



## Chelmarsh



# Chelmarsh Swim 2021

## Survey Results

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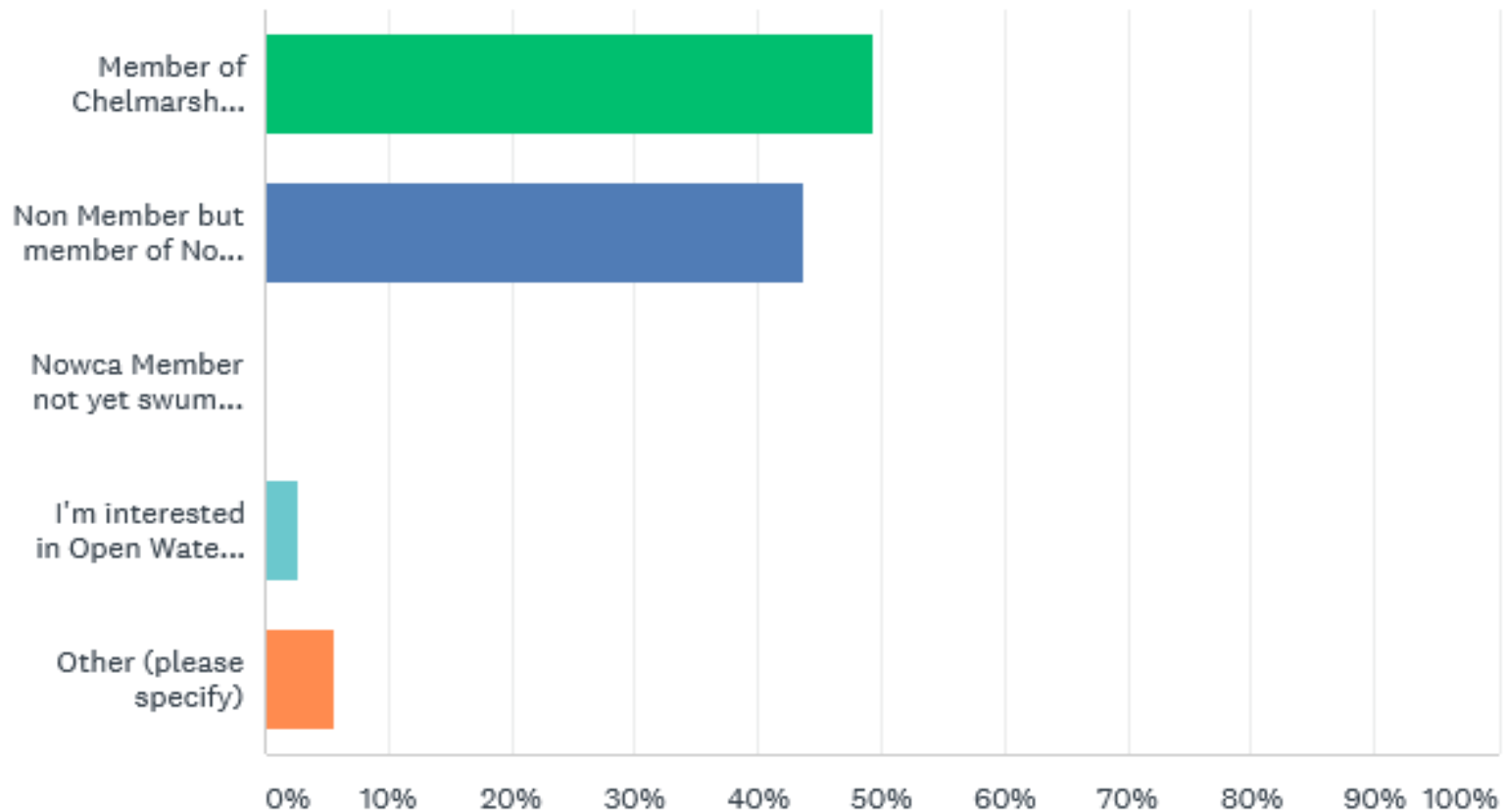
# Chelmarsh Sailing Club

