

# LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Affiliated to Swim England East Midlands Region



# ANNUAL REPORT 2025

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## **CHAIRS REPORT**

### **Ursula Beck**

I am pleased to say that Leicestershire have again achieved in many areas. For a small county we have some amazing swimmers and a team of volunteers who continue to excel with their support for their clubs and the county. In January and February, we held our Age Group & Championships which were an enormous success for our swimmers with many achieving PBs. As I always say they would not run as efficiently as they do without the army of volunteers that come forward to support both before and at the Championships. We were able to use both Hinckley and Braunstone Leisure Centre, and my thanks go to the staff at both these venues for the support that they gave us. Also, to Hinckley Swimming Club who gave up water time to enable us to use their pool and equipment.

We reintroduced our Inter Clubs and Young Teams galas last year with much success and our clubs were keen for them to take place again this year. We held the Inter Clubs in September, and this was run by Leicester Sharks on behalf of the County and was a tremendous success. The Young Teams gala will be run at the end of November and Coalville Swimming Club have agreed to run this for us.

You may wonder why we have clubs running these events for us. We now have Club Chair and Coaches meetings throughout the year and at the last meeting it was decided that we would ask if any of the clubs would like to run the events for us. Both Leicester Sharks and Coalville kindly offered to hosts the events, and I would thank them both for their support.

September saw the return of the Leicestershire Carter Jonas Masters Event. We are extremely fortunate to have a company that are happy to sponsor this event each year and we felt that by way of thanks we would rename the event. This was a successful meet organised by Alan and his team, and I would thank him for the work that he puts in to ensure that everyone has a great time.

October saw our swimmers travelling to Sheffield for the annual Go Cardless National County Team Championships. We finished fourth in the second division which meant that we moved up into the first division. What an achievement. Well done to all of the swimmers and thank you to Sue and Jamie for sorting the swimmers and for the volunteers who supported the team on the day.

We have and are intending to make a number of changes in the way the County is run. In the past we have had a Swimming Committee with a Swimming Manager, A decision was made to effectively dismantle this Committee and have a number of separate roles. The key role at this time was that of Events Manager and I am pleased to welcome Jenny Baldwin into this role. She is being ably supported by Geoff for next year's Age Groups. All County events will come under the umbrella of the Events Manager. I would at this time to thank Geoff for the work that he has done over the years to ensure that our Age Groups and Championships ran efficiently and successfully. He says he is now going to stand down but I know that he will still be waiting in the wings to offer his support.

Another change is that of a Development Manager. Having given it much thought we decided that it would be better for us to have project managers to undertake various activities within the County. Our main aim is to try and spread the work undertaken by our volunteers. Having said this, I would thank Sue for still taking the lead for the vast majority of our activities.

Yet again we had a number of volunteers from the County nominated for the East Midlands Awards and they were able to attend the Awards Ceremony on Saturday the 13th of September. A huge well done to the following and also thank you to those who nominated them in the first place.

### **TALENT DEVELOPMENT COACH OF THE YEAR**

Stuart Henson

### **TECHNICAL OFFICER OF THE YEAR**

Sarah Martin - Winner

John Sneesby – Highly Commended

Kat Spiers

Louise Cowles

Nikki Hudson

Pam Tilley

Yvonne King

### **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

Sarah Bramford – Highly Commended

Alan King

Nikki French

Sumeya Lila

### **YOUNG VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

Leah Trahearn - Highly Commended

### **SWIMMING CLUB OF THE YEAR**

Leicester Sharks

### **CHILDREN /AGE GROUP COACH OF THE YEAR**

Lee Geraghty

Stuart Henson

### **OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO SWIMMING**

Alice Ball

Whilst we must never forget what our volunteers are doing it is still important to support our clubs and their achievements. Trevor's Records Report will give you full details of who within the county has broken any county records and I would say well done to those who have. Not all swimmers will break records, but they will continue to strive for PBs.

We have had some amazing swims throughout the year not least the swimmers at City of Leicester who whilst not breaking any LASA or East Midlands records during the season still achieved with success at every event that they took part in.

Coalville have had an excellent year, and they tell me that they are really proud of their investment in coaching over the last 2 years. They now have four level 2 coaches and ten level 1 assistant coaches who are all dedicated to improving the technical ability of the swimmers in our club. They were winners of the Norma Smith Young Teams Trophy in 2024 and are preparing themselves for this year's event. Not only are they achieving but were able to donate £2000 to a charity with the proceeds from their Winter meet, and they now have the youngest referee in the county in Jack Coleman. Well done to the club and Jack.

I would like to highlight one of Hinckley Swimming Club's achievements this year. Evie Wright gained her para-classification a few weeks ago after working really hard in her training sessions with Hinckley Swimming Club. She previously attended the disability sessions run by Leicester Penguins but has increased her sessions with Hinckley to three per week since the disability sessions ceased. Evie has been supported by various coaches at both Hinckley and Leicester Penguins to achieve her classification and is looking forward to completing on a more even playing field at future events, hopefully including LASA county championships in January and February 2026.

As I write this report I have been informed that Loughborough Town Masters have been short listed for the Charnwood Sports Award Team of the Year in December. We will keep our fingers crossed that they win the award.

We started the year without a County Secretary, but I am pleased to say that we now have a Secretary after a prolonged period of time. Angela Lake agreed to take on this role and has settled into County life now. This leads me on to the most important part of my report and that is to thank those who have given me so much support over the year.

I must start with Judy our Treasurer who not only does an excellent job with our accounts but continues to be involved with many other facets of the County. She has supported me over the year in many ways for which I am grateful, not least my inability to master the new ways of filing or finding data. I would add that Angela has also realised that my Technical skills leave a great deal to be desired.

I would also thank Sue who, having stepped down as Development Manager, seems to have continued to support all that she did in that role. Geoff and his team again gave us a well-run Age Groups and Championships with his team of volunteers. Whilst Ron is still involved with the Officials, I know that he like myself is extremely grateful to have Lee as he continues to increase his workload for us with the Officials. Abi has now stepped down in her role as Trophy Controller, but I would thank her for the work that she has done over the years both with maintaining the trophies and the support she has given at the Age Group in arranging the volunteers for this event.

Alan as the Masters Manager continues to bring together the masters swimmers for the different events and we now are in the position when we have such a good team of masters swimmers throughout the county that for the Masters Inter Counties, he has a reserve list of swimmers wanting to take part. Paul has worked extremely hard again on revising our Constitution with Trevor continuing to keep the county records up to date. Thank you to Alan, Paul, and Trevor for their continued support. I know that I have mentioned some by name, but it does not detract from me thanking all those who have supported the County in many ways during the year. Without your support we could not survive and let us not forget the parents and swimmers. I wish you all well in the coming year.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Judy Leader

This report covers the financial year 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024 – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

This financial year again saw very successful Age Group & Championships and Masters Open Meet & Championship each showing surpluses above the level budgeted.

COLSC delivered the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final year of the current agreement for the Pathway Programme at the new increased financial package covering all squads. For various reasons, which LASA understand, COLSC were unable to fulfil all KPI's, therefore a new agreement has been signed for the coming season with a reduced financial package.

Again this year, LASA contributed a 50% share of pool hire for Long Course training for National Qualifiers in the County, this time at Corby. Unlike last year, there was only one club who took up this opportunity.

LASA are happy to loan out their equipment to clubs and have this year introduced as a Refundable Deposit scheme which has become necessary as equipment has had to be replaced due to loss or damage during the loan. The purchase of such equipment contributes to this year's capital expenditure.

