# Swim21 Coordinator's Report for the Year Ending 31st December 2016

The **Amateur Swimming Association (ASA)** is the English national governing body of swimming. Swim21 is the ASA's quality mark for the development of effective, ethical and sustainable swimming clubs. The ASA actively encourages swimming clubs to adhere to Swim21 standards.

There is an annual reaccreditation process to achieve Swim 21 essential status. The quality mark (shown above) demonstrates that we have the appropriate evidence against all the key criteria.

Swim21 clubs are required to have in place clear long-term goals to develop both the swimmers and the volunteers, and to grow membership, ensuring sustainability for the future. It is also good to have Swim21 as it provides:

- A management tool for the executive committee
- A framework for an audit process
- Potential funding opportunities e.g. grants/vouchers towards Continuous Professional
- Development: during 2016 we were able to put a £200 voucher towards teacher training

After reaccreditation in March last year, 2016 focussed on continuing to build the skill base of volunteers. One of the focus points of Swim21 is to provide a greater number of appropriately qualified volunteers. This has included level 1 and 2 teachers, level 1 and 2 coaches and lifeguards. We are always looking for new volunteers so please get in touch if this is something you are interested in via our Secretary (ycbc.secretary@gmail.com) or Teaching Coordinator (ycbc.teachingcoordinator@gmail.com). Where possible the YCBC volunteering scheme allows the provision of qualification funding in return for voluntary hours supporting the club. This is a fantastic way to support the club whilst achieving your own personal development.

We are currently going through the 2017 audit process with a view to reaccreditation by the end of March. I am pleased to report this is currently on track.

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