Q1



## Tell us a little about yourself

Answered: 71 Skipped: 0





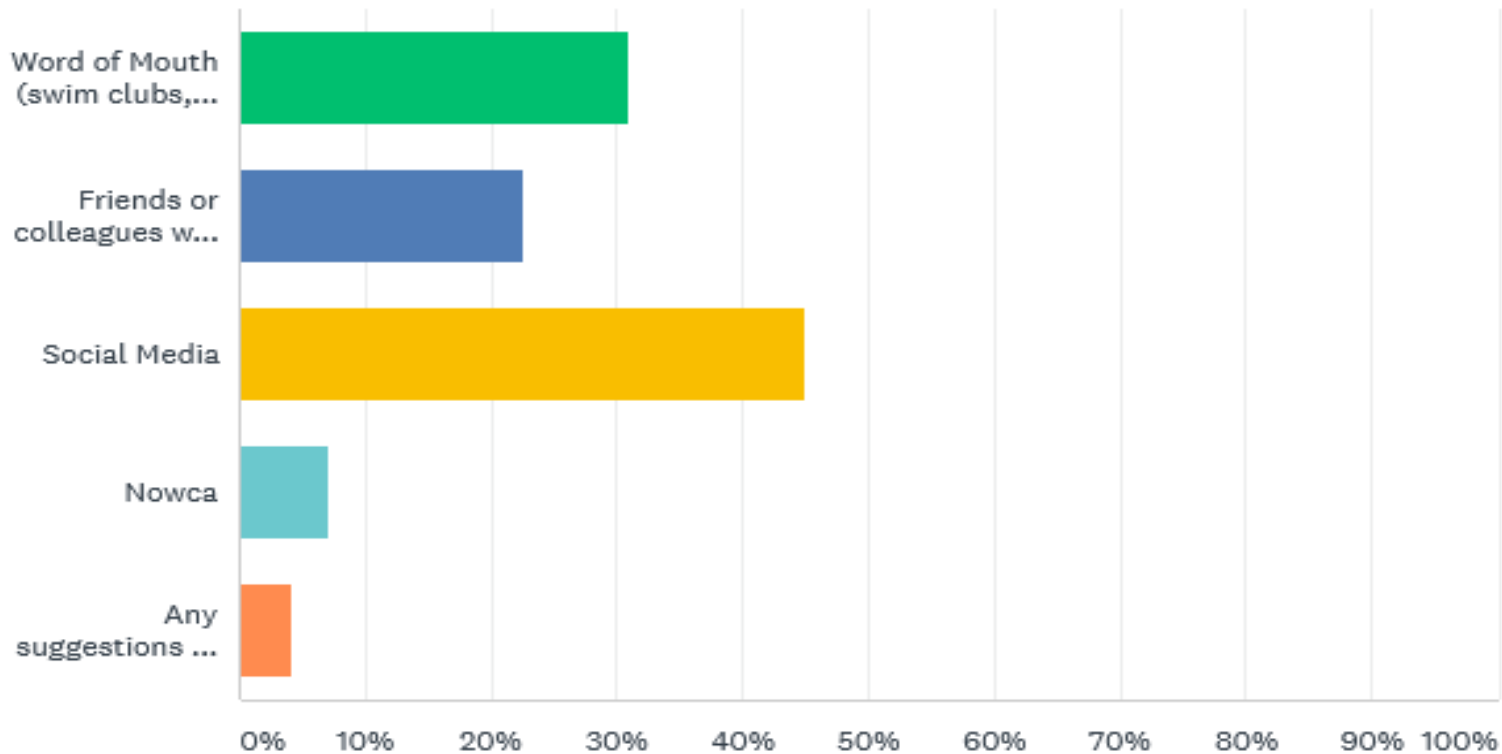
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Q2



How did you hear about Chelmarsh Swim ( Tick any that apply)

Answered: 71 Skipped: 0





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Q3

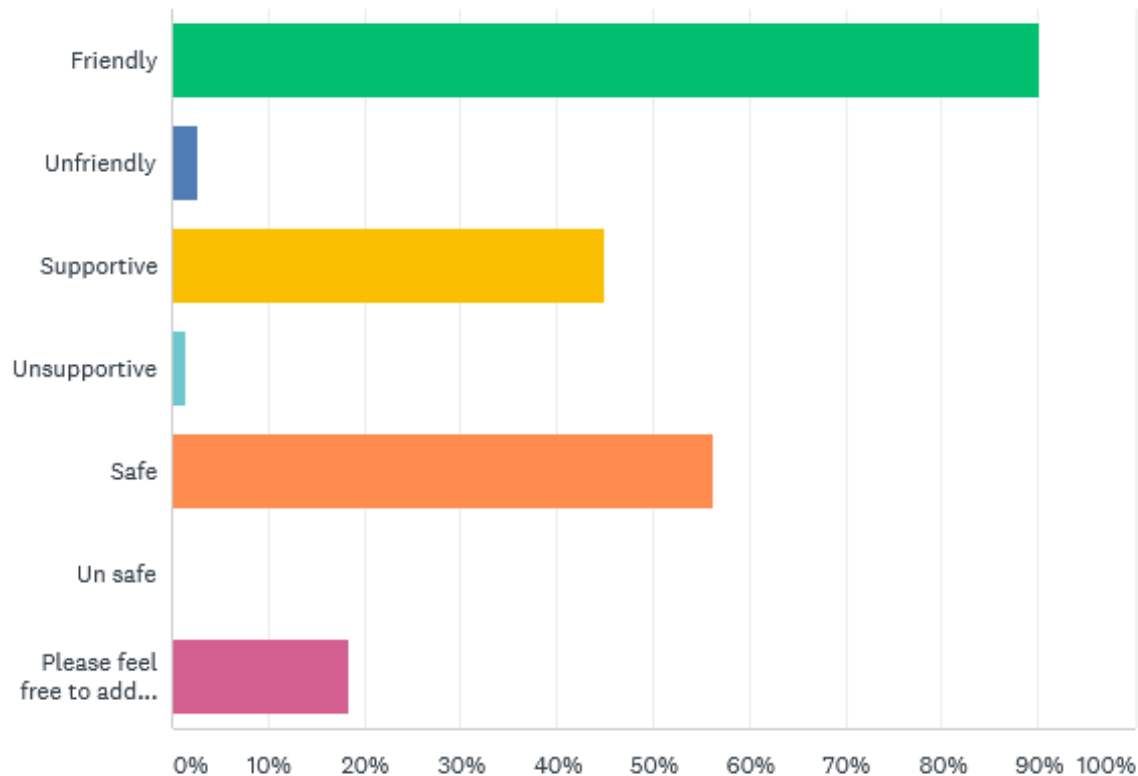


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If you have visited Chelmarsh how would you describe the Club?

