



20 May 2020

Dear Swimmers,

We hope that you and your friends and families are as safe and well as it is possible for them to be. The uncertainty that we all face is a challenge and we miss our Boulter's to Bray Swim community more than ever.

So it is with great sadness that we have made the decision to cancel the 2020 swims.

Why have we made this decision?

There are a few things that have led us to this decision:

We can't say for certain that we will be able to conduct the swim safely on 4th July. We can't guarantee social distancing, and this will put our swimmers, volunteers and staff, and their families, at risk.

We have to protect our charitable interests. There is, of course, a financial cost to organising the swim and, if we organise the event and it doesn't go ahead, we will lose money. This will mean that we can't meet our charitable objective of supporting local sports and physical recreation projects. By making the decision now, we can protect these interests.

We have always welcomed newcomers to open water swimming and many of our participants have really stretched themselves to be able to take part. With limited training possible between now and July, we can't be sure that our less experienced participants will be safe.

What if I've already entered?

If you have already entered, you have two options:

1. Roll over to next year. If you want an automatic entry into the 2021 event, please reply to this email (contact@boulterstobraysswim.org) before Sunday 31 May.
2. Get a full refund. Our terms and conditions say that you are entitled to a full refund, minus £10 to cover any costs. In the circumstances, we would prefer to give you a full refund including the £10. If you want to choose this option, you do not have to do anything and we will automatically refund you in June.

What about the Historic Swim?

Some of you entered the ballot to join the inaugural 'Historic Swim', which includes the Cliveden stretch and finishes in Bray. You will be contacted separately and those of you who were successful in the ballot will be given priority entry into the 2021 Historic Swim.

Thank you for supporting the Boulter's to Bray Swim Trust. We will miss seeing you all this year, but look forward to coming back better in 2021.

Ben, Fiona, Jen, Rob, Neil and Keith.