



Swim England North East

Your monthly dive into Artistic Swimming in the North East. Insight, Inspiration & Innovation

RECENT EVENTS/ACHIEVEMENTS

SWIM ENGLAND COMBO CUP 2025!

**SWIM ENGLAND MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS
2025!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

**North East Regional Summer Camp - Queen
Ethelburgas (16th-19th August)**

**North East Regional Squad Trial - Tuesday 26th
August**

MONTHLY WRITE UP:

July was a landmark month for the artistic swimming community, brimming with energy, competition, and celebration. The highlight came over the weekend of the 5th and 6th of July, when two of the most anticipated events of the year, the Combo Cup and the Masters Championships, took centre stage at the Ponds Forge International Sports Centre in Sheffield.

These back-to-back events attracted the largest participant numbers on the annual calendar, bringing together athletes, coaches, officials, and supporters for an unforgettable showcase of talent.

We were especially proud to see all five North East regional clubs represented on this national stage. Their dedication, teamwork, and passion were evident in every performance, reflecting the region's growing strength in artistic swimming. From developing swimmers experiencing their first major competition to seasoned Masters athletes demonstrating poise and skill, the breadth of participation was inspiring.

The weekend was not only a testament to competitive excellence but also to the fabulous community spirit that defines artistic swimming.



Swim England Combo Cup:

On Saturday 5th July, Ponds Forge International Sports Centre hosted the Swim England Combo Cup 2025. From the North East Region, we had a total of 12 Routine entries across all age categories and divisions.

The first session of the day consisted of some of the largest categories of the event, including the 15&U Division 1 Category, with a total of 24 entries! From the North East we had 5 entries in this event. City of Leeds Grease team finished 7th with a total score of 87.7717, South Yorkshire Swans team finished 14th with a score of 72.4750. City of Leeds had a second entry in this event with their Aladdin themed routine finishing in 16th place with a score of 71.4500, Gateshead finished 21st with a total score of 66.9450 closely followed by City of Bradford taking 23rd Place with their Greatest Showman themed routine with a score of 62.8500.

Also in session one, was the 13-18 division 1 event, with 10 entries in from across the nation. City of Bradford finished just short of the medals in 4th place with a total score of 95.7083 with their Legally Blonde routine performance!

Session 2 commenced with the largest amount of events of the day, lots of athletes ready to compete along with a full balcony of spectators! The North East Region had three entries in this session, the first event was the 12&U Division 1 event. City of Bradford's Alice in Wonderland themed routine placed 6th with a total score of 70.2000, also in this category was Borough of Kirklees 'Sing' themed routine taking the GOLD medal with a total score of 100.6550!

Another GOLD medal was secured in this session in the 15&U Division 2 event by City of Leeds. Their Buzz Lightyear themed routine wowed the judges resulting in a total score of 131.6567, which was the highest total score of the competition! This team also achieved the lowest number of synchronisation errors, 7.06 resulting in 5 bonus points being awarded. This was also the lowest amount of synchronisation errors of the day!

Onto the final session of the day, the oldest athletes took to the stage! In the 13-18 division 2 event, Gateshead Artistic Swimming Club placed 11th with a score of 92.9867 with their cars themed performance. City of Bradford narrowly missed out on the medals with a 4th place finished in the 15-18 division 2 event with a score of 105.3383 with their computer games themed routine. Finally City of Leeds took the GOLD medal in the 15-18 division 1 for the 3rd year in a row with their Grease themed routine with a total score of 116.3783 along with the bonus points for the lowest amount of synchronisation errors in their category!



Swim England Masters Championships 2025:

On Sunday 6th July, Ponds Forge International Sports Centre hosted the Swim England Masters Championships 2025.

The first event of the day was Technical duet where City of Bradford's, Oral Cassidy & Bethany Seal took the GOLD with a total score of 61.3586 in the 18-24 age group category! Also in the 18-24 category was Edie Caris & Hazel Webster from City of Bradford who were the youngest pair in this event, finishing in 10th place! In the 30-39 age group, City of Bradford's Charlotte Hughes & Emma Knight took the GOLD with a total score of 60.2222! Claire Macina & Jenette White finished in 5th place in the 40-49 age group category with a total score of 53.7636, closely followed by Janine Edwards & Ellen Limebear with a total score of 47.9000, finishing in 7th place.

