female	LC	100m Breaststroke	Eloise Wade (Newbury)	Ponds Forge	30/07/2025	01:11.41
Female	LC	50m Breaststroke	Eloise Wade (Newbury)	Ponds Forge	02/08/2025	00:32.64
Female	LC	50m Freestyle	Annabelle Compton (Wycombe District)	Wycombe LC	11/01/2026	00:26.25
Female	LC	50m Butterfly	Annabelle Compton (Wycombe District)	Wycombe LC	24/01/2026	00:28.29
Female	LC	100m Freestyle	Annabelle Compton (Wycombe District)	Wycombe LC	24/01/2026	00:56.56
Mixed	LC	4x50m Freestyle Relay	Wycombe Dist A	Wycombe LC	10/01/2026	01:40.98
Mixed	LC	4x50m Medley Relay	Wycombe Dist A	Wycombe LC	10/01/2026	01:51.59

APPENDIX 2 COUNTY OPEN WATER RESULTS

Evt	First name	Last name	Gender	Finish time	Club	Age category	Place
2KM	Leonora	Mcquillan	Female	00:48:57	Wycombe District	12 Years	Gold
2KM	Martha	Cormie	Female	00:50:55	Wycombe District	12 Years	Silver
2KM	Rosa	Tustin	Female	00:52:24	Wycombe District	12 Years	Bronze
2KM	Mia	Wills	Female	00:52:46	Wycombe District	12 Years	4
Evt	First name	Last name	Gender	Finish time	Club	Age category	Place
2KM	Harriet	Stanley	Female	00:46:52	Wycombe District	13 Years	Gold
2KM	Elisa	Perkins	Female	00:48:05	Wycombe District	13 Years	Silver
2KM	Gwen	Keylock	Female	00:50:29	Wycombe District	13 Years	Bronze
2KM	Alexandria	Johnson Cox	Female	00:50:30	Reading	13 Years	4
2KM	Mia	Marshall	Female	00:50:32	Wycombe District	13 Years	5
2KM	Brooke	Gibbs	Female	00:51:00	Bracknell & Wokingham	13 Years	6
2KM	Edith	O'driscoll	Female	00:52:53	Amersham SC	13 Years	7
2KM	Honor	Dalmahoy	Female	00:52:55	Wycombe District	13 Years	8
Evt	First name	Last name	Gender	Finish time	Club	Age category	Place
2KM	Isabella	Bater	Female	00:48:11	Amersham SC	14 Years	Gold
Evt	First name	Last name	Gender	Finish time	Club	Age category	Place
2KM	Sienna	Butcher	Female	00:48:17	Amersham SC	16 Years	Gold
Evt	First name	Last name	Gender	Finish time	Club	Age category	Place
2KM	Teddy	Sampson	Open	00:51:32	Wycombe District	12 Years	Gold
2KM	Thomas	Owen	Open	00:52:48	Maidenhead Marlins	12 Years	Silver
Evt	First name	Last name	Gender	Finish time	Club	Age category	Place
2KM	Harry	Burfitt	Open	00:46:42	Maidenhead Marlins	13 Years	Gold
2KM	Theo	Edmonstone-West	Open	00:48:29	Wycombe District	13 Years	Silver
2KM	Mark	Green	Open	00:54:23	Wycombe District	13 Years	Bronze
2KM	Fredrik	Steeves	Open	00:55:01	Wycombe District	13 Years	4
2KM	Austin	Bater	Open	00:55:58	Wycombe District	13 Years	5
Evt	First name	Last name	Gender	Finish time	Club	Age category	Place
2KM	Affan	Tak	Open	00:50:36	Tilehurst	15 Years	Gold
Evt	First name	Last name	Gender	Finish time	Club	Age category	Place
2KM	Jamie	Ford	Open	00:54:24	Reading	16 Years	Gold
EventDescr	First name	Last name	Gender	Finish time	Club	Age category	Place
3KM	Emelia	Heap	Female	00:35:55	Wycombe District	14 Years	Gold
3KM	Minnie	Wilkinson	Female	00:36:01	Wycombe District	14 Years	Silver
3KM	Amy	Banks	Female	00:36:47	Bracknell & Wokingham	14 Years	Bronze
3KM	Jenny	Bessell	Female	00:36:56	Wycombe District	14 Years	4
3KM	Alice	Jones	Female	00:37:24	Maidenhead Marlins	14 Years	5
3KM	Lottie	Kelemen	Female	00:38:18	Wycombe District	14 Years	6
3KM	Anna	Kosydar	Female	00:38:26	Wycombe District	14 Years	7
3KM	Lucy	Williams	Female	00:40:45	Wycombe District	14 Years	8
EventDescr	First name	Last name	Gender	Finish time	Club	Age category	Place
3KM	Matilda	Boyce	Female	00:35:47	Bracknell & Wokingham	15 Years	Gold
3KM	Seren	Keylock	Female	00:36:56	Wycombe District	15 Years	Silver

