

BSC Water Carnival 2009: Feedback

The comments below were recorded for the 2009 July Water Carnival (in the book at the Spectators' Entrance, and via 'Contact Us' on www.boldmereswimmingclub.co.uk.)

"My son has recently returned from your Water Carnival along with the rest of the Middlesbrough swimmers. I would just like to thank you for the hospitality you showed to my son and the rest of the squad. This is the first time that these swimmers have been away without their parents and they all came home absolutely buzzing and have not stopped talking about what a good time and how much fun they have had.

Well done to you all and all the volunteers and once again thank you for making it such an enjoyable experience for them all". [Middlesbrough SC Parent](#)

"Just wanted to say 'Thank You' for a wonderful weekend. The organisation, the atmosphere, the venue, the prizes, the officials' shirts, the band. It was brilliant!!

Thanks again". [Visiting Swimmer & Mum \(Sherwood Colliery Swimming Club\)](#)

"Our son, my wife, and I spent the weekend at the Water Carnival. I would just like to say what a top weekend of family entertainment - well worth the money for what we thought was an excellent open meet.

We thought it was very well organised and all the staff and helpers were very friendly . . . even the time keepers and judges! (ha ha) with the Hawaiian shirts on (like it!). We will definitely be at the Water Carnival again next year. Swimming events like the Carnival make all the training worthwhile. Keep up the excellent work, Boldmere! Two very happy parents and swimmer". [\(Burntwood SC\)](#)

"This was our first open meet and, despite the humid conditions, it was thoroughly enjoyable.

I understand it is one of the major events in the club's annual calendar and I would like to say how helpful and friendly all the club marshals were, how very well organised it was (the timing of the races appeared to go like clockwork), and most important for any parent, how well the children were looked after. There were a number of club helpers, but I know that no child was allowed to 'wander off' or released to anyone other than a parent, and only when they had sought permission from a Boldmere coach/marshal. Thank you so very much". [Boldmere Parent](#)

"Just a quick note of congratulations to all for the superb organisation and execution of the Carnival. It ran like clockwork from start to finish and the comments made to us from visiting swimmers, parents and coaches were without exception positive and full of praise.

It was a pleasure to be part of it. Well done." [Boldmere Awards Team](#)

"Just to say many thanks for a fabulous meet. Sorry I didn't get to thank you personally after the awards were given out, but we had to dash. Please pass on my thanks to everyone who helped.

I know my daughter was so thrilled with her award, I think she sees Stechford now as her second home as she always swims well there. We will definitely be supporting your open meet once again and - will probably see you all at the Junior League Final in Sept". [Parent of the winner of the Top Girl Trophy.](#)

"Thanks for organising the open meet. My daughter swam well on Saturday but after an accident had to withdraw. Many thanks to the marshal and the lifeguards who helped her. It is at times like this when you can appreciate others' help". [Visiting parent, City of Hereford SC](#)

"What a Great Event ! . . . Smashing to start off with the National Anthem and parading officials - Great Stuff! The ladies on the desk . . . the Tombola . . . and the Security Team all made the event special.

Well Done ! . . . See you soon". [Spectator \(Wellington\)](#)

"Absolutely Brilliant ! . . . The children were so good at all times. The staff and marshals were friendly and helpful. [Spectator](#)

"Hi Boldmere.....just writing to say a great big thank you for such a fantastic weekend at your inaugural 'Water Carnival'. Having organised a few events in the past in another sport, I know the amount of effort required to run such a gala as this. I'm sure your swimming members fully appreciate all your committee's work and I am writing to say all the visitors I have spoken to also did.

My 9 year old daughter - from a little 40-member club (Pershore, Worcs) - enjoyed meeting your successful girls. We can't wait until next year to revisit and see what colour patterned shirts you go for next time.....a great idea I thought..... I shall have to blow the dust off my 70's Hawaiian shirts and struggle to make at least one of them fit again. We will spread the word back in this rural backwater and try and bring more of our members in 2010. Many thanks for all your kind considerations and keep up the massive work you are doing." [Visiting parent, Pershore SC](#)

"The Lead Referee said that in all the years he has been involved in officiating at meets, the organisation of the Boldmere Open Meets has been the best. In general, officials do what they always do....it's the organisation and attention to detail that make for a great event, and it's so obvious when you go to other meets (some of them of many years' experience) that what you and the team of helpers do is exceptional". [Boldmere Parent / Official](#)

"I was there on the Saturday and had a good day officiating. My daughter swam at the event, enjoyed the day, will swim again next year and will tell her mates at her club what a good meet it is".

[Visiting Parent / Official \(Ludlow SC\)](#)

"It was a great weekend - and my children achieved good times - thanks.

My husband also enjoyed the timekeeping".

[Visiting Parents / Officials \(Nuneaton and Bedworth SC\)](#)

"It was a pleasure, even though the days were long". [Visiting Officials](#)

"Thanks to everyone again for arranging such an excellent gala. Also, thanks for making arrangements with for me to complete a training session." [Visiting Official](#)

"What a great event and superbly organised....our first to your club (the girls are 9 years of age). Just a thoughtI am fairly new to thiswith 9 year olds not being able to enter the 100m events would it be an idea to take each competitor's BEST TEN events for the top boy/girl prize to help make a more level playing field. Many, many thanks to you all for all the hard work". [Visiting parent, Pershore Swimming Club.](#)

Organisers Response: You make a valid point re. criteria for selection of Top Girl and Top Boy. We will investigate if the Corgi software can handle this. (It would not be possible to calculate manually).

"My younger Girls arrived for their warm-up when all lanes were being used for Sprint Lanes. Lanes should have been left for warming up". [Visiting coach.](#)

Organisers Response: At all warm-up sessions - other than the final one (of four) - it was announced that any swimmer who missed their allocated session could use the pool during a later one for a different sex/age group. Several swimmers took this opportunity up. The warm-up arrangements posted on the website were pre-empted with the statements:

Please be aware that the timings/lanes below are provisional and may be subject to alteration.

Please listen for announcements re. confirmation/alteration of timings/lanes.

"One of my girls entered the 50m Breaststroke - which was confirmed on the 'Accepted Entries' posted on the BSC website prior to the event, yet she was not in the programme". [Visiting coach.](#)

Organisers Response: Examination of the 'Accepted Entries' file - and the swimmer's entry form demonstrates that she did not enter the 50m Breaststroke.