

Dronfield Dolphins Swimming Club

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NEWS RELEASE

Free Community Swimming Lessons for Children are a Great Success

Dronfield Mayor, Councillor Izzy Pryce, awarded certificates of achievement to ten Dronfield children, aged 5 to 7 years, who have benefited from free swimming lessons provided by local swimming club, Dronfield Dolphins. The presentations took place at Eckington Swimming Pool on Saturday 8th March.

Dronfield Dolphins Swimming Club, who organised the course, paid for it using an award from the Local Network Fund for Children and Young people, a central government initiative allowing local people the chance to make a difference to the lives of children and young people.

Trevor Hocking, Club President, said, "We wanted to encourage local young children to learn to swim and feel confident in and around water so we decided to run a course of free lessons for children in the community. We were delighted with the response from parents when we advertised the course through the primary schools in Dronfield. So far 12 children have benefited from the course and I am confident that they will all make good swimmers. Some of them have enjoyed it so much that they have applied to join our club. They will be made very welcome. Our club is very family-friendly and focussed on the local community. We shall be running a second free course, again for 5 to 7 year olds, starting later this month using funding from an "Awards for All" lottery grant."



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In addition to the above, the funding also enabled the Dronfield Dolphins to:

- Provide two land training sessions a week for the upper squads (up to 40 swimmers have benefited).
- Furnished those swimmers with a comprehensive exercise guide.
- Put ten young people through the level 1 teachers course. (As shown here during a theory session).



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