Capital expenditure has included the purchase of a lockable cupboard to store our equipment at Braunstone Leisure Centre together with storage boxes. We also purchased LASA branded backstroke flags, a Server PC to support the running of the AOE systems for competitions, various cables, and a Cable Protector for the floor. Wireless radios were purchased for use at LASA Competitions.

Bursaries were given to the following clubs for undertaking training to support the counties aquatic athletes.

#### Level 1

Melton Mowbray SC      Teaching Aquatics      2 successful candidates

#### Level 2

Leicester Sharks SC      Coaching Swimming      1 successful candidate

#### Level 3

None

Funding of Special Projects this year has centred around fully funded Skills Camps, totalling £14,000, the first of which was held in September 2025 (£3,500), and the remaining 3 scheduled for November 2025 and January 2026 (£10,500 covered in the next Financial Year).

I convey my thanks to the members of the Executive and the Finance Committee for their patience, support, and assistance during the year.

### MERCHANDISE (FOR SALE OR OTHERWISE)

Size	XS	S	M	Ladies L	L	XL	2XL	3XL	Total
Blue Polo Shirts (New Style)	16	2	7		9	18	10	4	66
Blue Polo Shirts (Old Style)					2	6	5	4	17
White Polo Shirts (New Style)		9	12		16	10	11		58
White Polo Shirts (Samples)				1	1		1		3
White Polo Shirts (Old Style)									
Totals	20	32	38	1	43	38	34	8	214

County Swim Caps	64
Development Swim Caps	17
Skills Camp Swim Caps	172

**Capital Assets Owned by LASA** Quantities are singular unless otherwise noted

Asset	Description	Year brought	New value (£)
Lap Cards (8 off)	WIN lap cards for 800 & 1500M events	Unknown	Unknown
Starter box	Swizz Timing Omega StartTime III Acoustic Start	Unknown	Unknown
Hand bells (8 off)	Charbrias Ltd 8 off Handbells 16cm Reception Bell (181908304268)	2017	71
Starter box	Swizz Timing Omega StartTime V Acoustic Start	2018	1722
Starter box Transport case	Swizz Timing StartTime V Transport Case	2018	300
Strobe + 5m and 25m cables	Swizz timing Omega Flash Start with 25m cable	2018	346
Laptop computer	Hewlett Packard Pavilion 14-ce0594sa	2019	379
Laptop rucksack	Targus Geolite 12-15.6	2019	35
Printer	Brother HL-L3270DN	2019	79
Strobe + 10M Cable	Swizz Timing Omega Flash Start	2019	356
PA Microphone	Model AKG WMS 40 Mini Dual Vocal System (ISM2 +3 Channel 70)	2020	125
Printer	Brother HLL235DW	2023	140
Equipment Trolley	Rainberg Folding Trolley on Wheels	2023	73
2 x Wireless Mouse	Logic Optical Mouse	2023	20
WiFi Dongle	Vodafone 4G Mobile Hotspot	2023	40
Various Network Cables	AOE Swiss Timing Extension Cables,	2023 & 2025	100
Pennant	LASA Hanging Pennant	2024	66
2xPull Up Banners	LASA Branded banner for use as backdrop for photos etc at competitions Price each £222.00	2024	444
Landscape banner	1500 x 500 Team Leicestershire Banner	2024	66
Wallets & Lanyards	Approx 200 For Accreditation badges	2024	170
Lockable Cupboard	Storage Cupboard at BLC	2025	310
Backstroke Flags	2 x 20m string of flags to World Aquatic regulations	2025	180
AOE Server	Laptop PC with LAN cables	2025	90
Cable Protectors	Black & Yellow Creworks Floor Cable Protector	2025	40
Wireless Radio Sets	10 x Boafeng wireless radios with Earpieces	2025	90
Radio Charging Base	Balabaxer 10 port radio charging base	2025	16

A summary of the LASA Income and Expenditure, and the year-end Balance Sheet are presented below. Both reports are produced directly from Pandle the Accounting System.

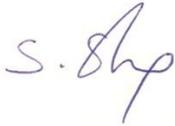
## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Leicestershire ASA**

I report on the accounts of the Leicestershire ASA accounts for the year ended 30 September 2025, which are set out behind.

My examination includes a review of the accounting records kept and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Stuart Sharp  
Accountant

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24 November 2025

**2024/25 Leicestershire ASA Treasurer's Report**  
**Income and Expenses Report - 01/10/2024 to 30/09/2025**

<b>Income</b>		<b>2024/25</b>	<b>2023/24</b>
<b>CC</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Income (£)</b>	<b>Income (£)</b>
405	Affiliation Fees	9,754.50	9,902.50
410	Interest Received	809.14	918.53
415	Merchandise (Polos)	110.00	226.00
420	Age Group & Championship	29,485.00	26,031.00
425	Mini Meet		440.00
430	Door Takings	11,217.14	10,507.50
440	Accreditation Passes	242.00	190.00
455	Donation		36.00
460	Merchandise (Hoodies& T-Shirts)	1,319.00	1,075.60
465	Inter Clubs Gala Entries	250.00	250.00
475	Sponsorship	520.00	520.00
475	Masters Open Meet & Championships	4,476.00	4,992.50
480	Young Teams Relay Gala	200.00	
	<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>58,382.78</b>	<b>55,089.63</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>CC</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Expenses (£)</b>	<b>Expenses (£)</b>
505	Bursaries/Education	125.00	763.00
510	Facilities	14,736.85.00	15,188.00
515	Development Swimming Provision (COL)	9,163.00	7,228.00
525	Records	225.00	315.00
535	AOE Support & Consultancy	897.80	1,714.80
540	Trophies & Engraving	5,748.80	6,100.58
545	Official License	35.00	96.69
555	Merchandise (Polo Shirts)	368.40	1,254.00
560	Prizes & Gifts	520.99	520.99
565	Transport	770.00	735.00
570	Athlete Entry refunds	438.50	16.00
580	Officials expenses	1,969.67	
590	Swim Caps	2,001.60	
595	Swim Skills Camp	3,500.00	
690	Stationery	283.60	
700	Bank Charges and Interest Paid	212.60	326.91
705	Business Insurance	403.53	335.81
710	Website & Software Costs	1,342.33	858.75
715	Repairs & Renewals	72.00	43.20
720	Accountancy Fees	50.00	50.00
735	Sundry Expenses	2,027.07	4,534.34
	<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>44,862.13</b>	<b>40,081.07</b>
	<b>Net Surplus:</b>	<b>13,520.65</b>	<b>15,008.56</b>

**2024/25 Leicestershire ASA Treasurer's Report  
Balance Sheet Report**

<b>Assets</b>		<b>30th Sept 25</b>	<b>30th Sept 24</b>
<b>CC</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Assets (£)</b>	<b>Assets (£)</b>
0	Equipment	2004.08	901.07
180	Prepayments	785.00	770.00
110	Amount owed from customers	52000	180.00
130	Nat West Current Account	1,881.53	4,133.18
135	Nat West Deposit Account	83,838.81	69,455.83
140	PayPal	115.21	
150	Cash	100.00	62.00
	<b>Total Assets:</b>	<b>89,244.63</b>	<b>75,502.08</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		<b>Liabilities (£)</b>	
<b>CC</b>	<b>Category</b>		
280	Accruals	3,180.10	3,043.70
210	Amount owed to suppliers	183.50	98.00
	<b>Total Liabilities:</b>	<b>3,363.60</b>	<b>3,141.70</b>
	 <b>Assets - Liabilities</b>	 <b>85,881.03</b>	 <b>72,360.38</b>
<b>Capital</b>		<b>Capital (£)</b>	
<b>CC</b>	<b>Category</b>		
310	Capital	85,881.03	72,360.38
	<b>Total Capital:</b>	<b>85,881.03</b>	<b>72,360.38</b>

**Balance Sheet Notes**

1. CC 180 – Prepayments relates to coach transport for the October 2025 Inter-Counties gala that had to be paid in advance
2. CC 101 - Amount owed by Customers relates to an outstanding invoice associated with the Masters Open Meet, payment subsequently received in October.
3. CC 210 - Amount owed to Suppliers relates to an invoice received from A.B. Wallace for engraving but not paid until October.
4. CC 280 – Accruals relate to Braunstone LC Pool hire:  
£2,056.90 – Masters Open Meet  
£1,123.20 – Inter-Clubs Relay Gala
5. Neither the cash balance nor equipment & merchandise have been examined.

