

## Essex Swimming Managers Report 2018

### **General Summary**

Another good year. Essex have demonstrated all our strength at all levels whether it be at the three Inter County competitions or at the National Inter County Team Event. We have run successful Age Group and Winter Championships and the county boasts depth and talent in many age groups

Overall, I feel swimming has developed well this year and with the investment in the equipment and camps, I believe Essex will develop even further.

### **Inter County Events**

#### **Inter County East**

Essex had a great meet finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, just behind the winners.

#### **Junior Inter County**

Swimmers from Essex competed in this year's Junior Inter County competition which was held in Luton. Teams from Bedfordshire, Lincolnshire, Hertfordshire, Warwickshire, Suffolk, Norfolk, & Leicestershire competed. There were some great performances from the County swimmers which resulted in Essex finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> overall.

#### **National Inter County Team Competition**

Swimmers from Essex competed in the 2018 Inter County Team Competition at Sheffield. Essex was competing in Division 1 against the top 20 counties in the country. The county fielded their strongest team and finished 10<sup>th</sup> overall – their highest finish placing for many years. Congratulations to you all.

#### **Nationals**

Congratulations to swimmers, coaches and clubs on some fantastic performances at the various national swimming championships.

#### **Essex Events**

Another very successful year. It has been so successful that we have now had to tighten up many of the qualifying times. What is good is that Essex provides the opportunity for all swimmers to gain qualification to this first step of competing at a major championships. I'd like to personally thank all of the coaches, officials, Lyndsey and Phil who help to put a great championship together.

Essex Winter Champs –It was at capacity and a very good championship. Well run and at capacity again.

### **Training & Talent Camps**

County Long Course Training

This has continued to run on a Sunday to those clubs who want to participate. The County has now invested in this programme demonstrating our commitment to elite swimming within the county.

#### Swim England County Talent Camp

It was the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of running the SE camp for 11 years olds following the county championships. I am pleased to inform everyone that the 2108 camp was extremely successful. The county paid for the 3 day camps in full and i'd like to thank Gavin Povall (Lead Coach), Sean Jarvis (Team Manager) and all of the lane coaches.

#### **Plans**

- 1) Continue to investment into UKCC courses for all disciplines
- 2) Continue to invest in camps to enhance the performances of the county swimmers.

All of the above demonstrates the commitment the Swimming Committee have in terms of improving, developping and investing in all areas of aquatics within Essex. Through the hard work of many volunteers, we find ourselves in a position where we can invest in the long term development of coaches, teachers and swimmers

I'd like to thank everyone for their support, input and guidance. The success of swimming within Essex is a team effort.

Paul Robbins