Development Report 2026

waterski & wakeboard scotland

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Season Overview

2026 has been another positive year for development at Waterski & Wakeboard Scotland, with continued opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to discover, participate in and progress within our sports.
Working alongside clubs, coaches, volunteers and partner organisations, our Development Team has delivered a wide range of activities across Scotland. From introductory experiences and school engagement to structured development programmes and competitions, we have continued to build on previous years, expanding our reach across different venues and creating more opportunities for participation and progression.

While there is much to celebrate, we recognise the importance of strengthening our participant pathways, improving how we measure engagement and progression, and ensuring successful programmes can continue to grow sustainably.

Looking ahead to 2027, our focus will be on building sustainable and scalable growth, moving beyond introductory opportunities to establish more regular, structured delivery at clubs and sites across Scotland. By strengthening the connections between initial participation, ongoing involvement and progression, we aim to create opportunities that support both participants and the long-term development of our sports.







Participation & Growth



Schools & Community

Introducing new audiences to waterskiing and wakeboarding through schools, community groups and partnerships.

Competitions & Events

Providing accessible competition opportunities, encouraging participation and supporting progression across waterskiing and wakeboarding.

Expanding Our Reach

Extending introductory activities across more venues and supporting clubs to welcome new participants.

Development Programmes



Little Ripples

Our junior introductory programme continued across three venues, providing opportunities for young participants to develop confidence and skills in waterskiing and wakeboarding.

67 participants | 104 attendances | 3 venues

She Shreds

Our women and girls' programme provided welcoming opportunities to participate, develop skills and connect with others across Scotland.

129 participants | 187 attendances | 7 venues

Development Squads & Pathway

Supporting waterskiers and wakeboarders through structured coaching, squad activities and Pathway to Podium opportunities.

22 active squad members | 28 Pathway to Podium participants | 4 venues

Competitions & Events

Our national Wake and Waterski Series continued to provide accessible competition opportunities across Scotland in 2026, encouraging participation, friendly competition and progression for riders and skiers of different abilities.

COMPETITION	EVENTS	VENUES	PARTICIPANTS	ATTENDANCES
Scottish Wake Series	6	6	69	109
Scottish Backyard Series	5	5	58	91



Coaching & Workforce Development



AREA	2026 ACTIVITY	IMPACT
Coaching Qualifications	BWSW Level 1 and 2 course hosted	Growing our coaching workforce and strengthening capacity to deliver across Scotland.
Driver Development	4 SBD2 courses, 12 qualified drivers, SBD3 course hosted	Increasing the number of qualified drivers to support safe and sustainable activity at clubs and sites.
Workforce Opportunities	Expanded programmes and freelance delivery	Creating opportunities for people to get involved in programme delivery, gain practical experience and develop new skills.

Our Reach Across Scotland





During 2026, WWS worked with more clubs, venues and partners than ever before, delivering development activities across nine locations, from Dumfries & Galloway to Aberdeenshire.

This expanding network has strengthened relationships across Scotland, creating new opportunities for participation and providing a foundation for sustainable growth in the years ahead.

Challenges & Opportunities

Participation Tracking

Challenge: Our growing participation numbers have highlighted the need for a more structured and consistent approach to tracking participation.

Opportunity: Introduce a new system to better track participation, engagement and progression through our pathways.

Sustainable Growth

Challenge: Balancing our ambitions for growth with what can realistically and sustainably be delivered.

Opportunity: Develop achievable plans and priorities that allow successful programmes to grow at a manageable pace.

Participant Pathways

Challenge: Ensuring participants understand the opportunities and pathways available to them beyond their initial experiences.

Opportunity: Better communicate and promote our developing pathways, encouraging more participants to take their next steps.

Delivery Capacity

Challenge: Ensuring we have sufficient staff, coaches and volunteers to support our expanding activities.

Opportunity: Strengthen and develop our workforce, creating more opportunities for people to contribute to delivery across Scotland.

Looking Ahead to 2027

As planning for 2027 continues, three broad areas will help shape our discussions and priorities for the year ahead.



Building on 2026

Moving from the introductory and taster activities delivered across multiple venues towards more established programmes where we've seen success.

Planning Together

Working with clubs, sites, coaches and volunteers to shape our 2027 programme, recognising that planning is still ongoing.

A Sustainable Future

Ensuring our development ambitions are realistic, appropriately resourced and aligned with the wider direction of WWS.



Thank You

A huge thank you to the clubs, venues, coaches, volunteers and partner organisations who have supported our development activities throughout 2026.

Your enthusiasm, commitment and willingness to work together have helped us introduce more people to waterskiing and wakeboarding, support developing participants and create opportunities across Scotland.

We look forward to building on this together in 2027.