Judy Leader  
Treasurer

## EVENTS MANAGER REPORT

### EVENT AND PROJECT REPORT Sue Wainscot

This has been a busy year with a number of events being added to the swimming calendar within the county

In the last quarter of 2024, the Young Team Gala took place at Braunstone. Congratulations to Coalville who were crowned Champions. The Gala was a great success and will be taking place again on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2025 with 8 teams participating this year, two more than in 2024. Coalville SC has kindly offered to organise this event with the support of LASA.

In September 2025 the Inter Clubs Gala was well supported with all base clubs entering a team. It was good to see Oadby & Wigston & Shepshed combining resources to enter a joint team.

The competition was fiercely fought right up until the last race. When the final race had been completed, it was found there was a tie on points between Braunstone & Leicester Sharks in the Male/Open competition. Rules were quickly checked and there was a countback looking at all places and yet again, the results were equal so the trophy was shared. Braunstone were successful in retaining the female trophy won in 2024.

Many thanks to Leicester Sharks for organising this event.

The Chair & Head Coaches Meetings have continued during 2025 and as a result of discussions LASA is currently running 4 Swim Camps between September & December 2025. The camps have been set up to cover the four strokes, and the target audience has been those base club swimmers close to the County Times in the respective strokes. On the 27<sup>th</sup> September the Backstroke Camp took place and swimmers, coaches & parents were all involved in sessions.

Each camp has a maximum of 64 places available over two sessions. For the first camp 56 swimmers attended and for the next camp on the 1<sup>st</sup> November all 64 places have been taken up with every base club sending a group of swimmers and coaches.

All camps are being fully funded by LASA with no charge being made to any club or swimmer. A total of 256 swimmers will have had access to this opportunity over the four camps.

Once the four camps have taken place the format will be reviewed and feedback obtained from everyone before any decision is made on what plans are put in place in 2026.

In October our swim team took part in the Go Cardless National Inter County Team Championships in Sheffield. For some swimmers this was their first selection to swim for their county and it was pleasing that every swimmer selected was available to compete.

In Division 2 there were 18 counties represented with the prize of promotion to Division 1 for finishing in the top 4 places. Therefore, every point from every swimmer and all relay teams counted. The swimmers were brilliant, supporting each other during every race and we had no disqualifications in any of the 31 events.

There were top three places for the following swimmers:

Alyssa Lo: 16/17 years 100m Freestyle (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Maxwell Burdett: 12/13 years 100m Breaststroke (1<sup>st</sup>)

Janie Fich: 14/15 years 100m Butterfly (3<sup>rd</sup>)

George Howard: 12/13 years 100m Freestyle (1<sup>st</sup>)

Open/Male 12/13 years 200m Medley Relay (3<sup>rd</sup>)

There were also 9 events where swimmers beat their entry times.

The support team of Harry Pickering & Jamie Black (Coaches) and Steve Platts & Nicola Burdett (Team Managers) were constantly checking the live scores throughout the event. Our overall position frequently moved up and down but we were always in the top 6. The places went down to the last race and once the results were displayed, the Leicestershire team finished 4<sup>th</sup>, thus gaining promotion to Division 1 next year.

Well done to all and thanks to Finlay Gibson & Darcie Platts, Team Captains for supporting the swimmers on the day and to Judy Leader who attended on behalf of Leicestershire ASA and had a prime spot with the dignitaries on poolside.

It is hoped that the new initiative and success of the last 12 months will continue in 2026 and many thanks to all those who have supported the events and swimmers during the year.

Sue Wainscot - LASA Executive.

### **LASA AGE GROUPS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS – Geoff Robilliard and Jenny Baldwin**

First of all, a huge well done to the swimmers who competed in last year's championships.

Thank you to all for bearing with us with the challenging temperature at BLC.

We have not got a pool where it answers everything needed i.e. spectator space and the number of seats. Every year we try to balance this. Do we deprive a swimmer as we cannot guarantee a seat for their parent/guardian? I am not normally political, but I would ask you all to badger Local councillors for Leicester and Leicestershire to have a 50m pool with a separate 25m training pool and seating for 400ish. If you do not ask you do not get. Lincolnshire and Leicestershire have only 25m pools available to them. We have explored going outside of county for 50m pools, but they are not available as they are being used by the counties where they are.

We had the biggest number of entries for a long time. Revenue from that is used and the next point is proof of it.

The monies raised is being ploughed back into the swimmers as is being seen by all clubs with the LASA Skills Camps benefitting those swimmers close to county times. Coaches able to attend too and see how others do training/nutrition etc. The standard of person demonstrating each stroke is world level quality.

We have also spent money on equipment to try and iron out issues in running galas as both sites we use have poor public internet facility.

I have had a wonderful time with The Age Groups over the years as Lead Referee then to Meet Coordinator and thank everyone I have met and worked with as without you, the team behind the scenes, it would not happen. It has been a pleasure to have been so well supported. LASA for putting their trust in me. However, succession will and must happen. I therefore acknowledge that the reigns are being taken up by the **LASA Event Manager, Jenny Baldwin**, and I ask you all to work with her now and support as much as you can.

As I have mentioned the team behind the scenes, please consider offering to assist us in taking the sport forward. You do not have to be on a club committee; you can be a volunteer willing to help out.

Please feel free to speak to us. We have jobs available.

Onwards to next year's LASA Age Groups and Championships 2026, whilst there is a lot of work still to be done it is on course.

Please get the message out there - **NO MOBILE PHONES IN THE CHANGING VILLAGE WHATSOEVER**- Put in your small poolside bags/pockets/lockers. It applies to all who traverse this area not just the swimmers. We have a good record but will not relax on it.

Currently minor issues are being addressed at both pools we use. Meetings with both sites will start shortly in earnest.

- Hoodies and Merchandising work is ongoing.
- Medals and Trophy work is already in progress.
- Succession is happening in the background team too.

I hope those that do not already know Jenny, will introduce themselves and give her the support.

So, from the present and the past -we remain.

Jenny and Geoff

# OFFICIALS REPORT

Lee Smith

The number of County Officials as of September 2025 and compared to the last three years are below:

	Sep-25	Sep-24	Sep-23	Sep-22
Qualification	No. Officials	No. Officials	No. Officials	No. Officials
Referee	11	10	10	9
J2 Starter	28	20	16	11
J2	26	32	23	28
J1	70	51	57	54
J1 trainee*	38	39	30	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>132</b>

\*J1 trainees does include those that are past their 11-month completion period.

A thank you to all Club Coordinators and those involved with the recruitment and mentoring of officials across our County.

For information around the recruitment and training courses of officials please contact Lee Smith at [officials@leicestershireasa.org](mailto:officials@leicestershireasa.org)

## Judge Level 1 Trainees

Online training can be accessed [here](#). Candidates have 11 months from completion and upload of your online theory certificate to complete your practical poolside competencies. Poolside training can be at a club training session or at galas with your mentor but only a licensed referee can sign off a competency. It is advantageous to attend more than just level 4 galas as the quality of swimming increases (usually) with level 1 and 2 meets.

