



ROTARY SWIMATHON 2021

Organised by

The Rotary Club of Woking
on
Sunday 10th October 2021

Pool in the Park, Kingfield Road, Woking

- 1. What is a Swimathon?** Our Swimathon is a fun event organised by the Rotary Club of Woking, to raise money for local charitable causes. This year's charities are: Surrey Search & Rescue, Woking & Sam Beare Hospice, SERV (Blood Runners), other local charities supported by Rotary Club of Woking Benevolent Fund ("RCWBF").
- 2. Who benefits?** Everyone! Local charities get money to help with their important work, whilst the teams of swimmers have lots of fun trying to swim as many lengths as possible whilst raising as much sponsorship as they can.
- 3. Who can take part?** Any confident swimmer who is at least 8 years old, so teams representing many local schools (pupils, staff and parents) take part, plus teams from:

Rotary Clubs	Charities	Families	Friends
Youth Groups	Offices	Businesses	Scouts & Guides
Health Clubs	Police	Fire Crew	Cubs & Brownies
Shops	Paramedics	Nurses & Doctors	Swimming Clubs
- 4. Medals:** All team member who swim will be awarded a commemorative medal.
- 5. Team Sponsorship for Charities:** The money raised by Team Sponsorship will go to local charities to meet local needs.
- 6. Event Sponsorship:** Organising an event such as this takes significant resources. We always try to keep our costs to a minimum. Volunteers do all the work but inevitably there are expenses. For the eighth 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.
- 7. On-Line Fundraising:** We have provided an on-line fundraising facility for the Swimathon, with Virgin Money Giving. It is up to you whether 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, and created a page for this Swimathon.

8. FAQs

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 we hope they all leave with a great sense of achievement. **Teams are usually made up of six swimmers, but this can vary.**

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

A. All swimmers must be safe in deep water, but because you only swim one length at a time you don't have to be especially strong. You will be in the water for 55 minutes, but you will be resting at the end of your lane between lengths. The whole team may swim about 100 lengths in total, but if one of you is much stronger than the others, you might swim more lengths than your 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 and every team member must be confident swimming in deep water. Children less than 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.

9. **Further Information:** Information and documents for the event, including entry forms, are available at www.rotarywoking.co.uk. Entry and sponsorship enquiries should be made to Terry Smith on 01483 762832 or at terry@wychstar.co.uk.

*Fundraising Charity: Rotary Club of Woking Benevolent Fund ("RCWBF"),
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