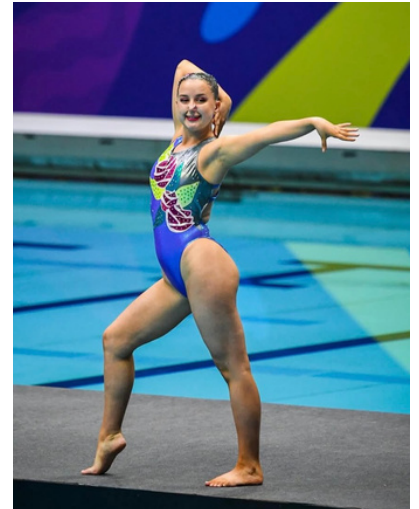
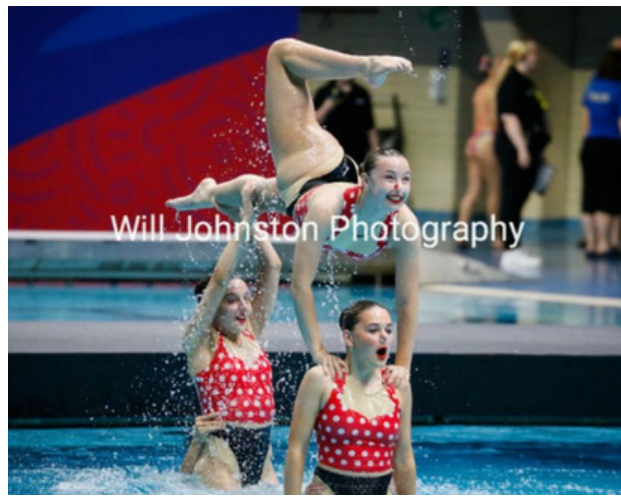
The first team event of the day was the combination team event. City of Bradford was just shy of the medals by 0.2 in the 18-24 category finishing in 4th place with a total score of 57.7333. City of Bradford took the GOLD in the 25-39 age group category with their computer games routine, finishing with a total score of 62.1667. In the 20-64 category, City of Bradford took the BRONZE with a total score of 51.5667.

In the Technical team event, City of Leeds finished in 4th place with a score of 56.1061, narrowly missing out on a medal due to penalty points for only having 4 members, the team of athletes finished with the highest execution score in the 18-24 category! City of Bradford also competed in the 18-24 category and finished in 6th place with a total score of 54.0525. Onto the 25-24 category, City of Bradford took the GOLD with their 'Pink - Runaway' routine with a total score of 61.0182. City of Bradford also took the SILVER medal in the 35-49 category with a score of 48.4556.

To wrap up the day, the final event was the Technical solo. The largest event of the day was the 18-24 age group technical solo, with North East clubs taking two of the medals! Sophie Robinson from Gateshead Artistic Swimming Club took the BRONZE with her 'smooth' routine with a total score of 61.4869. Isobel Davies from City of Bradford took the SILVER with the highest elements score of the event, and a total score of 64.8475. In the 30-39 age group category, City of Leeds', Abbie Linley took the SILVER medal with her boogie wonderland routine with a total score of 55.2747. Finally in the 80years and over category, Jeanne Ansley from City of Leeds took the GOLD with a total score of 47.5020 in her final preparations for the world aquatics championships in Singapore at the start of August.

Well done to everyone who competed! Some fabulous results - who will take the medals next year?





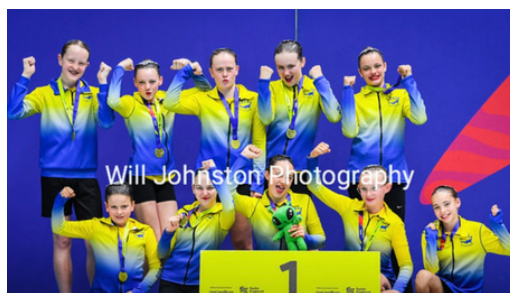
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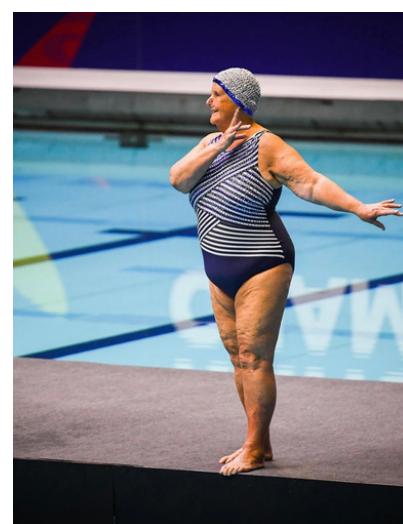
Combo Cup:

