

North East Regional Swimming Championships 2022



Ten of Alnwick Dolphins most talented swimmers competed at this year's North East Regional Championships in Leeds and Sheffield. Achieving the challenging qualification times for these Championships is a huge achievement, so congratulations go to:

Danny Patience, Sandy Brown and Andrew Batley (aged 11-12 category)

Harriet Oldfield (aged 13 category)

Lola Smith (aged 14 category)

Ed Brown and Megan park (Youth category)

Ollie Thew, Gregor Batley and Tiff Jones (Open category).

Age Group Championships, Leeds

Danny qualified in 8 events and did extremely well to qualify for two finals while still only 11 at the lower end of the age category. He placed 7th in the 100m Backstroke in 1:18.81 - a personal best and club long course record time - and 7th in the 200m Backstroke in a personal best time of 2:48.48. He is now ranked 4th in the UK (aged 11 category) for these events.

Sandy qualified in 3 events in the age 11/12 category. He was a finalist in two events - the 50 Freestyle, placing 6th in a personal best time of 30.77 and the 100 Freestyle placing 7th in a personal best time of 1:07.80.

Harriet qualified in 6 events in the age 13 category. Her best performance came in the 50 Breaststroke heats where she achieved a fantastic personal best time and club long course record of 39.23 making her the 14th fastest entrant.

Andrew qualified in 3 events in the age 11/12 category. He still has a year to go in this age category which bodes well for next year's championships. His best performance came in the 50m Breaststroke heats where he achieved a new long course personal best time of 45.24.

Lola qualified for the highly competitive age 14 girls 200 Breaststroke event, swimming an excellent long course time of 3:04.93.

Open Championships, Sheffield

In the senior championships, particular mention needs to go to Tiff Jones who came 14th in the 200m fly (2.39.68); Ollie Thew who came 23rd in the 200m breaststroke (2.44.72) and Gregor Batley who came 17th in the 200m fly with a personal best time of 2.20.82.

In the Youth category Ed Brown stormed to the final in the 400m freestyle placing 7th in a PB of 4.29.49. He also came 13th in the 200m freestyle, 19th in the 100m freestyle and 24th in the 50m freestyle smashing his PBs in all 3 swims.

In the relays, representing a newly formed club, the *Northumberland and Durham Performance Programme*, were Alnwick swimmers Megan Park who's 4 x 100m freestyle team placed 11th and Ed Brown who swam a tremendously exciting anchor leg to place his 4 x 200m freestyle team 5th overall. His other two races placed 7th. The teams are now waiting for races from all over the country to be completed to see if they qualify for the Summers Nationals.