## Judge Level 2 trainees

Sign up for the Judge Level 2 course can be completed [here](#). Following an initial workshop on the duties and responsibilities of the role with your mentor, training will take the form of mentored poolside sessions, again competencies can only be signed off by a qualified referee.

## Judge Level 2 Starter trainees

The application form for the Judge Level 2 Starter qualification can be found [here](#). Please email the completed form to [officials@leicestershireasa.org](mailto:officials@leicestershireasa.org) Following an initial workshop on the duties and responsibilities of the role with your mentor, training will take the form of mentored poolside sessions, again competencies can only be signed off by a qualified referee. An arranged final practical assessment will be completed once all competencies have been signed off.

## Referee trainee

To apply for British Swimming Referee training, the candidate needs to have completed a minimum of 50 hours recorded hours across all roles of officiating and at a variety of levels of meet since the date of qualification as a Judge Level 2 Starter. This is in addition to the 10 hours post Judge 2 Starter

Qualification. The candidate will need to make it known to the County Coordinator at [officials@leicestershireasa.org](mailto:officials@leicestershireasa.org) that they would like to apply for referee training. They will then be invited to complete an application form in December ready to start training in January.

### **License renewal**

For those officials whose poolside license will expire during 2025/2026 please contact [officials@leicestershireasa.org](mailto:officials@leicestershireasa.org) 2 to 3 months before expiry to start the renewal process. It is essential that all candidates wishing to renew have completed the online Swim England Foundation safeguarding for adults course which can be found [here](#). Please do not leave it until the expiry date as it delays your license renewal application and you will be removed from the qualified officials list.

The county will pay for the relicense on the proviso that you attend 12 county age group sessions during the life of your license. Over 4 years this works out at just 3 sessions per year.

### **Open water official**

If anyone has an interest in becoming an open water official, please contact me on [officials@leicestershireasa.org](mailto:officials@leicestershireasa.org) There is no requirement to be already qualified as a poolside official.

Thanks to all who have volunteered for any of the regional competitions this year. It is useful for new officials to work at higher level licensed galas to gain valuable experience.

Lee Smith

Leicestershire Officials Co-ordinator

## **MASTERS REPORT**

### **Alan King**

I would like to report that 2025 has been a good but very challenging year compared with previous years.

We have been able to successfully run our Leicestershire ASA Masters Open Meet in September although the number of swimmers attending was lower in numbers than previous years even though I promoted attending our Meet regularly for 3 months!

In addition to trying to attract the best attendance - the organisational side of running this Leicestershire event was extra hard this year. I would like to give my thanks to Geoff for providing great help with obtaining medals now that Abi Crane has stepped down.

On the day - obtaining volunteers was equally a struggle with just enough Officials to make the meet operate ok and operationally minimal help was available as well!

Please can I ask all Leicestershire Clubs which have a Masters section to be willing to provide help with this event in a similar way to Age Groups – thank you.

On a positive note- there was some great swimming throughout our Meet - all the swimmers who attended really enjoyed it and said they would be back next year - everything went to plan, and we provided a well-run meet. I would like to thank all the Officials and volunteers who did take part it was really appreciated.

Thanks also to the swimmers who supported our meet - I hope to see you all next year – please save the date Sunday 13th September 2026 Braunstone LC.

Finally, I would like to give a huge thank you to our Sponsor Carter Jonas who once again provided sponsorship to cover the cost of all first-place gift voucher - this is really appreciated.

The Inter County National Masters Competition will take place at “Moorways Pool” Derbyshire on Nov 9th. Leicestershire will have a Masters Team taking part and hopefully we will do well again this year.

Thanks to all the swimmers who volunteered to help us select a competitive team. Also, I would like to say thank you to all those you made themselves available for possible selection but were not selected this time. Unfortunately, I cannot include everyone when we are selecting a competitive team, but I would like to personally thank all those who did volunteer – this really helps us be clear who is available on the day.

One small observation regarding swimmers' availability for Leicestershire – I observed on Facebook pages postings covering the success of various Leicestershire Masters swimmers taking part in various high level meets including Nationals through the year. Whilst it is great that we celebrate their achievement - I sometimes wish they would be willing to volunteer and swim for Leicestershire in the Inter Counties. I know everyone cannot always be available - but to not volunteer seems like a missed opportunity for Leicestershire to swim an even stronger team – maybe things may be better next year.

Masters has enjoyed another great year of swimming. Thanks to all Masters swimmers and their clubs for their support, and I hope 2026 will be another successful year for everyone.

Alan King Master Representative.

## **RULES REPORT AND REVISED CONSTITUTION AND BYE LAWS**

### **Paul Sippitt**

You will recall we updated our LASA Constitution and General Rules at a Special General meeting earlier this year. You may also recall we advised Swim England (SE) had written to LASA suggesting that we amend our Constitution and General Rules by separating out provisions that relate to the operational aspects of LASA into By Laws.

Over the past few months, we have reviewed we have separated the Constitution and General Rules, so we now have a Constitution and General Rules a separate document covering our Bylaws. These documents have been presented to the LASA Executive Committee and SE for review and comment.

SE provided observations, which we have considered and where appropriate incorporated into the Constitution and General Rules, which we have returned to SE, and we expect SE to approve prior to the AGM.

The Constitution and General Rules and Bylaws were presented to the November meeting of the Executive and were approved for submission to this AGM for ratification of these new LASA Constitution and General Rules and Bylaws.

Paul Sippitt

Manager, Rules Revision

## HONORARY PRESIDENTS REPORT

### David Lander

Thank you for the opportunity to see LASA in action 'behind the scenes' as it were.

My year in office as President started out with visits to every Leicestershire Club to deliver and present LASACats awards to swimmers.

During those dark drives at night - in some pretty appalling weather - the travelling was repeatedly lightened by the opportunity to see all of the Leicestershire Clubs in action during training sessions. I watched a whole range, from some comparative beginners in the world of competitive swimming, through to accomplished and very capable natators, some of whose identities may well one day become household names. Throughout, the enthusiasm, camaraderie, social development and enjoyment of this sport was self-evident. And even some (welcome and much valued) occasional incidents of well-intentioned mischief was noted during training - and taken in good part!

I have always been of the view that at the heart of what LASA and Clubs do is to encourage the development of sensible, respectful, self-disciplined, caring individuals from childhood through to their adult lives. Their experience later opens up all sorts of opportunities in work, social interaction and hobbies in later years. Some participants - far fewer in number - may go on to national and or international success. But all of them started in Clubs like ours; and all of them benefit in their later years.

Since my first involvement in the administration of swimming in 1970, I've never been one to sit on the poolside watching. A visit this year - as President of LASA - to the Diddy Final at Corby, in particular, gave me the incentive to do just that; just sit back in the balcony - and watch. The cooperation, organisation and direction of a smoothly run gala really is an exercise in people management. A well-oiled machine. Even when gremlins get into the timing and recording system! A bit of goodwill is extended – and everything is handled with consideration and aplomb.

The enthusiasm and joy on the faces of the young swimmers; the celebration of a good, recorded time; the management by coaches of the expectations of disappointed swimmers; all of these aspects make me pleased to be part of that process. It's my belief that the last 50+ years in swimming has been time well spent.

But the poolside isn't the only place the magic happens. Behind the scenes, unseen, sometimes unacknowledged and frequently unrecognised, is a group of people who are a dedicated core of LASA committee members beavering away to make it all appear "on stage". To them individually - AND, most importantly, to their supportive husbands, wives and partners who are 'abandoned' for meetings in the evenings – I pay tribute. I personally, and especially on behalf of the swimmers, thank you all – you know who you are.