Answered: 71 Skipped: 0





# Chelmarsh Sailing Club

## COMMENTS:

- *great vibe real sense of being in this together. I just love the way everyone helps and smiles a lot.*
- *Welcoming Relaxed*
- *I have met a number of delightful and friendly people. There are a couple of ladies in particular, who regularly do admin and are a real credit to the club!*
- *Too many clicks. Don't make new members welcome*
- *Well organised*
- *Encouraging, brilliant, welcoming, all abilities welcome, reassuring, helpful.....!*
- *A delight !*
- *Well organised*
- *Absolutely brilliant!*
- *Having a couple of swimming lessons with Charlotte. A well organised, safe and suitable environment. It's just a shame for me from Welshpool, quite a long way for a 7:30 am swim. An early start haha I cannot make Thursday evenings.*
- *I haven't visited but all reports are that it's very friendly*
- *Well organised*



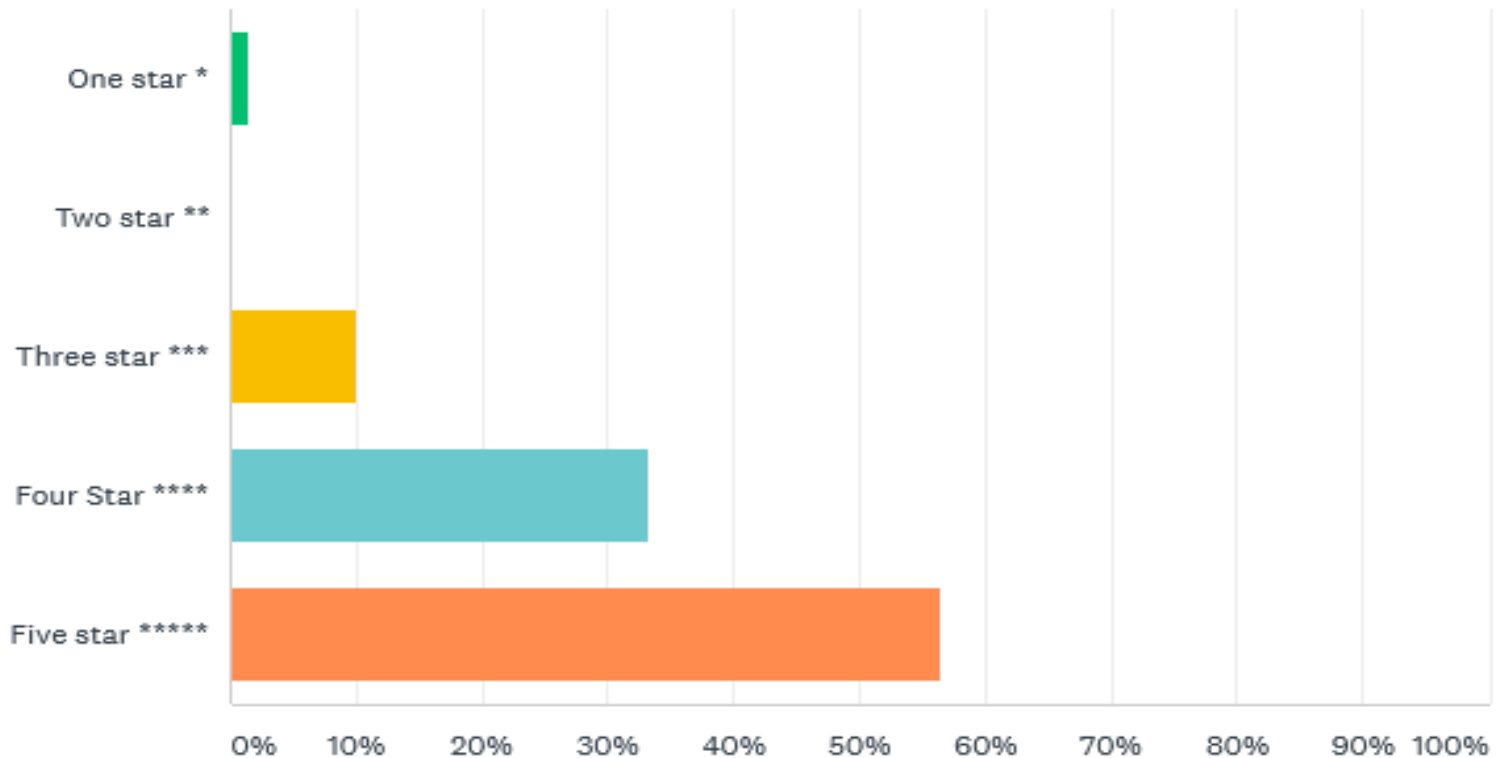
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Q4



How would you rate Chelmarsh Sailing Club (click stars 1-5)

