



Chairman's Report 2021

Welcome to the club's AGM.

This is my third year as Chair and firstly I would like to thank the committee and coaching team of Bury and Elton for their support over the year.

We have a strong committee this year, but we are always looking for new committee members to help shape the club's future. For those who are not aware, 6 members of our current committee have swimmers who are in year 11 or are already at college. These swimmers and subsequently their parents will not be at the club forever. We need a new influx of committee members (parents of younger swimmers) to ensure Bury and Elton Swimming Club continues into the future.

All committee positions are voluntary, but the club cannot exist without the roles of Chair, Vice Chair, Club Secretary, Treasurer and Welfare Officer being filled.

I would like to personally thank all the committee, with particular focus on the official roles of:-

- **Jean**, our secretary, for all her hard work, help and support over the last year throughout COVID and keeping us in the pool. Jean is retiring this year after 4 years in the post and we thank her for her excellent efforts
- **Andy**, our treasurer, for his excellent work on our finances
- **Lou**, our welfare officer who has been tirelessly sorting out all the DBS clearances and potential club safeguarding issues, Lou is retiring from the post this year;
- **Kirsty**, as our membership secretary, making sure we have all our swimmers registered with Swim England
- **Chris**, as vice chair, his guidance and advice always invaluable

Status:

COVID has impacted the club to a lesser degree this year but we have lost swimmers to isolations etc. Bury and Elton has remained stable over the year, despite COVID lockdown both in terms of membership and overall membership. The club maintained Swim Mark status, successfully completing the yearly health check.

Ryan Manchester is driving the club forward as our Head Coach, he has also provided a head coach report for the year.

The main highlights of the year are:-

Captains:

A big thank you to our 2021 swimming captains, Daniel Levy and Caitlin Mason. They have each been a role model to our younger swimmers and are up-and-coming younger coaches of the future. I am really keen to promote and encourage our experienced swimmers into teaching and coaching.

I am delighted to announce our new 2022 swimming captains are:

- Ellie Duxbury
- Holly Kalns
- Charlie Shine
- Oliver Carter

Congratulations to our new captains!

Swimming successes:

With COVID 19, our season was cut short and we had no competitions. We have started returning to Level 2 & 3 swim meets, with several of our swimmers bagging Counties & Regional qualification times.

Well done to all our swimmers, you have represented the club admirably and made us all very proud.

Volunteers:

Bury and Elton is a club largely run by volunteers giving up their free time. The greater the number of people involved, the better we are to share the workload. Anyone who is able to give some time to the Club, however large or small, will be able to assist in some area and it is crucial to the on-going future success of the club that we would welcome new volunteers.

Finances:

Andy Melbourne has provided the club's current financial position, which we will run through in more detail during committee meeting. However, I would state we are in a strong, stable financial position with a long-term vision of the future.

Sponsorship:

We are looking for new club sponsors.

The previous sponsors have provided our competition swimmers with free kit and also the sponsorship money has paid for level 2 teaching courses for some of our older swimmers. This will ensure the long-term success of the club and something the committee and I am very proud to support.

Our kit supplier can be found. <https://skschoolkits.co.uk/bury-%26-elton-asc>

Thanks again for all support shown to B&E. I hope that the club can continue to grow and develop over the forthcoming year.

Jason Carter, Chairman