One of the biggest challenges to the continuation of this invaluable institution that is swimming, is succession; the support, development and encouragement of dedicated volunteers to replace these present incumbents. It is my belief that there is the need, the desire, the capacity for LASA and the constituent Clubs to continue for many many years. All it needs is ordinary people - with an extraordinary will to make it happen.

I hand over to my successor with faith that the future is in good hands. But more hands are needed, please.

Thank you.  
David Lander

## LASA COUNTY RECORDS

### Trevor Hincks

There have been 16 County Records ratified in the period 1st December 2024 – 30th November 2025.

All of the County Records set have been in the Open / Male Category. 9 Short Course and 7 Long Course.

14 County Records have been set by Alexander Casey and 2 by Sean McCann.

A full up to date list of all of the County Records can be found below.

Congratulations to both of the swimmers on their great achievements.

### GIRLS SHORT COURSE

Event	Swimmer	Date	Time
FREESTYLE 50M	Harriet Cooper	21/04/2013	00:25.78
FREESTYLE 100M	Sophie Smith	08/11/2009	00:56.48
FREESTYLE 200M	Sophie Smith	25/04/2010	01:59.57
FREESTYLE 400M	Sophie Smith	08/08/2009	04:13.05
FREESTYLE 800M	Sophie Smith	19/03/2010	08:47.21
FREESTYLE 1500M	Michaela Glenister	29/10/2017	17:11.23
BREASTSTROKE 50M	Sophie Smith	21/03/2010	00:32.86
BREASTSTROKE 100M	Sophie Smith	18/10/2009	01:10.43
BREASTSTROKE 200M	Megan Morrison	16/11/2013	02:29.87
BACKSTROKE 50M	Sophie Smith	20/03/2010	00:28.93
BACKSTROKE 100M	Harriet Cooper	21/04/2013	01:01.71
BACKSTROKE 200M	Harriet Cooper	25/11/2012	02:12.53
BUTTERFLY 50M	Maisie Elliott	16/12/2018	00:27.97
BUTTERFLY 100M	Maisie Elliott	15/12/2018	00:59.73
BUTTERFLY 200M	Maisie Elliott	14/12/2018	02:11.68
INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY 100M	Sophie Smith	21/03/2010	01:02.01
INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY 200M	Sophie Smith	24/04/2010	02:10.95
INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY 400M	Sophie Smith	23/04/2010	04:40.25

## **GIRLS LONG COURSE**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Swimmer</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
FREESTYLE 50M	Harriet Cooper	26/06/2013	00:25.87
FREESTYLE 100M	Harriet Cooper	07/03/2013	00:56.51
FREESTYLE 200M	Sophie Smith	06/08/2010	02:00.79
FREESTYLE 400M	Michaela Glenister	22/04/2017	04:18.55
FREESTYLE 800M	Michaela Glenister	07/05/2018	08:58.75
FREESTYLE 1500M	Michaela Glenister	04/03/2018	17:20.27
BREASTSTROKE 50M	Sophie Smith	01/04/2010	00:33.11
BREASTSTROKE 100M	Sophie Smith	01/04/2010	01:11.32
BREASTSTROKE 200M	Megan Morrison	02/08/2013	02:33.12
BACKSTROKE 50M	Harriet Cooper	30/06/2013	00:29.44
BACKSTROKE 100M	Harriet Cooper	09/03/2013	01:02.40
BACKSTROKE 200M	Candice Hall	02/08/2013	02:17.50
BUTTERFLY 50M	Maisie Elliott	25/07/2018	00:27.88
BUTTERFLY 100M	Maisie Elliott	29/07/2018	01:00.83
BUTTERFLY 200M	Sophie Smith	04/08/2010	02:13.91
INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY 200M	Sophie Smith	18/07/2010	02:14.48
INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY 400M	Sophie Smith	14/07/2010	04:44.46

## **WOMENS SHORT COURSE**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Swimmer</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
FREESTYLE 50M	Emily Crane	08/12/2019	00:24.75
FREESTYLE 100M	Sophie Smith	17/12/2015	00:53.81
FREESTYLE 200M	Sophie Smith	15/12/2013	01:56.01
FREESTYLE 400M	Michaela Glenister	07/12/2019	04:08.99
FREESTYLE 800M	Michaela Glenister	06/12/2019	08:25.70
FREESTYLE 1500M	Sophie Smith	03/12/2010	16:50.29
BREASTSTROKE 50M	Megan Morrison	05/12/2019	00:30.76
BREASTSTROKE 100M	Megan Morrison	07/12/2019	01:06.45
BREASTSTROKE 200M	Megan Morrison	06/12/2019	02:22.07
BACKSTROKE 50M	Emily Crane	03/12/2021	00:26.80
BACKSTROKE 100M	Emily Crane	05/12/2019	00:58.99
BACKSTROKE 200M	Candice Hall	15/12/2018	02:08.67
BUTTERFLY 50M	Emily Crane	16/12/2018	00:26.32
BUTTERFLY 100M	Harriet West	17/12/2016	00:57.75
BUTTERFLY 200M	Candice Hall	17/11/2019	02:11.16
INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY 100M	Sophie Smith	23/11/2012	01:00.47
INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY 200M	Sophie Smith	13/12/2013	02:07.48
INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY 400M	Sophie Smith	07/12/2013	04:37.64

## **WOMENS LONG COURSE**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Swimmer</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
FREESTYLE 50M	Harriet Cooper	02/08/2015	00:25.61
FREESTYLE 100M	Harriet Cooper	07/11/2015	00:55.19
FREESTYLE 200M	Sophie Smith	19/07/2013	01:59.49
FREESTYLE 400M	Michaela Glenister	23/08/2019	04:15.30
FREESTYLE 800M	Michaela Glenister	21/08/2019	08:43.74
FREESTYLE 1500M	Michaela Glenister	25/01/2020	16:46.46
BREASTSTROKE 50M	Megan Morrison	23/07/2019	00:31.59
BREASTSTROKE 100M	Megan Morrison	28/07/2019	01:09.53
BREASTSTROKE 200M	Megan Morrison	24/07/2019	02:28.36
BACKSTROKE 50M	Harriet Cooper	06/11/2015	00:28.43
BACKSTROKE 100M	Harriet Cooper	07/11/2015	01:00.95
BACKSTROKE 200M	Sophie Smith	03/08/2013	02:13.19
BUTTERFLY 50M	Harriet West	19/02/2017	00:27.30
BUTTERFLY 100M	Harriet West	03/12/2017	00:58.88
BUTTERFLY 200M	Candice Hall	22/06/2019	02:13.75
INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY 200M	Candice Hall	03/06/2021	02:12.04
INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY 400M	Michaela Glenister	20/08/2019	04:39.35

