



Honorary Life Vice President: Mrs Tracy Pearson, Surrey Schools' Swimming Association

Tracy has a distinguished history in the swimming fraternity following her father, David Stiling, who played waterpolo for Avondale and swam for London. She learnt to swim, before she could walk, at Latchmere pool. Tim Hogg was her first coach and she was swimming by the time she was two. She swam for Epsom and Ewell ladies, now Epsom District winning her first cup, the Coronation Cup, when nine years old. Glandular fever brought her swimming career to a halt but not before Tracy had the honour of representing Surrey schools. However, Tracy's loss of competitive swimming soon turned into the wider swimming community's gain. She became the youngest assistant teacher for life-saving and swimming and she successfully passed the ASA Teachers' exam only weeks after her 18th birthday.



In 1996 she started coaching at Epsom College where her professional approach soon brought rewards, the highlight being the "home-grown" College Swimming Team twice reaching the English Schools' Swimming Association National finals. In 1997 Tracy became Chairman of Surrey Schools' Swimming Association, a role she still embraces. She is proactive in terms of responsibility, always shows great professionalism and determination in all she does, and unswerving in her commitment. Tracy has served as team manager or coach for: Southern Counties, Surrey, South East Schools and Surrey Schools, and also as County President. Now at Glyn School she has overseen further success with two students representing ESSA at waterpolo, and a myriad of teams and individuals gaining honours. Tracy continues to run courses teaching the RLSS NRASTC lifesaving qualification, is South East Region representative and 2016 President of ESSA.

Throughout her career she has embraced swimming as a sport of achievement as well as a sport for all. Surrey County is delighted to recognise her dedication to the sport as we honour Tracy today as an Honorary Life Vice President.