

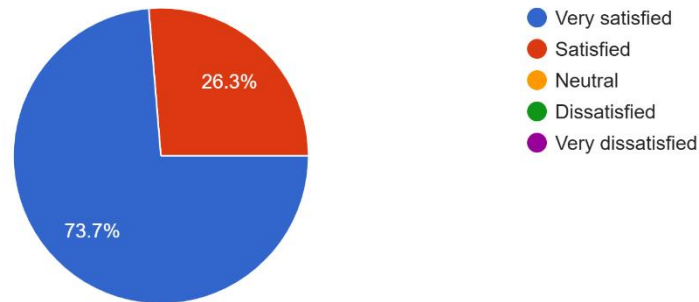
Summary of action items:

- Make sure summer BBQ isn't on same day as Gaelforce event next year.
- Investigate possibility of pool session for advanced swimmers

Summary of question results:

How satisfied are you with your overall experience with the club?

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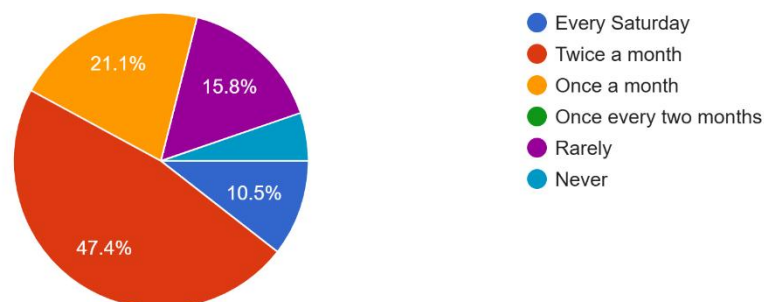


Comments:

- Glad there are events every month :)
- Club well organised, sociable and inclusive
- You always get a warm welcome at members' time, plenty of advice when needed and support in the water
- Year 2 in club - had lesson with Ruth thru winter in Newtown - love xmas breakfasts - getting into the Saturday mornings now
- It a wonderful club
- Very welcoming group
- It would be great if in time a similar offering to Couch 2 Cave but ran by DESC coaches could be ran for members.
- Wonderful classes at Newtown School pool with Ruth , most enjoyable and great teaching.

On average, how often do you participate in member's time Saturday swims?

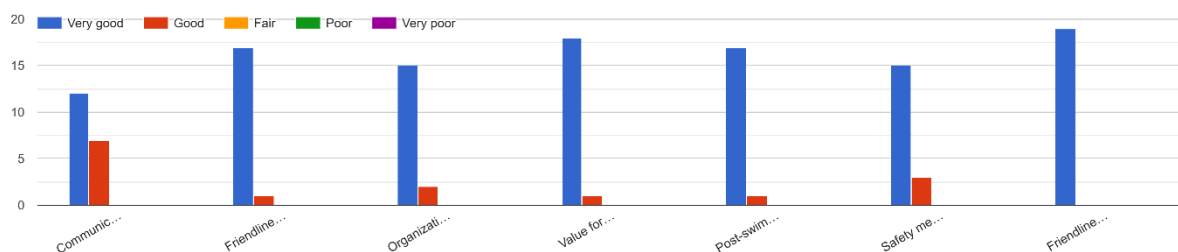
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Comments:

- Due to other Saturday commitments, not able to attend regularly
- I would love to attend every single Saturday but sometimes other commitments have to take precedence. It is a highlight of my week.
- Intend to be weekly and daily !
- I love Saturday mornings with the swim club. I look forward to it all week.
- I try for every Saturday but this summer I was missing a lot
- I would go every Saturday if I could
- Almost every week
- I live in kildare and did not get down all winter. Winter of 23/24 I was back home almost every week.
- I hope to participate when I join up for the sea swimming classes and to follow on from then into the winter.

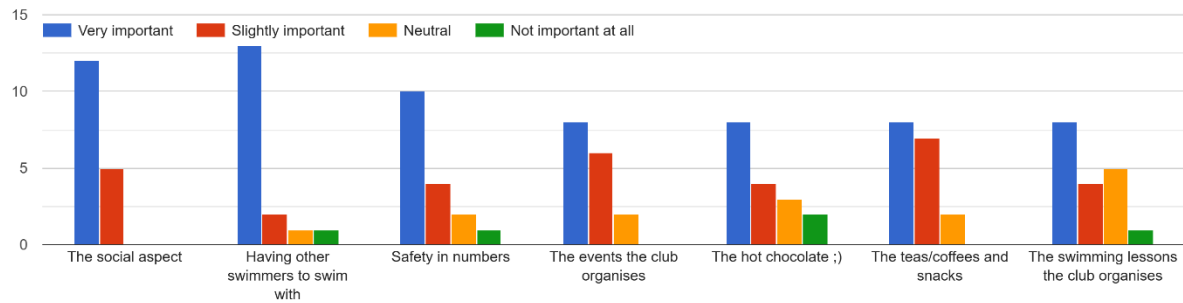
How would you rate the following aspects?



