

JEROME LESSARD

Soon after joining the club Jérôme expressed willingness to make a difference to young people involved in sport and support the community. Starting out as a timekeeper in 2018 Jérôme has now completed Aquatics GB training up to Referee level. Swimming competitions for our aspiring athletes cannot happen without volunteers and Jérôme is always willing to volunteer. Over the last 5 years Jérôme has committed hundreds of hours to make activities possible. Without his help these young people would not have been able to take part and record official times.

Asides from setting an excellent example to others Jérôme has taken on a leadership role as the officials' coordinator for the club. Jérôme has supported more than 10 others to start their own volunteering journeys and inspired many people to get involved. This makes a phenomenal difference to our young members as without these volunteers many events they hugely value would simply not happen.

Additionally, Jérôme is an outstanding source of information and always willing to make himself available to others who might need help. He undertakes mentoring with purpose but with a wry sense of humor that helps make the work more fun. Jérôme also has a strong sense of fairness and

Beyond this commitment Jérôme has helped as a Team Manager and worked directly with our young people. All told, Jérôme is an outstanding contender for this award.