



# ROTARY SWIMATHON 2019

Organised by The Rotary Club of Woking  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019

at  
Pool in the Park, Kingfield Road, Woking

## **What is a Swimathon?**

Our Swimathon is a fun event organised by the Rotary Club of Woking, which will raise money for local charitable causes. This year's charities are Mayors Charities (Your Sanctuary and Women's Support Centre), Woking and Sam Beare Hospice Transform Housing & Support, Horsell Village School (Outdoor learner-centre) Samber (Riding For the disabled), Woking Street Angels, Woking Shop Mobility

## **So how does it work?**

We are looking for teams of up to 6 swimmers. Each team is given a lane of the pool and will swim for 55 minutes. TEAM MEMBERS TAKE IT IN TURN TO SWIM JUST ONE LENGTH AT A TIME. On average this means that each swimmer does about 10-20 lengths during the 55 minutes, but there is no need for each team member to swim the same number of lengths. Every team member gets sponsorship for the TEAM'S TOTAL NUMBER OF LENGTHS SWUM, which can be up to 100 lengths or more.

## **Who benefits?**

Everyone! Local charities get money to help with their important work. The swimmers have lots of fun trying to swim as many lengths as possible whilst raising as much sponsorship as they can.

## **Who can take part?**

Everyone: Rotary Clubs – Charities – Families – Friends – Churches – Offices – Shops – Scouts & Guides – Cubs & Brownies – Swimming Clubs – Health Clubs - Schools & Colleges – Policemen – Firemen – Paramedics – Nurses & Doctors – Businesses, in fact anyone who is over 8 years of age on the day of the event.

## **Medals**

Every team member who swims will be given a commemorative medal.

## **Team Sponsorship for Charities**

We intend that all the money raised by Team Sponsorship will go to local charities and to meet other local charitable needs.

## **Event Sponsorship**

Organising an event such as this takes significant resources. We always try to keep our costs to a minimum. Volunteers do all of the work but inevitably there are expenses. For the seventh successive year, Trident Honda is the main sponsor of the Swimathon, and is meeting a substantial share of these costs. But this still leaves a large sum to find, and we very much welcome other sponsorship for the event, either corporate or individual.

### **Further Information**

Information and documents for the event, including entry forms, are available at [www.rotarywoking.co.uk](http://www.rotarywoking.co.uk)

### **On-Line Fundraising**

We have provided an on-line fundraising facility for the Swimathon, with Virgin Money Giving. It is up to you whether or not to use it, in addition to or instead of using the paper Sponsorship Form. We have registered the Rotary Club of Woking Benevolent Fund on their website at [www.virginmoneygiving.com](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com) , and created a page for the Swimathon.

Entry and sponsorship enquiries are best made to Terry Smith on 01483 762832 or at [terry@wychstar.co.uk](mailto:terry@wychstar.co.uk)

### **FAQ**

#### **Q. Why should I get involved?**

A. You and your team will not only to raise vital funds for local charities but will have lots of FUN being part of a great day

#### **Q. What types of teams enter?**

A. We have teams from schools, youth groups, families, work colleagues, sports clubs, local businesses, charities and groups of friends. Everyone is made very welcome, and they all leave with a great sense of achievement.

#### **Q. How well do I have to be able to swim if I want to enter?**

A. All swimmers have to be safe in deep water, but because you only swim one length at a time you don't have to be especially strong, just confident. You will be in the water for 55 minutes, but you will be resting between lengths. The whole team may swim about 100 lengths altogether, but if one of you is much stronger than the others, that person could swim more lengths than their team mates. Taking part is what really matters.

#### **Q. Are Rotary in sole charge of the Event?**

A. The activity within the Pool building is under the supervision and control of the Pool management at all times.

#### **Q. Can children enter?**

A. We welcome children taking part. The minimum age for swimmers is eight years at the time of the event. Children under sixteen years old need the consent of their parents or guardians. In the case of School Teams, this may be arranged through the school, if the Rotary Club of Woking agrees in advance.

#### **Q. What is Virgin Money Giving?**

A. Virgin Money Giving is a not-for-profit on-line fundraising facility. Its website is [www.virginmoneygiving.com](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com) .

Fundraising Charity:

Rotary Club of Woking Benevolent Fund ("RCWBF"), Registered Charity 200585

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