Learn to Swim AGM Report 2021

This year has been just as difficult for Learn to Swim as last year. Lockdown hit the LTS section hard. We had 250 swimmers back by early December 2020 for a few weeks before shutting down again until April. Broadland, Colman, Drayton, Hethersett & Thorpe opened by the end of April. Heartsease opened in May and Sprowston opened at the end of September. We also opened a new venue at Norwich High School for Girls in September which is doing very well. Nelson street is still closed due to maintenance issues and there is doubt whether it will ever reopen, and City Academy has been leased to another group so that one we cannot use. In total we now have 880 swimmers in LTS which is the highest number since Autumn 2017. This is mostly down to 2 years’ worth of new swimmers coming in at once.

The summer swim this year did extremely well with well over 500 places booked and almost all our session full. This made it nearly twice as busy as it has been in the past. This again was probably down to not swimming for so long we had an enormous number of swimmers ready to start. Quite a large number of these swimmers then went on to book our term time lessons starting in September.

Looking forward we would like to restart the LTS gala next term which has been very popular in the past. It also goes a long way to encouraging LTS swimmers to move up to squads. We’re also looking to open another new session at NHSG on a Sunday from January.

Finally, I would like to thank all the staff who have worked very hard this year to bring LTS back from our forced closure and to now having exceeded the swimmer numbers we had before covid started.

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