



### **Honorary Life Vice-President: Justine Ryan, Guildford City SC**

Justine Ryan, like many volunteers, made her way into Surrey Swimming following the progress of her daughter up through the ranks to Nationals and County Team selection.

Justine's early experience was with Woking SC where she was a member of the very active and busy Woking Meet volunteers team. Through the leadership of the wonderful Jules Burvill, the Woking ladies stepped up to provide invaluable support to our County events.

The tragic loss of Jules in 2021 left a painful void for all of us, but the impact of this was greatly reduced through Justine stepping up to fill Jules' shoes as our "Field of Play Manager" having worked with her as deputy for many years.



Justine took over the role at very short notice and has made it her own. She organises the field of play team and their tasks with warmth, efficiency and effectiveness. She manages to allow her team to watch their children swim as well as deliver on the tasks required to make the gala run to time. As a result, many are regular volunteers which adds an excellent team feeling to the work. She has mastered the art of herding children into heats and lanes and passed this on to her team. She organises the warm up schedule, the catering for all volunteers, extracting the equipment from the lock up, ordering paper, and toner as well as getting all the equipment to the pool in time for the gala. Alan Thurlow and the technical team could not do without her.

Justine has also provided great support to the Masters Championships and to our Inter County Team contesting this annual event at Sheffield. In amongst all this she has been a great help in managing the store at Guildford and getting County Shirts out of to all who wear them proudly!

For her cheerful, efficient and generous support to our events teams Justine is a well-deserved nominee as an Honorary Life Vice-President.