

## Club Profile

Taunton Deane Swimming was formed in June 2000 following the dissolution of the two previous swimming clubs in Taunton, Deane Dolphins and Taunton Swimming Club. The formation of a single club and a partnership agreement with Tone Leisure and the Somerset Activity and Sports Partnership (SASP) allowed us to broaden our professional expertise by the provision of a Head Coach and in turn this has vastly increased the opportunities for all our swimmers.

Taunton Deane Swimming is a competitive club offering a friendly atmosphere and swimming from recreational right through to performance levels with swimmers qualifying for National Championships and Western Counties. We also have a Synchronised Swimming section and a thriving Masters group.

Since its inception Taunton Deane Swimming has grown from strength to strength and under our excellent head coach Graham Davidson and our group of volunteer teachers we have more than tripled our National and District qualifiers. We run a very successful Open Meet each year with Clubs attending from all over the Country.

The Club's success can be measured by its results. We moved from Division 2 to the Premier League of the Speedo League Western Division in successive seasons. We were Speedo League Western Division 1 Winners and Somerset County Junior runners up in 2005. This was followed by becoming Somerset County Junior Champions and South West Region TOP 3 age group club in 2006. 2007 saw us competing at the National Speedo finals day at Ponds Forge Sheffield where we came a credible joint 6<sup>th</sup> on points in the 'B' final.

The Club has some very talented youngsters and we currently have two swimmers who are on the English Talent Development programme and two swimmers who are members of the British Swimming Elite Athlete education programme. All four regularly compete at Club, County, District and National levels.