



**Colleen Blair, MBE, Honor Swimmer, Great Britain,
2021**



Personal Website (None known)

Colleen Blair, MBE started marathon swimming in 1994 and continues through 2022. She is the first from Scotland to complete the Triple Crown. She recorded numerous first ever swims in Scotland: 2018 North Minch 44 km in 18 hours and 37 minutes (9-13C), Loch Tay 22.5 km (first female), 1994 Two-way Loch Tummel 22.5 km and the Pentland Firth (10-12 C).

Colleen was the 9th swimmer to complete in 2008 the North Channel (34.5 km) in 11-13 C. Other marathons in Ireland include: 1996 Clare Island to Newport (first ever) at 27.8 km and the Irish Long Distance Championships in Lough Erne 17 km which she contested 15 times between 1992 (youngest ever at the time) and 2015. Her swims include all varieties fresh and salt water (warm and cold) including: 1997 Loch Ness 36.2 km (12 C), 2-way Lake Windermere (33.8 km) and 6 times one-way, Around Jersey (51 km), Jersey to France (22.5 km) and all the S.C.A.R. lakes.

Colleen gives back to the sport: organized 3 Loch Lomond championships, member of Scottish Swimming Open Water Swimming Committee, coaching open water swimming, observer on swims and raised money for local charities approximately \$20,000. In 2021, she was awarded an MBE for services to swimming.

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