## **BOYS SHORT COURSE**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Swimmer</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
FREESTYLE 50M	Jacob Mills	25/06/2023	00:22.88
FREESTYLE 100M	Jacob Mills	03/12/2022	00:50.51
FREESTYLE 200M	William Bell	19/11/2017	01:50.95
FREESTYLE 400M	William Bell	06/11/2016	03:56.31
FREESTYLE 800M	Jack Warren-Ballard	25/03/2011	08:27.12
FREESTYLE 1500M	William Bell	27/02/2015	15:54.66
BREASTSTROKE 50M	Lewis Boyd	06/11/2022	00:31.01
BREASTSTROKE 100M	William Bell	08/10/2017	01:05.79
BREASTSTROKE 200M	William Bell	19/11/2017	02:21.70
BACKSTROKE 50M	Jacob Mills	03/12/2022	00:27.05
BACKSTROKE 100M	Nathan Oxford	12/12/1998	00:57.65
BACKSTROKE 200M	Thomas Beamer	14/12/2018	02:04.00
BUTTERFLY 50M	Jamie Thorpe	01/11/2008	00:25.90
BUTTERFLY 100M	Lewis Kerrod	17/12/2015	00:56.73
BUTTERFLY 200M	Joel Weston	19/12/2015	02:07.95
INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY 100M	William Bell	16/09/2017	00:59.45
INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY 200M	William Bell	17/11/2017	02:04.85
INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY 400M	William Bell	19/11/2017	04:26.47

## **BOYS LONG COURSE**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Swimmer</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
FREESTYLE 50M	Jacob Mills	27/07/2023	00:23.28
FREESTYLE 100M	Jacob Mills	25/07/2023	00:50.82
FREESTYLE 200M	William Bell	14/12/2017	01:55.12
FREESTYLE 400M	William Bell	13/12/2017	03:58.77
FREESTYLE 800M	Daniel Kennedy	26/07/2019	08:42.00
FREESTYLE 1500M	William Bell	15/12/2017	15:49.77
BREASTSTROKE 50M	Lewis Boyd	25/03/2023	00:30.95
BREASTSTROKE 100M	Alexander Casey	31/07/2019	01:08.37
BREASTSTROKE 200M	Alexander Casey	26/07/2019	02:25.94
BACKSTROKE 50M	Luca De Zilva	13/01/2019	00:27.94
BACKSTROKE 100M	Nathan Oxford	01/08/1998	00:59.72
BACKSTROKE 200M	Nathan Oxford	18/04/1999	02:10.58
BUTTERFLY 50M	Jacob Mills	30/04/2023	00:26.34
BUTTERFLY 100M	Lewis Kerrod	28/07/2015	00:58.61
BUTTERFLY 200M	Joel Weston	30/07/2015	02:08.73
INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY 200M	William Bell	17/12/2017	02:08.33
INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY 400M	William Bell	27/07/2017	04:31.55

## **OPEN / MALE SHORT COURSE**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Swimmer</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
FREESTYLE 50M	Jacob Mills	15/12/2023	00:22.22
FREESTYLE 100M	Jacob Mills	06/10/2024	00:48.86
FREESTYLE 200M	Jacob Mills	16/12/2023	01:46.55
FREESTYLE 400M	William Bell	11/12/2022	03:44.66
FREESTYLE 800M	William Bell	09/12/2022	07:51.62
FREESTYLE 1500M	William Bell	04/12/2021	15:00.46
BREASTSTROKE 50M	Alexander Casey	23/03/2025	00:28.67
BREASTSTROKE 100M	Alexander Casey	15/12/2024	00:59.61
BREASTSTROKE 200M	Alexander Casey	06/12/2024	02:09.26
BACKSTROKE 50M	Luca De Zilva	04/12/2021	00:25.10
BACKSTROKE 100M	Alexander Casey	07/12/2024	00:53.35
BACKSTROKE 200M	Sean McCann	19/10/2025	01:57.91
BUTTERFLY 50M	Jamie Thorpe	27/03/2011	00:24.15
BUTTERFLY 100M	Jamie Thorpe	04/12/2011	00:53.90
BUTTERFLY 200M	Gareth Mills	15/11/2014	01:57.78
INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY 100M	Alexander Casey	05/12/2024	00:54.25
INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY 200M	Alexander Casey	07/12/2024	01:56.97
INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY 400M	William Bell	06/12/2019	04:15.14

## OPEN / MALE LONG COURSE

<b>Event</b>	<b>Swimmer</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
FREESTYLE 50M	Jacob Mills	04/07/2024	00:22.79
FREESTYLE 100M	Jacob Mills	06/07/2024	00:50.16
FREESTYLE 200M	Gareth Mills	18/04/2015	01:49.60
FREESTYLE 400M	Sean McCann	25/07/2025	03:50.66
FREESTYLE 800M	William Bell	15/04/2021	08:00.40
FREESTYLE 1500M	William Bell	18/04/2019	15:21.83
BREASTSTROKE 50M	David Trickett	19/04/2017	00:28.97
BREASTSTROKE 100M	Alexander Casey	15/04/2025	01:02.10
BREASTSTROKE 200M	Alexander Casey	16/02/2025	02:14.28
BACKSTROKE 50M	Luca De Zilva	23/07/2022	00:26.24
BACKSTROKE 100M	Alexander Casey	26/07/2024	00:56.20
BACKSTROKE 200M	Jack Warren-Ballard	29/07/2015	02:02.46
BUTTERFLY 50M	Jamie Thorpe	21/08/2010	00:24.54
BUTTERFLY 100M	Jamie Thorpe	10/03/2011	00:54.40
BUTTERFLY 200M	Gareth Mills	15/04/2015	02:01.41
INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY 200M	Alexander Casey	18/07/2025	02:01.00
INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY 400M	William Bell	18/05/2019	04:27.39

Trevor Hincks

LASA Record Officer

## Appendix 1



### **LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION.**

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

#### **SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DECEMBER 2025**

**Present:** Ursula Beck, Judy Leader, Geoff Robilliard, Ron Brewin, Lee Smith, Val Dunton, Paul Sippitt, Alan King, Trevor Hincks, Abi Crane, Angela Lake, Matt Graham-Brown, Sue Lander, Helen Bickerstaff, Kim Black (Leicester Sharks), Lee Garaghty (Leicester Neptunes)

**1. Apologies for absence:** Sue Wainscot, Jill Stidever, Jenny Beech

**2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023:**

Proposed by Judy Leader and seconded by Val Dunton as being a true record. All present in favour.

**3. Presentation & Adoption of Reports:**

**All reports had been circulated prior to the meeting.**

- a) **Chair** – Ursula confirmed that there were no additions to her circulated report. It was proposed by Val Dunton and seconded by Alan King that the report be accepted. All present in favour.
- b) **General Secretary** – In the absence of a County Secretary no report had been submitted.
- c) **Treasurer** - Judy gave a summary of the Accounts for 2024. She said she was pleased to report that the Independent Examiner of the Accounts had not found any issues. The reserve of £10,000 for projects during 2024 had not been used and had therefore been carried forward to 2025 with an additional £5,000 being added. There were a number of projects being discussed at the present time. The Report was accepted by all present in its entirety. Ursula thanked Judy for the work that she had done during the year.
- d) **Swimming** – Paul said it had been a positive year with the Clubs agreeing to the Memorandum of Understanding which had been signed by all but two clubs. This MOU outlined the process to be followed both by City of Leicester and the Clubs when moving swimmers into and out of City of Leicester. The County/City of Leicester Development Agreement had also been reviewed and updated with several changes having been made. The County had resurrected the Inter Clubs and the Young Teams Galas this year. Both had been a huge success. All present accepted the report. Paul was thanked for his support over the last year.
- e) **LASA Development** – In the absence of Sue, Ursula asked that the meeting accept her report. All present in favour. Ursula thanked Sue for all that she had done over the year and for sorting out the arrangements for the Inter Counties, Long Course training and for organising the Club Coaches meetings throughout the year.
- f) **Officials Report** – There were no further comments to make and those present accepted the report, Ron and Lee were thanked for their continued support. It was important, as stated by Lee and Ron that the clubs continued to encourage parents to become Officials, both at their own clubs and also in supporting the County.
- g) **Masters Report** – Alan said he did not wish to make any further comments, but it was noted that Leicestershire Masters had done extremely well during the year with the Leicestershire Masters Open Meet

in September having to be closed early due to the number of entries. The Masters had again been sponsored by Carter Jonas at their Open Meet which helped in providing prizes for the Meet. The report was accepted by those present. Ursula thanked Alan for the work that he had done which had culminated in huge success for the Masters.

