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Surrey County ASA President 2024/25 : Nicola Brett, Dorking SC

We are pleased to introduce our next County President, Nicola Brett, of Dorking Swimming Club.

Nicola first got involved with Dorking SC when her eldest daughter was 5 and started swimming lessons over 17 years ago. When told by Daisy's swimming teacher that her daughter was rather good, (qualifying for the County Championships at the age of 9), Nicola realised that she was in for the long haul, and decided she ought to train as a timekeeper!



She then trod the path that so many of us have followed and worked her way through the officials training programme, completing her Referee's training in 2018. Since then, she has refereed at all levels of meet including club galas, schools' galas, County and Regional events (both South East and London), and events for British Swimming, Swim England and Swim Wales, and willingly answers the frequent requests for help at many other local events.

Nicola qualified as a para-swimming official in 2017 and this is something she is deeply passionate about. She is currently the Lead Referee at the annual GB Down's Syndrome Championships which is an annual event held at K2.

Nicola would love to be more involved with para swimming events, especially the British Swimming para-swimming events, supporting our differently-abled swimmers.

Despite the fact that Daisy no longer swims, Nicola continues to help officiate at Dorking SC regularly and at a wide range of other events.

She understands that events need officials in order to happen and knows just how good swimming is for children's personal development and discipline, so continues to help out willingly. She enjoys the time spent with other officials and the lovely experiences and friendships that are developed on poolside alongside like-minded people. And as if being a swimming referee isn't enough to fill Nicola's spare time, she has been a Brownie Leader since 2007. The life of a volunteer is forever full!

Those of you who know Nicola will know what a friendly, bubbly person she is. She will bring much to the role of County President and we, the Committee, look forward to working alongside her during her presidential year.