

PRESS RELEASE

Seven Gold Medals for Tiverton Swimmers at Devon County Championships.

The best swimmers from all over Devon competed in this years' County Championships which were held over four weekends. The top seventeen swimmers from Tiverton Swimming Club who qualified to compete achieved the best results in Coach Carder's history at the club. Out of 73 swims the Tivvy team clocked up 51 personal best times.



Nine year old Emily Abraham took gold medals in all of the six events she competed in. Emily broke the Devon County record in her age group for the 100m individual medley with a Championship best time of 1:27.43. Each race saw Abraham improving her personal best times, taking an incredible 20.59 seconds off time in the 200m butterfly and 12.64 seconds off in the 200m individual medley. Emily also achieved Regional times in the 200m breaststroke and 200m individual medley.

Lucy Abraham won first place in the 12 year old girls 100m breaststroke in a personal best time of 1:25.75 which is a Regional qualifying time. Lucy also reached the finals in the 200m breaststroke coming fourth with a personal best time of 3:12.32.

Lorna Callahan, aged 15, took silver in the 100m butterfly with a personal best time of 1:14.77 and settled for bronze in the 50m butterfly. Will Parr also 15 years, achieved six personal best times in nine races and came away with three bronze medals for the 50m breaststroke, 50m butterfly and 100m butterfly.

Charlie Beeson came third in the boys 15 year old 100m breaststroke and fourth in the 200m individual medley. Nine out of ten races saw Charlie achieving personal best times.

Thirteen year old Callum Stoneman finished fourth in the 1500m freestyle taking a staggering 24.96 seconds off his personal best time. Callum went through to the finals for the 100m and 200m backstroke coming away with a bronze medal and a Regional qualifying time of 1:13.64 in the 100m backstroke.

Sophie Whittle, aged 10 years, flew to fourth place in the 200m butterfly knocking an amazing 17.98 seconds off her personal best time. Sophie also competed in the 200m individual medley in a personal best time of 3:27.86, just missing out on the final.

Ross Clarke reached the finals in the 11 year old boys 200m breaststroke and took fifth place overall with a personal best time of 3:36.11 seconds. Joseph Zilch, aged 15 years, came fifth in the 50m backstroke and 50m freestyle.

Ten year old Jake Stoneman came fourth in the heats for the 200m breaststroke and a personal best time of 3:38.33 seconds took him through to a tough final where he settled for sixth place.

Dominic Fullick reached the final of the 16 year old boys 50m breaststroke and just missed out on the 100m breaststroke final. Chloe Henry knocked 9.88 seconds off her personal best time in a very tough 11 year old category for the 200m butterfly.

Further personal best times were achieved by Jade Clarke in the 12 year old girls 100m butterfly, Adam Clewer in the 12 year old boys 100m and 200m freestyle, Jess Lepper in the 13 year old girls 100m breaststroke and Lewis Henry in the 14 year old boys 50m breaststroke. Caitlin Tyrell had a solid swim in the 11 year old girls 100m breaststroke.

Coach Carder said "This was Tiverton's best performance in the Devon Championships since I started with the club. It's fantastic to see such excellent performances from the swimmers who have trained hard to achieve these results."

Tiverton Swimming Club will next be competing in the Devon County Junior Sprints which will be held at Central Park, Plymouth. For results and further information please visit www.tiverton-swimming.co.uk.