- h) Rules Report** – A Special General Meeting had been held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 to review and accept a number of changes required by Swim England. No further changes had been made. The Constitution would hopefully be reviewed again during 2025.

The full Annual Report to be placed on the LASA Website.

#### **4. Other Reports:**

##### **a) Honorary Presidents Report - Judy Leader**

I was honoured and delighted to have been nominated to take up the role of Honorary President for LASA. Many thanks to those who submitted the nomination and to those who voted for me.

My first duties were to host Sarah Richardson, East Midlands Regional President at our Age Groups & County Championships where we presented a number of awards to our swimmers and volunteers.

My next duties were to visit all clubs during their training sessions to present the LASACat trophies to their young swimmers. I was made most welcome by all and it was a delight to see the joy on the faces of the recipients as they received their award and for their achievements to be recognised and applauded by their teammates and onlooking parents.

I was invited to attend City of Leicester SC to share in their Celebration of Achievements evening. This was an enjoyable event and a pleasure to witness.

The Regional Championships in April was my next invite. I attended the first day in Corby which again proved to be an enjoyable day watching the talent of our swimmers and those of our neighbouring counties.

At the start of the new season, I attended the LASA Inter-club Relay. What a fantastic event this was, great atmosphere, great swimming, great teamwork in and out of the water. Most enjoyable.

The LASA Masters Open Meet and Championship took place in mid-September and is generally a low key event at which dignitaries are not usually present. While my primary role was that of an official, I did carry out a couple of duties as Honorary President by meeting representatives of the sponsors for this event Carter Jonas. Leicestershire has a great wealth in Masters Swimmers, something that can be overlooked, forgotten or not recognised. We must continue to promote and support this group and raise their profile.

My last event was the SE Inter-counties Championship held in Sheffield. As with our own Inter-club event the Inter-Counties was filled with fun, joy, laughter, singing and air-horns! Not forgetting swimming, there were great performances in the pool from all teams and especially from Team Leicestershire.

I was invited to attend the Midlands Short Course Championship but unfortunately had to decline due to a prior engagement.

As I write this report I look forward to my final event, the LASA Young Teams Relay Gala due to be held in the coming days.

I am grateful for being given the opportunity to be the Honorary President. I have carried out this role with great pride; pride for myself representing Leicestershire ASA, and as importantly, if not more, pride in the achievements of our athletes and pride in the dedication and commitment of our coaches and volunteers.

Judy Leader

Honorary President 2024

Ursula thanked Judy for the support and work that she had done during the year as the County President.

## **5. County Records:**

Trevor informed the AGM that Alex Casey and Jacob Mills had broken 16 records between them during 2024. As pointed out at the 2023 AGM there had not been any girls' records broken and this was the case again for 2024. The last girls record broken had been in 2018 with women's records for short course being 2021 and Long Course also 2021. It was to be hoped that this might change in 2025. The Records were accepted by those present and Ursula thanked Trevor for his continued support in maintaining the Records.

## **6. Vote of Thanks given by the Chair:**

At a time when everyone has such busy lives it is always such a positive feeling knowing that our volunteers do so much for our swimmers. For quite a few of us within the County we have long continued to support the County even though our own children have grown up and it is the grandchildren who are now swimming.

It would be so easy for these volunteers to step back but they don't, and I am extremely grateful for the support that they give.

I would like to thank a number of individuals who continue to support the County, but I must at this point make it clear that there are many more who support, and I wish I could name them all.

I will start by thanking Judy who I have to say I would be lost without. Her constant support is second to none. She is an excellent Treasurer and IT Manager, and this year has also been our County Honorary President. Sue and Geoff also do so much behind the scenes, along with Ron, Lee, Paul, Abi and Alan. A big thank you to you all.

I say it every year, but a big thank you to the Club Delegates who support the clubs by attending the Executive Meetings.

My thanks must also go to the East Midlands Region staff who are always there to support the County and in particular Fiona and Helen.

Finally, we need to understand that the backbone of our clubs are the volunteers without whom we would not be able to survive, so a big thank you to them.

I will finish by saying that both Judy and I wish everyone a positive and successful 2025.

## **7. Election of Honorary President:**

A nomination had been received for David Lander. Proposed by Geoff Robilliard and seconded by Ron Brewin. Ursula read out to the meeting the Citation received in respect of this nomination:

David is the type of volunteer every club and county treasures.

Always willing to assist others at any club and to support the county in a wide range of activities without many people noticing.

His affiliation with swimming started in Derbyshire back in 1971 until 1979 when he moved to Leicestershire.

Like many volunteers, David joined his local swimming club, Market Harborough, when his eldest son started swimming. Very soon he became a Timekeeper and between 1990 and 1995 he progressed through the Officiating ranks to become a Referee.

At the same time, he started to teach non swimmers and qualified in 1988, continuing to support lessons on poolside for around 36 years.

David also has a wealth of knowledge gained from fulfilling other club roles including Coach, Fundraiser, Team Manager and Committee Member including the Club Chairman and President.

Within Leicestershire David has supported the training and testing of numerous Officials and has consistently helped clubs with League Galas and local competitions.

David, along with his wife Sue, has officiated at County Championships and County Galas for many years. He is always happy to assist trainees develop their skills and knowledge and David is mindful that everyone is there to support the swimmers.

His support was recognised in 2006 when David was awarded his County Badge,

The nomination for LASA President is well deserved and further recognition of the support David has provided over many years.

All present were in favour of this nomination being accepted with David duly being elected as the Honorary President for 2025. Due to a prior commitment David was unable to be at the AGM to accept this position but Sue his wife was attending on his behalf. She said that David was very pleased and honoured to have been nominated as the President for the coming year. David had also sent his thanks (see below)

Madame Chair, Chair, Chairperson - Ursula.

Dear Friends – and other members of the committee.

I'm sorry I can't be with you at this 'working from home' meeting this evening. I am out helping the 3<sup>rd</sup> Market Harborough Scout Group to take Santa around the streets of Market Harborough. It's a prior commitment and I know that they are short of Rudolph drivers tonight – I can't let them down. This is what I'm supporting....

<https://www.facebook.com/SantaSleighMarketHarborough>

And this tracking site should tell you exactly where I am....

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I'm told that this technology is similar to that used on criminals' ankle tags!!! (Don't rely on it)

I am honoured to be invited to be president of Leicestershire and Rutland ASA.

May I please recognise here the previous incumbent Mrs Leader who will be a hard act to follow - although I note that in anagrammatical terms, our surnames differ by only one letter. If there's an active member with the surname 'Lender', perhaps it's your turn next year?

Thank you, Judy, – I'll try to build on all that you have done before.

I joined swimming as a founding committee member of Rykneld Swimming Club in 1971. (Now the only surviving 'founding father') I have been a member of "The Amateur Swimming Association", "The A.S.A.", "the asa" – and now "Swim England", almost continuously since that time. I had a short break around 1979 – I'm sorry - babies intervened.

Now, in my twilight years, you bestow upon me this accolade to represent the County.