Answered: 69 Skipped: 2





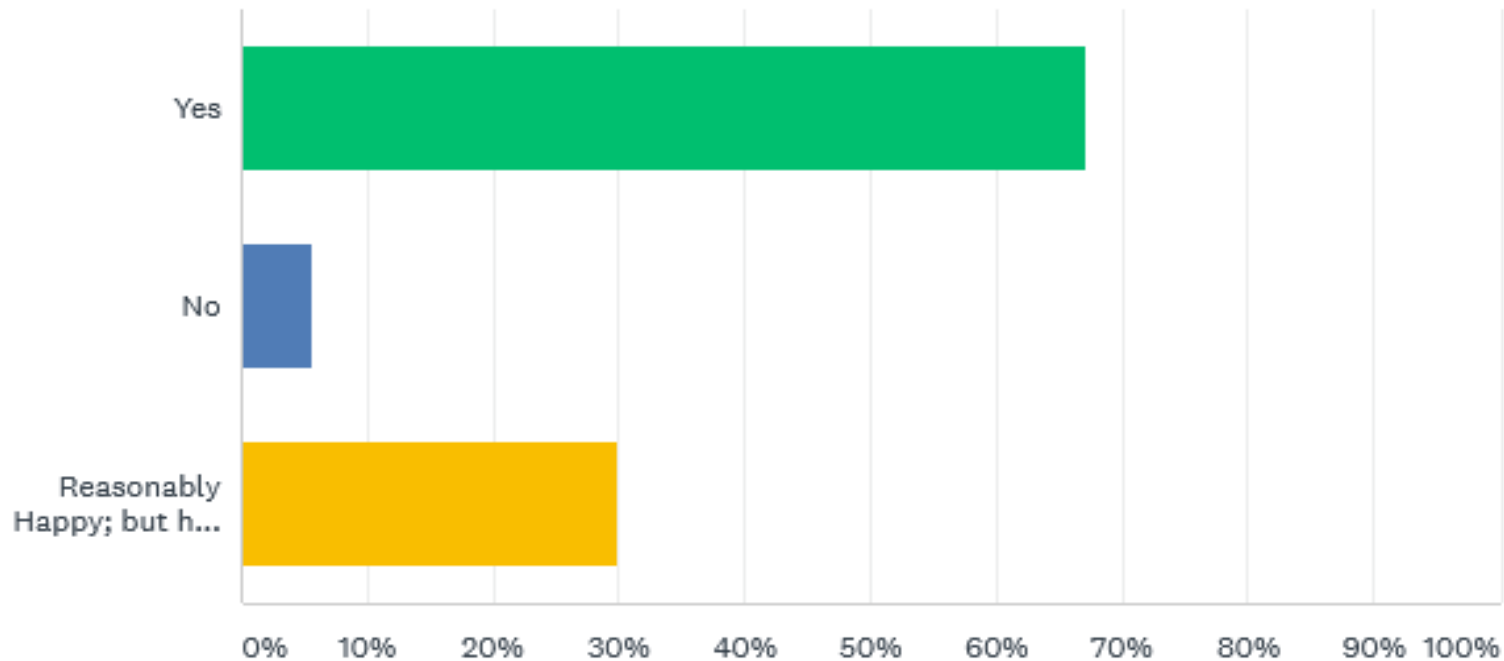
# Chelmarsh Sailing Club

Q5



Swimming Times are currently set at Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. Are you happy with these times and any suggestions?

Answered: 70 Skipped: 1





## **SUGGESTIONS:**

- Adding another weekday evening
- Extending Thursday session later in mid summer
- Widespread recognition we need volunteers/help
- Majority would not want to see more commercial operation





