



Name: Alex Smith

Date of Birth: 9/7/1990

Date Joined WSC: 1997

University (Dates): 2008-2011

Degree: Physical Geography, University of Durham

My time at Woking Swimming Club

I love that Woking has that family feel, whilst also having the ability to allow swimmers to reach their full potential. I trained with numerous coaches over the years: Sue Barney, Sally Williamson, Brian Bloor, John Eastwood, Juliet Todd, Vince Ayling, Liz Robbings, Alex Counsell and finally Mark Staiger!

Swimmers I trained with : Probably best I don't list everyone I can think of over the past 23 years!

What were your greatest achievements at Woking?:

- European Masters champion 50 free
- 2x British Masters record holder 50 free
- ASA Nationals medallist
- Multiple Nationals finalist
- Qualified for Olympic, World and Commonwealth trials
- Multiple British Masters champion
- Multiple Regionals champion
- Multiple Surreys champion
- Competed for South East region in FF Golden Tour in Nice
- 3rd place South East Masters Swimmer of the Year 2018
- Woking Swimming Club Lifetime Member award
- Woking Swimming Club Roll of Honour award
- Woking Swimming Club record holder
- Club Captain 2008-2009

My time at University:

Achieved 2:1 from Durham University and was an integral part of the swim team, gaining promotion to Division 1 in BUCS (British University Championships).

Discovered that 5:30am 3 hour swim sessions aren't for me!

Post university:

Currently a project manager at Barclays, whilst continuing to compete at European and World Masters level