



## **Chairperson's report 2021**

2021 was the fifteenth year for club and saw a return to training following the pandemic.

It has been encouraging to see membership levels increase from the previous dip as training schedules recommenced.

Huge thanks go to Lisa Adamson who has spent a great deal of time and effort as our Covid officer, to ensure that all safety measures are in place, which includes risk assessments and the various declarations that need to be completed before members can join the sessions.

In addition Lisa has set up the booking and payment system and with the help of Nicola Hearson, monitors and maintains these. The addition of the booking system enables the club to keep a track of who is attending sessions, both for covid and insurance purposes.

Numbers in the various sessions are limited by the number of coaches that are available for each session and these limits are set by British Triathlon. There is always a high demand for the sessions so it remains important for members to cancel a prebooked session if they are unable to attend so that others can take their place.

It is worth reminding everyone that the running of the club is purely on a voluntary basis and most of the necessary duties are carried out by people who also have demanding full time jobs.

The assistance of additional volunteers is therefore extremely important to ensure the smooth running of the club, especially in the case of the open water swim sessions. I would therefore encourage everyone to consider putting themselves forward when requests for volunteers are made to ensure that the burden does not always fall on the same people. Your participation as a volunteer could mean that a session can go ahead which might otherwise have been cancelled.

The committee have been reviewing a club development plan to ensure that procedures are in place to keep up to date with the various requirements laid down by British Triathlon and that the club remains in a strong position to continue forwards.

I would encourage members to consider if they wish to join the committee as one of our two Member Representatives for the next 12 months. All that is required is that you join our committee meetings and share your thoughts and opinions.

Thank you all for your participation and commitment to the club

Karen Dennett

NTC Chairperson