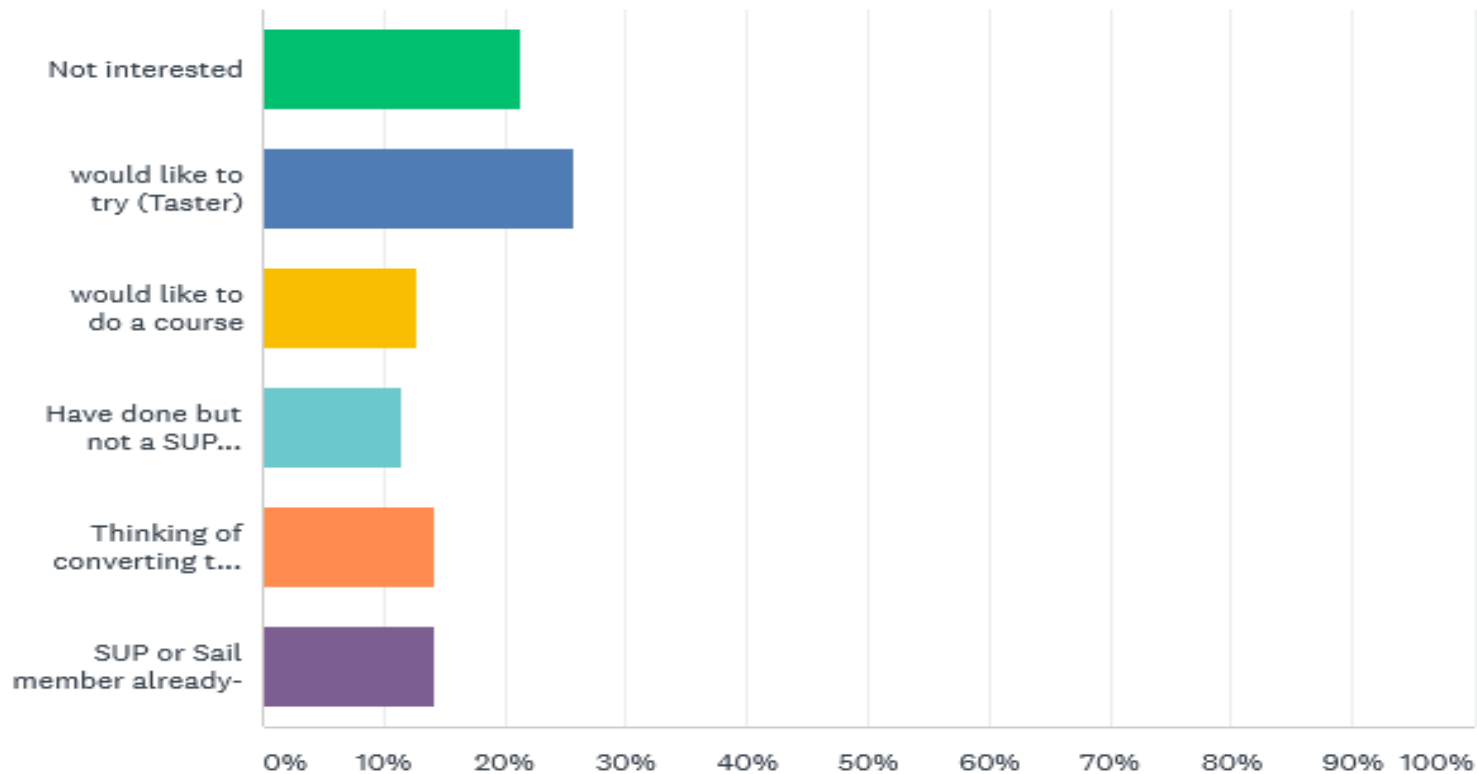
# Chelmarsh Sailing Club

Q6



The Club offers several activities how interested are you in SUP

Answered: 70 Skipped: 1





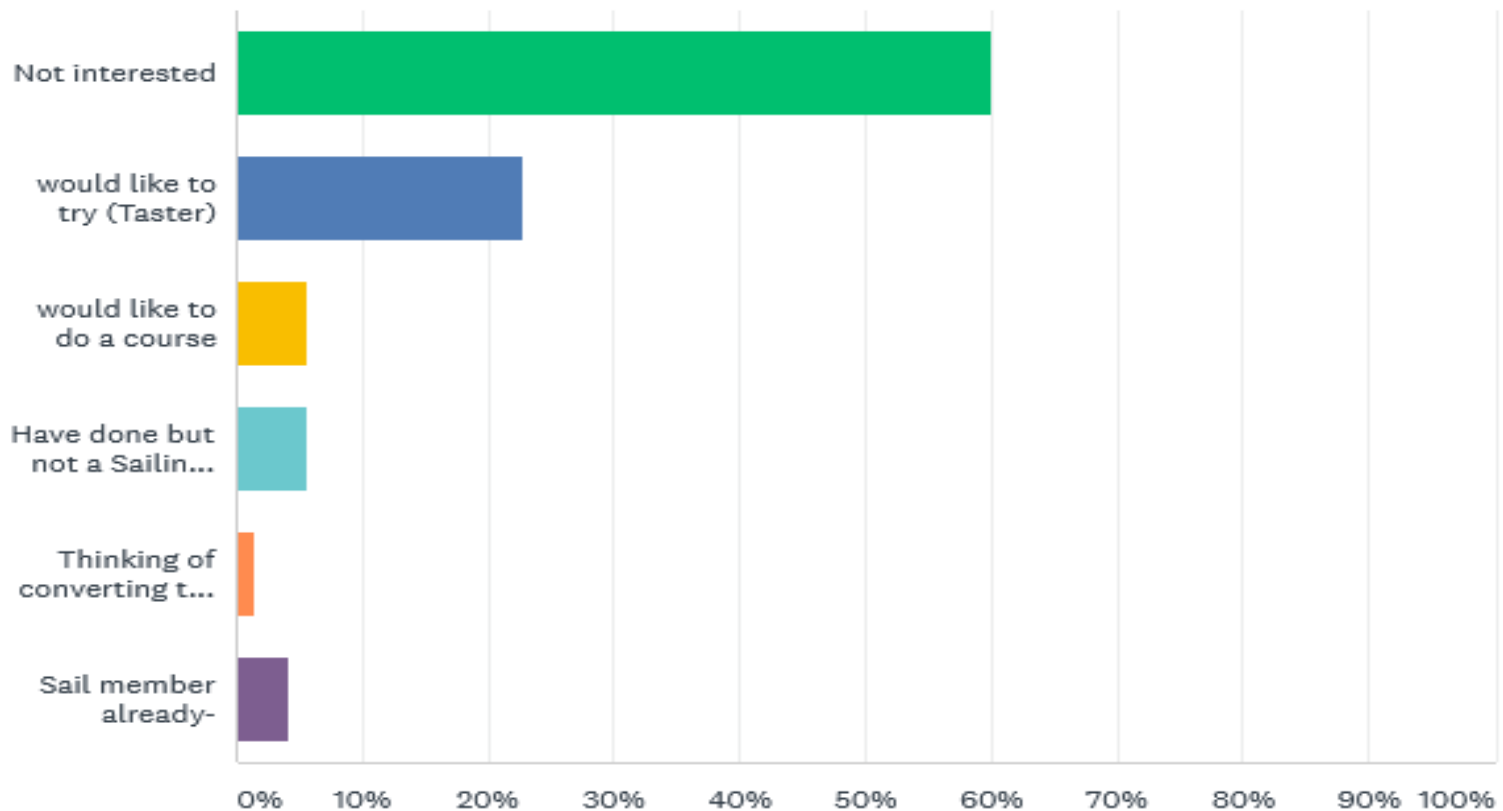
# Chelmarsh Sailing Club

Q7



The Club offers several activities how interested are you in Sailing

Answered: 70 Skipped: 1





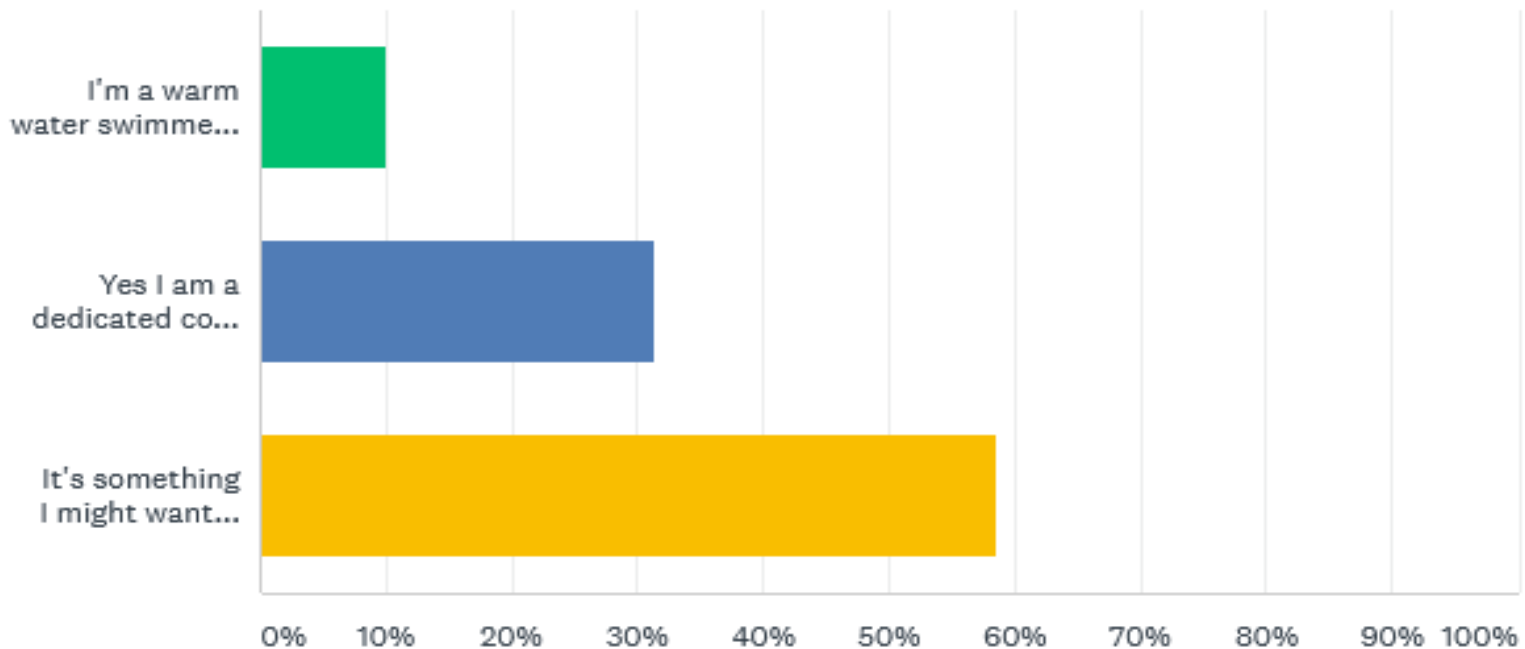
# Chelmarsh Sailing Club

Q8



Winter Swimming: We currently are limited to a minimum water temperature of 10 degrees. Would you like to explore winter swimming

Answered: 70 Skipped: 1





## **SUGGESTIONS:**

- Quite a lot of interest in winter swimming
- Limited swim area. Hot drinks.
- One day; consensus seemed to be Saturday am
- 2 People would not want mandatory wetsuits



