

# Luke Surplice Head Coach AGM Report 2020

## Last 12 months

We have moved to the new Alton Sports Centre!!!

This has made the space we really needed to grow become available, which in turn has allowed for continued growth of the club.

We had a really good number of swimmers qualify for Counties this year in the age group and the youth category's. With lots of fantastic swims and pb's across the board and a good number of finals made as well.

We had a good number qualifying for South East Winter Regionals although Covid lockdown meant that they could not run this year.

The Swimmers took to land work and well and we had good attendance and effort levels throughout the months of Lockdown. We had good entry's in the almost weekly weekend challenges that we put on.

## Achievements

**National Arena League** – Covid lock down and restrictions have meant that the Arena League did not run this year.

We have though signed up to the new Junior Arena League for 2021-22 Covid dependant.

**Camp Selections** - Swimmers Selected for Hampshire County Development Camps and South East Regional Development Camps.

**Instagram and Zoom Land training** – Lock down land training saw the introduction of Demo Dan, who has since join the club, with an attempt to qualify for Masters world champs in 2022.

**Level X Racing** – we managed with a massive effort from the covid committee and a lot of other volunteers to squeeze in and give the swimmers a chance to Race and get some times.

The swimmers stepped up to the task and swam well, even posting some unofficial pbs.

## Squads

We have added a new squad this season. The Performance Development squad has been introduced to make the transition from the Development section of the club to the Performance Section as smooth as possible.

## 2020/21 Season

Looking forwards with the squad structure in place and the new Alton centre open and the new Bordon and Whitehall (Mill chase) we will continue to grow the club by encouraging monthly trials space permitting, continually assessing swimmers across the club to begin bridging to the next squad

correctly and retain our current swimmer base by maintaining high coaching standards and encouraging results throughout the season.

I would also like to thank all of the club's committee and volunteers for their continued support for the previous season, and ongoing support for this season with all of the changes and challenges that are to come. The Club is still growing bigger and stronger and the swimmers are ultimately the ones that are benefiting.