

Honorary Life Vice President: Mrs Diane Gamble Croydon Amphibians SC

Diane started in swimming, initially as an Age Group swimmer, fleetingly as a Masters swimmer and latterly as an official for ~~almost 50 years~~ a long time (ed). Clearly, as there is nothing fleeting about involvement in Masters Swimming, her break from the discipline is only temporary while she is emburdened with chains of high office and we already have a precedent for past Presidents to swim in the County Masters!

She has been an active official within Croydon, Surrey and London for the past 15 years. Diane first became an official in her home County of Derbyshire in 1977, returning to timekeeping and then on to being a Judge, when her children became swimmers with Croydon Amphibians SC. She became a Referee in 2005 and joined the London Region Officials list after Regionalisation. Diane took on the role of Surrey Officials Organiser in 2007 and has been involved in training officials within Surrey, particulalry in the "London end" of the County ever since. She is an active official for Croydon, London and Surrey Schools and has seen "active service" at National Chapiionships and the Europeans in London 2016.

Diane also organises officials for the annual Bath Cup for Independent Senior Schools, yet another meet that takes place in the prestigious London Aquatics Centre. Our first Surrey Championships were held in the LAC this year and Diane has been instrumental as one of the voices sayinig "we can do this". And we did.

A past President of Surrey in 2012, Diane has served tirelessly on our Management Committee and Age Groups SubCommittee. Without her energy, efficiency and attention to detail, our events would be nowhere near as succesful as they are.

Diane is presently the President of London Swimming, an honour warmly welcomed across the Region - and indeed in SER too - and by all her colleagues. Surrey County is delighted to recognise Diane's service to the sport as an Honorary Vice President.

