



Dr. Julie Bradshaw, MBE, Honor Swimmer, Great Britain, 2006



[Personal Website](#)

Videos: [Interview 1](#) [Documentary 1](#) [Show 1](#)

Dr. Julie Bradshaw, MBE set many speed records and accomplished many first ever marathon swims from 1979 to 2014. She set a new female butterfly record across the English Channel in 14 hours and 18 minutes in 2002 – stood in 2024 (and beyond).

Julie was the first to swim butterfly – and her speed records stood in 2024 (and beyond) on the following: 16.8 km Lake Windermere (original course) in 6 hours and 7 minutes in 1991; 16.9 km 2-way Coniston Water in 6 hours and 43 minutes in 2000; 11.3 km Lake Ullswater in 4 hours and 29 minutes; and 17 km Lough Erne.

Julie was the first female to swim freestyle – and her speed records stood in 2024 (and beyond) for Lake Windermere (original course): 3-way in 1980 and 4-way in 1981.

She participated in several first relays: 2-way to 3-way Loch Ness in 32 hours and 36 minutes in 2005; 3-way Lake Taupo (New Zealand); medley English Channel in 2010; 2-way medley Lake Windermere (2013); 6-way to 10-way female lake Windermere; and Lough Erne 80 km in 2007.

She served as a director on the Board of The Channel Swimming Association and the assistant secretary. Dr. Bradshaw has raised many thousands of US\$ in her swims and started the Fylde Hospice in Blackpool,

[Expanded Biography \(Openwaterpedia\)](#)

[Long Swims Database \(Marathon Swimmers Federation\)](#)