



Swim England Hertfordshire

County Association of Swim England East Region
President: Mark Horrod

Swimming Committee Minutes 20th November 2025 Zoom call

Present: Bryan Thompson (BT) Swim England Hertfordshire Swimming Manager / Chairman
Sheila Mackenzie (SM) Swim England Hertfordshire Secretary
Louise Hughes (LH)
Ian Mackenzie (IM)
Jeremy Irvine (JI)
Karen Huckle (KH)
Mark Horrod (MH)

S25/36 Apologies

Jane O'Brien and Nicola Rix

S25/37 Previous minutes

The minutes of last meeting were reviewed and approved by the committee.

S25/38 Matters arising

No matters arising.

S25/39 Action log

24/30.1 Removed
25/6.1 and 25/28.1 Complete
25/17.1 BT to chase RT to complete this
25/28.2 To be completed

S25/40 Masters update

Regional Inter-County Competition – Hertfordshire were 1st in the Region and 10th Nationally. There are two people acting as Masters Managers and have asked about pool bookings for Hertfordshire Masters Championships. LH confirmed that they were planning to book Hemel Hempstead on 6th June 2026.

S25/41 Open Water update

SM asked JI to put forward to the Region to have 5-year increments to the age-groups for Masters Open Water which would be in line with National events. A couple of clubs have come back to JI regarding open water sessions in the summer and JI is going to take the time to speak to all coaches regarding open water training sessions and potential locations for this. It has been suggested that a way to do this is to use the WhatsApp group.

S25/42 Records update

Thomas Liddiard has broken the short-course 50m butterfly record at a British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS) competition. Records are due to be updated. The website will be updated too.



S25/43 County Championships 2026

BT has received the invoices for Counties 2026. There is a 16% increase on pool hire

2025 pool hire - £28,913.00

2026 pool hire - £33,594. 44

BT has asked clubs about ordering bullet caps from SwimZi as well as the silicone caps on offer and also thinking about offering towels to buy. BT talking to SwimZi and negotiating commission for these items.

It is the last year of the Fine Designs contract although it is acknowledged that these hoodies are popular with the athletes.

The entry system for Counties is now up and running and clubs have been emailed their access codes and asked to provide two contacts for the WhatsApp group and emails.

S25/44 50m Pool update

No progress at present. The architect is talking to GLL. BT is looking into funding options to make it easier to secure a site. There is a full team meeting in a couple of weeks.

S25/45 Any other business

The Herts. Aquatics 1500m meet went well although it was a challenge to get officials. The Autumn Meet was also successful. Six lanes were used for both events. Wycombe District SC attended and said they would return in 2026 with a bigger team. The scheduling needs to be looked at for the Autumn Meet as having all the 50m events in the second session did not work. The 800m meet is on 29th November. There is a similar problem in finding officials as happened for the 1500m meet.

Forums – recently have been quite flat despite a good attendance. There was positive feedback regarding the Performance Centre idea from Tring suggesting getting some pool time at Luton as a potential option. Talked about clubs working together and how the Borough of Broxbourne Swim Squad model works as the clubs are geographically distanced. Merging clubs can be a contentious issue. There are a lot of barriers to overcome to enable swimmers to train together. It is important for clubs to collaborate and work together as this provides the best opportunities for the swimmers.

There is an open water session on offer on 22nd November 2025 at Herts.Young Mariners Base.

Date of next meeting 12th February 2026 via Zoom