Forget please, for one moment, the competitive side of swimming, important though that is; how many LIVES have we saved by being there at the beginning of kids learning to swim? We all do what we do in swimming with a serious intent to do the job properly and in the best possible manner and, most importantly, to be fair to everyone. But we have to ENJOY what we do – it has to be FUN. There's no other reason why you all put in SO much time and effort to keep this sport going and supporting, mainly, kids encouraging them to grow up to be kind and useful adults.

It's only the fun element of what we do that will encourage others to take over from us and keep building upon the foundations we have created. Succession is vital and will be aided by demonstrating the enjoyment and satisfaction that we get from a job well done. Truthfully, none of us has ever used swimming to pay a mortgage – if not for what WE get out of it, why else would be involved?

I will continue to hammer home that message whenever I get the opportunity so to do.

When Sue Wainscot rang me to enquire whether I would accept the role, she said – and I quote – "There are no onerous responsibilities". I'm hanging onto that premise; I can't imagine anything onerous in company of this committee – and, knowing that I cannot be trusted, it would be unwise to give me any responsibility! However, I note that Mrs Wainscot promptly then took herself off to the Antipodes to avoid the official moment. Should I read anything into that?

We have all invested a lot of time into swimming, many of you much more than me – for myself, I have made a lot of friends. Some of the are still speaking to me.

I hope that Christmas brings everything that you would each wish for yourself – and I'll see you all in 2025.

David

#### **8. Election of the Officers for Leicestershire & Rutland ASA:**

**As per the LASA Constitution nominations for Officers are accepted at the November meeting of the Executive.**

The following nominations had been received at the November Executive Meeting and had been circulated prior to the AGM and both nominees were duly elected by all present at the AGM.

Position	Name	Proposer	Secunder
Chair	Ursula Beck	Geoff Robilliard	Ron Brewin
Secretary	No nomination		
Treasurer	Judy Leader	Ron Brewin	Sue Wainscot

#### **9. Election of Standing Committee Managers:**

**As per the LASA Constitution nominations for Standing Committee Managers are accepted at the November meeting of the Executive.**

A nomination for Finance Manager had been received at the November Executive meeting and circulated prior to the AGM. A nomination for Rules Revision Manager was given at the AGM. Both nominees were duly elected by all present at the AGM.

Position	Name	Proposer	Secunder
Finance	Judy Leader	Ursula Beck	Ron Brewin
Swimming	No nomination		
Development	No nomination		
Rules	Paul Sippitt	Geoff Robilliard	Ursula Beck

Ursula said that the vacancies for Swimming and Development were to be reviewed as it was felt that with the changes that had been made within the County it may be better to revert back to having a Swimming committee which included Development. This to be discussed at the next Executive meeting.

#### **10. County Badges:**

Ursula said she was pleased to confirm that three County Badges had been awarded and would be presented during the forthcoming Age Groups. Citations had been received for Jackie Harrison, Pam Tilley and Richard Stock.

**Jackie and Pam had been nominated by Geoff with the following citation.**

They have over the years stood up to be counted on every possible occasion and always assist heavily at galas and like last year when Sue was away during Age Groups Jackie acted in her place and did a fantastic job. Pam is always prepared to help the county out with appearances on poolside and having no swimmer present either. Pam will assist referees if something needs doing and they are hard pressed for time. Both are huge assets around the county scene and even regional events and possibly the other side that most do not see is they both are diligent in training up the J1t's and J2t's to ensure they are fully aware of their duties on the pool deck.

**Richard Stock had been nominated by Trevor Hincks with the following citation:**

I would like to nominate Richard Stock for a LASA County Badge.

I can think of no better person to receive this award due to his involvement with Leicester Penguins, Masters swimming and the Leicester League over the years.

Richard swam competitively for Leicester Penguins at local, midlands and national level. He carried on into Masters swimming and still competes for Leicestershire in galas.

Richard has stayed loyal to Leicester Penguins and has even been Chair of the club.

He encourages swimmers to carry on into Masters swimming and played a key role with David Strachan, Alan King and Steve Crane in raising the profile of Masters swimming in Leicestershire.

My main reason for nominating Richard is because of his running of the Leicester League.

Richard was central in this league happening. Initially the Leicester League was seen as an alternative to the Arena League and gave local clubs and swimmers more opportunities for competitive swimming. It now attracts clubs from across the East Midlands and runs competitions alongside the Arena League in the Autumn and the Nuneaton Diddy League in the Spring. It also runs the Leicester Winter League at the start of the year when there are no alternatives for competitive inter club swimming.

Richard holds the title of Secretary of the Leicester League, but basically, he runs it.

He arranges the dates, books the pools, sends out all the correspondence, deals with queries from clubs, collates the results, produces the League Tables, makes the draws for the next rounds – the list goes on.

If it wasn't for Richard, the Leicester League wouldn't exist.

I asked others for some information on Richard as I didn't really know him outside of my minor involvement with the Leicester League and got the following comments regarding this nomination.

"I cannot think of anyone more deserving to join the ranks of County Badge Holders."

"I consider Richard thoroughly deserves a County Badge."

Hopefully, you will endorse this nomination and recognise the work that Richard has done (and continues to do) for swimming in Leicestershire.

Trevor Hincks, Chair Braunstone Swimming Club.

11. Date of next AGM meeting:

It was confirmed that the date of the next AGM meeting would be 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

Date of the next Executive Meeting - 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

The Chair thanked all for attending the AGM and wished them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year. The AGM closed at 7.35 pm.

## APPENDIX 2



### LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Affiliated to Swim England East Midland Region

#### Annual General Meeting 2025

The Annual General Meeting will be held **via Google on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025 commencing at 7.00 pm**. Clubs may send **two** delegates in a voting capacity in addition to their Club LASA Delegate.

One copy of the voting form is sent to the club delegate who normally attends the Executive meetings, a second copy is sent to each Club Secretary to complete. As per the LASA Constitution clubs may appoint two delegates in addition to the LASA Delegate. **Please note that due to the meeting being held via Google the authorisation to vote form must be signed by the Club Secretary and emailed back to Angela Lake by 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025.** The google meet invite will go to the LASA Delegate and up to two further delegates, with voting powers, wishing to attend the meeting.

All club members are invited to attend, although on a non-voting basis, If you have any non-voting members who wish to attend the AGM can you also, please send me their email address by 7<sup>th</sup> December so that I can invite them to the meeting.

Angela Lake  
LASA Secretary  
secretaryt@leicestershireasa.org

1. Apologies
2. Confirmation of the minutes of the AGM held on 10th December 2024
3. Presentation & adoption of reports:
  - a) Chair
  - b) Finance
  - c) Events and Projects
  - d) Officials
  - e) Masters
  - f) Rules and acceptance of revised Constitution and Bye Laws
4. Other Reports
  - a) LASA Honorary President Report
5. County Records.
6. Vote of Thanks

9. Election of Honorary President:

Name	Position	Proposer	Seconder
Gez McLoughlin	Honorary President	David Lander	Sue Wainscot

10. Election of the Officers for Leicestershire & Rutland Amateur Swimming Association

Position	Name	Proposer	Seconder
Chair	Ursula Beck	Sue Wainscot	Judy Leader
Secretary	Angela Lake	Sue Wainscot	Judy Leader
Treasurer/Finance Manager	Judy Leader	Sue Wainscot	Judy Leader
Rules Manager	Paul Sippitt	Sue Wainscot	Ursula Beck

11, Life Member nominations:

Date of next AGM Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> November 2026

Date of Next Executive Meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Chair to Close the Meeting

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**Annual General Meeting 2025 - APPENDIX 3 - VOTING FORM**

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I hereby confirm that the following person is authorised to vote at the above meeting on

behalf of..... Club

Name of delegate.....

Signed by Secretary.....

Name in Capitals.....

Email Address .....

Date .....

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