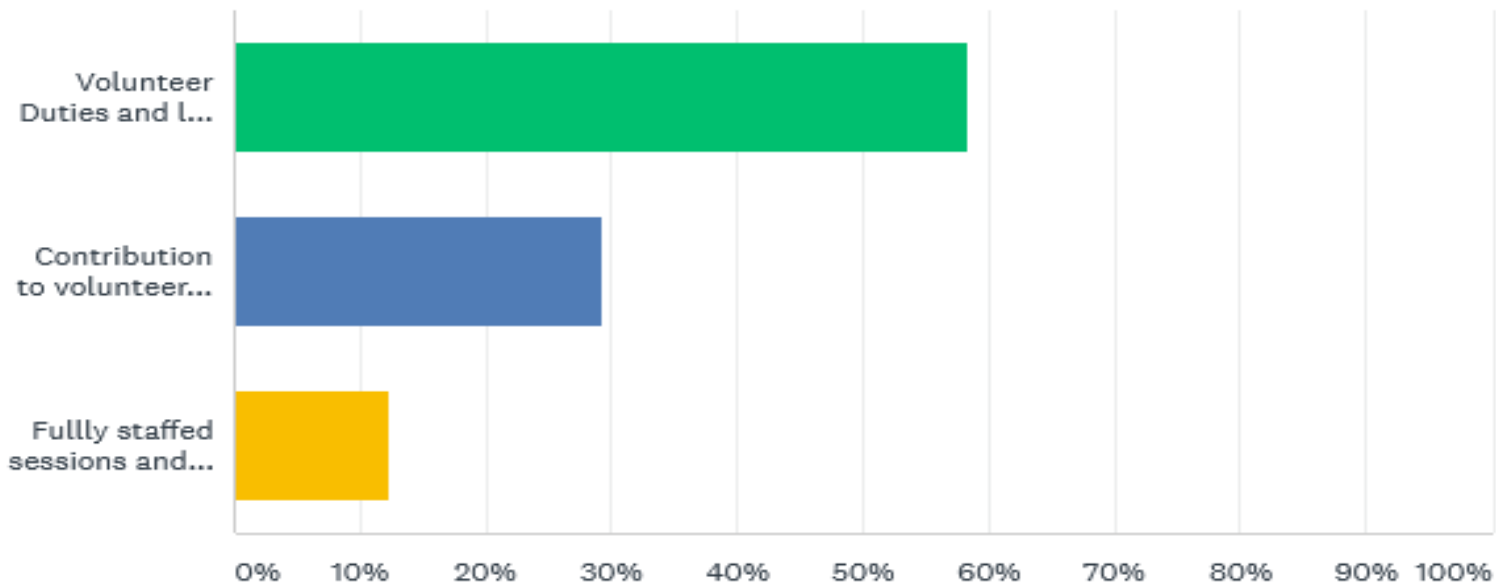
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Q9



Volunteering. We are a volunteer led club and not for profit. We ask members to help out and consider volunteering for admin, SUP safety and for support generally to the club (work parties etc). What feels most comfortable to you?

Answered: 65 Skipped: 6





## **SUGGESTIONS:**

- Suggestions for a rota for all to volunteer
- Quite a few suggest a two tier membership (price reduction for those who volunteer)
- Praise for SUP courses and training
- Sentiment strongly that volunteer basis helps club ethos
- Several want to support and start volunteering



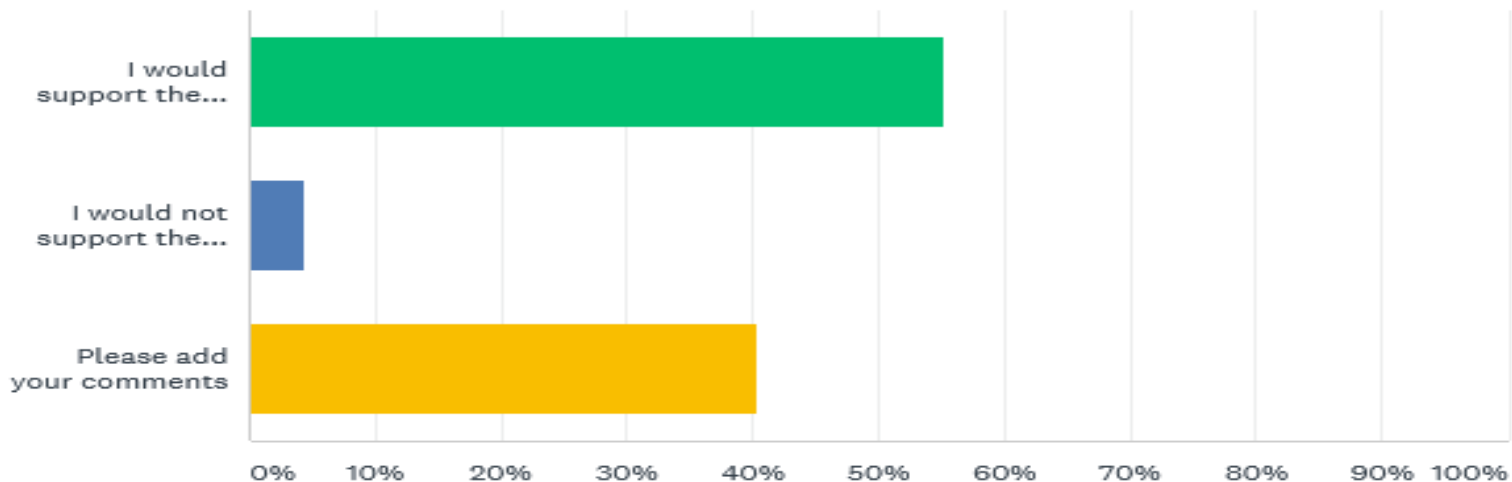
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Q10



And finally. Chelmarsh sailing Club were a finalist in the RYA Club Of The Year 2021. We are really keen to feedback to the judges and would like to forward any comments about the Club and the way it is opening up the water at Chelmarsh to local people and a wider group of users. Please can you add a few words as to the effect of this (eg personal benefit, physical / mental health, benefits of attending socially esp in covid times, club atmosphere and welcome.

Answered: 67 Skipped: 4





# Chelmarsh Sailing Club

## COMMENTS:

- I cannot underestimate the effect this has had on my mental and physical health. being local I have swum here a lot at the end of the season definitely want to join and help and give back because the club has given me so much
- The club is really welcoming for all and is a beautiful location to swim.
- Great environment for safe swimming, beautiful environment with friendly supportive members.
- I have found the open water swimming experience at Chelmarsh really enjoyable and beneficial. It is great to be able to swim in such beautiful surroundings and have access to a clubhouse with good facilities. The organisers, admin and SUP team do a fantastic job of setting up and running the sessions. It has also given me the opportunity to try other activities including SUP.





