

Sandbach Sharks Swim Team Aims High at the Cheshires

Under the guidance of new Head Coach, Carolyn Cowburn, Sandbach Sharks Swimming Club took its strongest ever team to the county swimming championships at Stockport and Macclesfield for the Cheshire Championships.

A team of 14 young swimmers qualified with county times for the competitions, some of them swimming in a 50 metre pool at Stockport for the first time.

Highlights for the team included 2 of the team's youngest swimmers age 10, performing well with Abigail Rawlinson finishing 7th (50m breaststroke) and Verity Porter finishing 13th (50m backstroke). Verity's was following in her sister's footsteps, with Jessica Porter swimming in the 200m backstroke competition.

Catriona Cody was the highest placed Sandbach Shark, age 11, finishing 6th (50m breaststroke).

A strong team of 11 year old boys finished 13th (Sam Rawlinson), 14th (Callum Waters) and 15th (Oliver Shenton) in 50m breaststroke.

Stephanie Bell set a new club record for 50m butterfly in 38.55 and finished 12th overall.

Team Captain, Emily Jeavons qualified for 3 races finishing 17th (200m back) and 18th (100m back), cheered on by her brother, Max, who also qualified.

Our eldest team members at age 16, also performed well in 50m free with James Bottomley, Team Captain, finishing 7th and Matt Joines finishing 8th.

Millie Henderson, who qualified for the 50m free said "It's so exciting to qualify for the Cheshires as it means we get to compete against some really big clubs and race against some of the best swimmers in the North West".

Carolyn Cowburn said "I was delighted to be taking so many Sandbach Sharks to the county championships this year. As the club continues to grow, I am looking forward to taking even more of our swimmers to the championships next year. It's a really exciting time for the club and I was really proud of how all my swimmers competed."