



The GBDF, British Swimming and 'the asa' have joined forces to build a vibrant future for community diving in England.

The GBDF (an independent, voluntary organisation, dedicated to promoting Springboard and Highboard Diving) with the sport's governing bodies will be working together to drive the Community and Masters Diving programme.

The organisations will develop the existing Masters diving programme, which encompasses the whole range of ability of divers over 16 years of age, and will try to recruit more volunteers into the Masters diving community.

The GBDF will work with the asa's Facility Team to establish a clear strategy for diving provision, which will ensure there is a realistic provision for diving facilities to meet the needs of both elite diving and community diving.

Jim McNally, the Chief Executive of the GBDF, said: "We welcome this opportunity to work closely with British Swimming & 'the asa' to develop the availability of the sport of diving and increase participation across all age groups. Divers from 16 to 90-years-old compete in GBDF Masters events and we are sure that this activity is a major contribution to healthy living."

David Sparkes, the asa's Chief Executive Officer, said: "Working together we believe we can strengthen and build a vibrant community programme in diving in England. "We know there is interest in this level of sport and we see this with masters swimming, where keenly contested national and district competitions are held, so we hope this partnership can help push up the numbers of those taking part in Masters diving."

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