



## FRIENDS OF GATESHEAD AND WHICKHAM AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

We are a swimming club based on traditional values of fun, fitness and competition. We look after the swimming aspirations of over 230 young athletes from across all four corners of Gateshead and even a few from beyond the Borough's boundaries.

We have been in existence for more than 100 years. Of course, we have had our name and profile changed a few times during that period, to eventually become Gateshead & Whickham ASC.

We are a club that provides a Borough-wide centre for swimming that encourages enjoyment and progression within the sport. We regard ourselves as one of the foremost swimming clubs in the country with a history of individuals competing successfully at international level.

Although an amateur organisation, we are managed professionally by a strong team of volunteers providing access to experienced and qualified coaches at every level across the Club.

We regularly host Open-swimming competitions or galas that draw young swimmers from all over the country and we continue to encourage participation at all levels:

- from youngsters learning to swim;
- to those who dream of swimming at the Olympics, or even;
- to those who have matured into 'Masters' and still want to compete, and of course;
- to those who simply want to swim to keep fit

Recently, the Local Authority has increased the charges for the use of Gateshead's pools. This increase has more than doubled the cost of pool hire and has put our continued existence into doubt. We are determined to continue to provide our young athletes the opportunity to maximise their potential, both as swimmers and young people in their own right.

### **We need your help!!**

We are looking to friends and family of our swimmers to help our Club provide best service we can to those that want to pursue swimming as an activity that can keep them fit, healthy and provide a structured environment where they can also meet new friends and have fun.

A small monthly donation would hopefully be a way in which you can help keep us going and support us as a positive contributor to our communities.

**If you decide that you can help us, there is a standing order form and our bank account details with this note. Please, consider becoming a 'Friend of Gateshead and Whickham ASC'.**



**Standing Order Mandate – Friends of Gateshead and Whickham ASC**

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