Comments:

- DESC ticks all the above boxes....this is due I feel to the hard work of the committee, putting events in place, extending a warm welcome to everyone, and enabling members to learn to swim.
- The set up from a safety aspect is excellent and club members and committee members alike are always unfailingly welcoming and friendly
- Amazing club - swim lessons, refreshments after lessons in summer & Saturday etc ❤️
- Whatsapp communication is fantastic. I need to get better at checking the website more as I can see that there is a lot of great information here too. Thank you.
- The two times I managed to get down was very good!

How important are the following aspects to you?

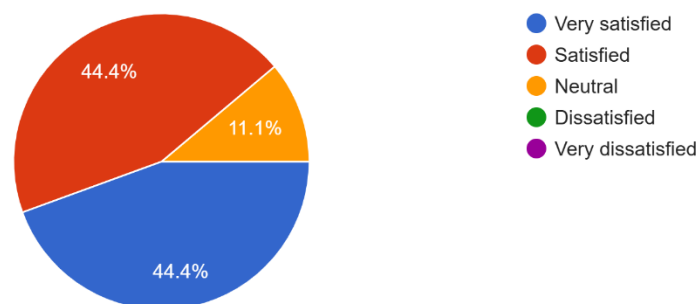


Comments:

- All of the above create an absolute Saturday morning haven for me and whilst I have not taken part in the club's swimming lessons myself, I get a great kick out of seeing others progress so the lessons are still important to me on that level.
- Don't forget the Club kit to wear !
- I don't drink hot chocolate so please don't be offended :) Are the swimming lessons always tailored for beginners / new swimmers? Some improvement classes would be great outside of the swim clinic specials.
- Those answers will change when I get back to waterford more regularly ... hot chocolate will become very important!
- As a more competitive swimmer a lot of the swimming lessons would be non applicable currently. It would be great if there was a pool session designed for advanced swimmers
- I'm only involved in the indoor swimming classes

How satisfied are you with the number of special events held (in addition to regular members' swims)?

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Comments:

- The special events strike a great balance. Opportunities to meet and chat and develop as swimmers but not too many to exhaust the committee members (I hope!!)
- Not sure I hear about all other events held

- It would be great if the summer BBQ was scheduled on a date that didn't clash with the Killary Gaelforce swim this year as there are several members doing that the weekend of 13th 14th September

What do you enjoy most about being in the club?

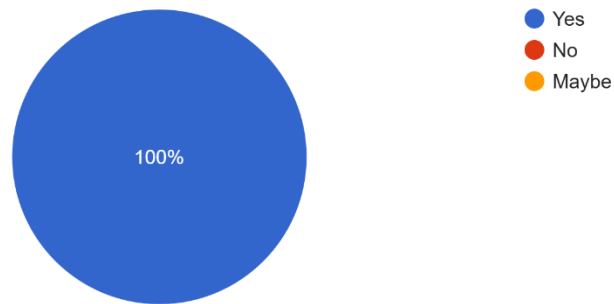
- The feeling of belonging to a club!
- Meeting members
- Social aspect
- The ability to have a swim and chat and hot chocolate in a welcoming environment. The events that are organised.
- I love the social aspect and the safety and security of being in the water with other people.
- Social & Connecting & swim - free longevity formula
- The wonderful people I have met
- Meeting others and swimming
- members time on Saturday morning and having company to swim with and a friendly and inclusive cuppa after
- Meeting other swimmers and external activities like swalk swike
- Although I'm not an active member I am very happy to support to club in their amazing work.
- Knowing that there is someone to swim with in winter
- The routine
- knowing there is a group swimming at a set time every Saturday should I make it
- The great craic, the people and chats and the great location that is Dunmore East for a swim

Is there anything you think we could improve?

- No! I love that it's low-key and easy
- No.
- To me this club is perfect
- No
- No I think it is a fantastic club
- you all do a fantastic job. Thank you so much for all of your volunteer time. I really appreciate you all for it.
- A couple of Social events perhaps outside of swimming, one that comes to mind would be the likes of a quiz night perhaps to support the RNLI when they run in Powers Bar or even a dinner in Azzurro/Strand during the winter months as we do lose some of the members throughout the winter...I for one love the winter swims!

Would you recommend the club to a friend?

19 responses



Any other comments or suggestions?

Thank you for making DESC happen.

i am just so grateful I stumbled across this club and that I was allowed to become a member

Keep doing great work & gratitude and appreciation to those who lead & volunteer on committee



Once again, thank you all for creating this wonderful space and opportunity to swim with like-minded people with the amazing social element after too. You are all brilliant. Thank you.

Thanks for everything as always, above suggestions cover off.