# Chelmarsh Sailing Club

- The opportunity to swim in such a safe, clean friendly and supportive environment is not to be underestimated. With the next nearest organised OWS venue to Bridgnorth being more than 40mins drive then to have such an awesome resource on our doorstep is great for the swimmers and for the environment. Look how much less fuel is being used to get to swim venue! And don't forget that with Chelmarsh sailing club having cycle Route 45 running right behind the venue it makes it so readily accessible for cyclists, and runners. This year the swimmer cohort has been a combination of channel swimmers training, triathletes, competitive swimmers using it as additional training venue due to restricted access and numbers at indoor pools, recreational swimmers, friends just having some chat therapy whilst bobbing along float and cake in tow. From young teens to pensioners, streamlined and less well streamlined, they all come, swim, love and return. But more importantly they share; they share knowledge, they share inspiration, they share strengths and they share laughter. In less than 7 months what started out as a few brave fools...yes that includes me....dipping there toes in 10°C water has flourished into a thriving community of like minded individuals each able to use the healing powers of open water swimming to stand taller and stronger and face whatever life throws at us. And on a more personal note, I no longer take prescribed medication for depression and anxiety instead .....I swim



# Chelmarsh Sailing Club

- All my other swims are Shrewsbury so having Chelmarsh only 20 mins away is a great benefit to local swimmers. The safety shown by all the support volunteers is a credit to the club. We'd love to try SUP too. Thanks for all you do to provide this service.
- Open water swimming at Chelmarsh has literally changed my life. This is the only venue I've attended and I've built myself up through the season from 3 minutes to 45 minutes. A few metres to 1100 metre sessions twice a week. It's my time. My only time sometimes. It's helped my body, my head, my entire self. It's changed my personality and my outlook for the better.
- I can't thank the club, and the volunteers enough!
- As a landlocked county with limited access to open water the club is a fantastic community resource
- Beautiful venue with wildlife. The water can be a little choppy at times I guess due it's exposed nature. No wonder the sailors enjoy the winds there.



# Chelmarsh Sailing Club

- Friendly club with lots to offer. Great facilities. Being able to join the club for open water swimming has been one of the best things I have ever done. Exercise and improved mental health.
- Lovely club, beautiful location. Very good parking and clubhouse facilities. I really enjoy open water swimming here. The sessions are very well organised and operated safely.
- Chelmarsh is a great venue. Friendly and welcoming with a variety of water based activities on offer. I appreciate the opportunity to swim in this environment
- Fantastic club, the OWS has been invaluable during COVID-19. Always friendly faces there.
- Chelmarsh has been a friendly and safe place for me to do my open water swim training. Other venues local to me have become too commercialised making it feel that swimmer safety is low down on their priority list. Although I have to travel a little further to get to this venue, I make the effort because I feel safe and like to see the support to those who are new to open water swimming.



# Chelmarsh Sailing Club

I have been swimming g since April. The first time I came to Chelmarsh was only the third time I've swim in a lake. It's sooo friendly and supportive and I feel like I have progressed lots in skill and confidence. I now come twice a week as often as I can possibly make it. I've also started volunteering for swim admin and am taking the SUP safety course next week. I feel as though I'm part of a community at Chelmarsh and it's one of the best things about my week!

Using the reservoir as a resource for the wider community through open water swimming activities has raised the profile of the club, started to diversify the activities in offer and contributed to the physical and mental health of the patrons. Looking at neighbouring open water venues, and events they offer, will provide inspiration and additional funding - for example, by hosting sponsored distance events, triathlon, varying the course over the season.

An awesome club with great facilities and ability to learn water skills in a safe environment. The mental relaxation is fantastic let alone being out in the open air and exercising at the same time. Win win win in my mind.



# Chelmarsh Sailing Club

It's a great club that has worked hard especially for swimming. Lots of behind the scenes people have done a difficult job and made this a reality. It's a fantastic venue very friendly people great atmosphere. Thank you all.

Chelmarsh is an excellent swimming venue, beautiful location, well organised and welcoming. Access to coaching & admin encouragement has greatly increased my confidence and technique. It's a pleasure to swim there.!

It's a fabulous volunteer run venue where the family friendly atmosphere and wealth of people willing to help and offer advice make it accessible and welcoming to all.

It has been wonderful to finally have an open water venue so close. Years of travelling an hour each way, Chelmarsh really is a blessing. It is also a fun swim venue, as the conditions can vary from week to week from stormy choppy sea like to flat as a pancake. It is a lovely friendly local venue. I am so happy it has opened. And when the weather is nice it is great to cycle there then swim and cycle home.



Chelmarsh have been so welcoming to swimmers and the relaxed and friendly vibe is brilliant. Such a nice play to be.

# Chelmarsh Sailing Club

Being a NOWCA member only, gives me a limited insight into the clubs activities, and and social gatherings. There are a few open water venues, and this one being the nearest for me, is safe secure and very friendly.

I only have this year's experience of swimming at Chelmarsh but it always seems well organised and run.

People there are happy to help and give advice. A definite asset to the local community

Well organised Feel safe Good shower facilities

People are friendly

A wonderful calming venue, perfect for reflection and getting in the right head space.

I think it's great that chelmarsh can have so much going on in a friendly venue just out of town



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