3KM	Evelyn	Hopton	Female	00:37:44	Wycombe District	15 Years	Bronze
3KM	Frances	Sadler	Female	00:37:45	Maidenhead Marlins	15 Years	4
3KM	Isla	Bunch	Female	00:38:31	Wycombe District	15 Years	5
3KM	Lily	Turner	Female	00:38:43	Maidenhead Marlins	15 Years	6
3KM	Tiggy	Golby	Female	00:40:50	Wycombe District	15 Years	7
3KM	Ella	Luxton	Female	00:42:10	Wycombe District	15 Years	8
EventDescr	First name	Last name	Gender	Finish time	Club	Age category	Place
3KM	Amelie	Siddons	Female	00:39:17	Maidenhead Marlins	17 - 19 Years	Gold
EventDescr	First name	Last name	Gender	Finish time	Club	Age category	Place
3KM	Roan	Kearney	Open	00:35:00	Wycombe District	14 Years	Gold
3KM	Oliver	Sampson	Open	00:36:58	Wycombe District	14 Years	Silver
3KM	Thomas	Grove	Open	00:36:59	Wycombe District	14 Years	Bronze
3KM	Lachlan	Humphries	Open	00:40:08	Tilehurst	14 Years	4
EventDescr	First name	Last name	Gender	Finish time	Club	Age category	Place
3KM	Finn	Hemmant	Open	00:33:26	Reading	15 Years	Gold
3KM	Aaron	Cain	Open	00:33:36	Wycombe District	15 Years	Silver
3KM	Frasier	Hearmon	Open	00:33:37	Wycombe District	15 Years	Bronze
3KM	Zander	Robertson	Open	00:34:51	Reading	15 Years	4
3KM	Rafferty	Muir	Open	00:37:29	Newbury	15 Years	5
EventDescr	First name	Last name	Gender	Finish time	Club	Age category	Place
5KM	Logan	Jude De Meuter	Female	01:02:53	Wycombe District	16 Years	Gold
5KM	Alexia	Carroll	Female	01:04:13	Reading	16 Years	Silver
EventDescr	First name	Last name	Gender	Finish time	Club	Age category	Place
5KM	Charlotte	Gray	Female	01:00:06	Wycombe District	17 - 18 Years	Gold
5KM	Grace	Wade	Female	01:03:13	Wycombe District	17 - 18 Years	Silver
5KM	Alicia	Bethell	Female	01:04:07	Wycombe District	17 - 18 Years	Bronze
5KM	Ella	Macdonald	Female	01:04:11	Reading	17 - 18 Years	4
5KM	Olivia	Then	Female	01:05:47	Maidenhead Marlins	17 - 18 Years	5
EventDescr	First name	Last name	Gender	Finish time	Club	Age category	Place
5KM	Nicole	Ryan	Female	00:55:39	Maidenhead Marlins	19 Years +	Gold
5KM	Madeleine	Ridley	Female	01:09:06	Reading	19 Years +	Silver
EventDescr	First name	Last name	Gender	Finish time	Club	Age category	Place
5KM	Harry	Jagot	Open	00:55:47	Wycombe District	16 Years	Gold
5KM	Josh	Kimberley	Open	01:02:43	Amersham SC	16 Years	Silver
EventDescr	First name	Last name	Gender	Finish time	Club	Age category	Place
5KM	Patrik	Biro	Open	01:01:44	Reading	17 - 18 Years	Gold
EventDescr	First name	Last name	Gender	Finish time	Club	Age category	Place
5KM	James	Trevithick	Open	00:55:46	Wycombe District	19 Years +	Gold
5KM	Charan	Rupesinghe	Open	00:55:48	Wycombe District	19 Years +	Silver
5KM	Daniel	John	Open	00:58:07	Reading	19 Years +	Bronze
5KM	Daniel	Hall	Open	01:01:50	Maidenhead Marlins	19 Years +	4

APPENDIX 3 – FINANCIAL REPORTS DRAFT

Berks & South Bucks County ASA Accounts at Year Ended 31 March 2026

	Year Ended 31 March 2026	Year Ended 31 March 2025	Year Ended 31 March 2024
<u>Income and Expenditure Account</u>			
Income			
County Championship receipts	48,116	43,857	42,575
Development Meet	13,689	12,552	14,424
County Masters	7,070	8,210	4,314
Artistic Swimming Receipts	-	-	-
English Programmes Camps	-	-	-
Inter County Gala rebate	-	1,000	-
T shirts sold	-	-	-
Interest received	1,606	1,991	1,700
	70,481	67,610	63,012
Expenditure			
County Championship expenditure	26,580	24,575	21,732
Development meet	2,530	4,130	4,981
County Masters	1,977	4,292	4,229
U12 Camps	-	-	-
Bursaries	815	-	436
Diving	-	676	-
Meet Equipment	-	-	660
Artistic Expenses	-	-	-
Masters expenditure	-	-	-
Development camp	-	-	-
Regional camp	-	-	-
Inter county Gala expenditure	6,296	5,707	1,400
Trophies ¹	66	388	115
Management Board	-	-	-
Room hire (meetings etc)	-	-	-
Officials	2,450	-	-
Website	400	159	95
Miscellaneous expenditure	100	0	-
Bank Charges	5	60	60
	41,220	39,987	33,709
Income over expenditure	29,261	27,624	29,303

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Accounts at Year Ended 31 March 2026
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<u>Balance sheet</u>	Year Ended	Year Ended	Year Ended
Assets	31 March 2026	31 March 2025	31 March 2024
Closing Cash Balance	231,126	200,760	175,689
Liabilities	(6,128)	(167)	-
Fixed Assets ²	3,499	-	-
Accruals	-	-	(167)
Stock ³	-	4,604	4,350
	<u>228,497</u>	<u>205,196</u>	<u>179,871</u>
 Liabilities			
Opening Funds	205,364	177,572	150,568
Income over Expenditure	23,133	27,624	29,303
Closing Funds	<u>228,497</u>	<u>205,196</u>	<u>179,871</u>

Notes to the accounts

¹ Trophies are the cups etc; ribbon/medals are allocated against the gala

² Fixed asset purchase of Starter unit for competitions; Will be depreciated over 5 years.

³ Hat/Shirt stock no longer accounted for, so "written off". Purchased shirts/hats are now purchased against the gala/discipline for which they are used

These accounts are currently unexamined.