

Law firm's team breaks record at charity swim



Town councillor Sue Ferguson in action during the Rotary Club Swimarathon

Picture: Lewis Brockway

A new record was set at the second Rotary Swimarathon at Tenterden Leisure Centre on Sunday.

Swimmers from law firm Whitehead Monckton powered to victory by completing 73 lengths of the 25m pool in half an hour.

They beat the figure set last year by Tenterden & District Chamber of Commerce by one length.

The Swimarathon challenge was for teams of four to six people to swim as many lengths as possible in 30 minutes in relay.

Eight teams took part – a total of 42 people, who together swam 513 lengths.

The event was part of a worldwide Rotary International Global Swimarathon to raise money for the End Polio Now campaign, which trying to eradicate the disease from the

few countries in which it is still prevalent.

It raised about £1,800, to be split between End Polio Now and each team's own chosen charities.

The 2nd Tenterden Scouts entered two teams in the junior category, managing 68 and 62 lengths.

There were six teams in the senior category – Whitehead Monckton, Gledhill Family, Phil's Follies, St Mildred's, Chamber of Commerce and Water Birds, which recorded 73, 70, 65, 60, 59 and 56 lengths respectively.

Tenterden Rotary Club would like to thank Del Athwal from Shop Around the Clock at St Michael's, who donated bottles of water and nutribars for the swimmers, photographer Lewis Brockway, and the leisure centre for making the event possible.



Mayor of Tenterden Cllr Jennifer Crickmore-Porter starts the Rotary Club Swimarathon at Tenterden Leisure Centre

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Boys from the 2nd Tenterden Scouts relaxing after their heat at the Rotary Club Swimarathon