15&U Division 2 Combination Team - City of Leeds Head Coach, Deanne Ward had chosen this team as the 'star performers' as their 'Buzz lightyear' themed routine coached by Tilly Budd, gained the highest score of the competition as well as the lowest synchronisation errors of the day! An outstanding achievement resulting in the swimmers, Beau Spence, Salvador Ingham, Maisie Mapplebeck, Abbie Dargan, Alana Hurst, Sienna Tennant, Florence Tallant, Aoife Haywood, Lily Mallender & Stella Bowes becoming the 15&U Division 2 Champions 2025!



Masters solo:

Jeanne Ansley, representing City of Leeds was the sole entrant in the 80yrs & over category, but her performance wowed judges and spectators alike, finishing to a huge reception from the crowd. Jeanne is a very experience performer and the members of our club love learning skills and performance techniques from her! She is an inspiration! She will be competing at the World Aquatics Masters championships in Singapore in August in both the technical and free solo.



Star Performers:

Borough of Kirklees:

Iris Whitehouse, Lily Sterling, Phoebe Shearon, Mieka Fuller, Emily Guest, Molly Gwynne, Akira Hanson, Iman Hulou-Jordan & Heidi Jagger achieved BOKs first national medal! Their 12 & Under division one team was coached by Jade Wyke & Lauren Wyke, who have worked hard on this choreography and routine over the past 18 months. Over the 2025 season BOK were undefeated, and won the gold medal at every competition they entered in this event, including the NE/NW multi-regional competition in June where the team were in the same category as the division 2 athletes.



Gateshead Artistic Swimming Club:



We would like to nominate Sophie Robinson for the star performer nomination, for her bronze medal win at Masters, with a total score of 61.4869 . Sophie swam a technical solo in the 18-24 age category with her routine to the theme of "Smooth". Sophie has juggled coaching for our club along with training for masters, in between studying at university and working part time as a lifeguard at the pool where we train. Sophie choreographed the routine herself along with some help from club head coach Clare Bewick.

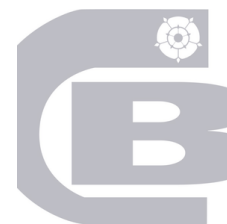


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City of Bradford:

Combo Cup:

The City of Bradford Sapphires 13-18 division 1 team swam to Legally Blonde and was coached by Lydia Thompson. This team has been nominated for their hard work throughout the year and their amazing swim at Combo Cup, narrowly missing out on a medal by 2.94! The whole team committed to the sassiness that was required when swimming to such a classic Broadway score. The team comprised of Olivia, Liv, Evie, Maddie, Lilly, Seren, Ava and Anita. Well done ladies and Lydia!



Masters Duet:

Claire Macina and Jennette White competed in the 40-49 age group category at the swim England masters championships. The pair swam to 'Think about things' by Daoi Freyr. They have been nominated by Head Coach Charlotte Hughes for choreographing their technical routine within a week over video! They competed this routine just four weeks later. This duo quite literally just got on with it, and just goes to show that you can do anything you put your mind to, if you are willing to put the work in! Claire and Jen finished in 5th place out of 9 entries with a score of 53.7636! Well done Claire and Jen, we are really proud of you.



Upcoming Events:

Queen Ethelburga's North East Regional Summer Camp

Saturday 16th August - Tuesday 19th August

Level 1 - Assistant Artistic Swimming Coach Course (August)

Queen Ethelburga's Collegiate, Thorpe Underwood Estate, York

Level 2 - Artistic Swimming Coach Course (August)

Queen Ethelburga's Collegiate, Thorpe Underwood Estate, York

North East Regional Squad Trial 2025-2026 (invite only)

John Charles Centre for Sport - Tuesday 26th August

North East Grade Day - Leeds Saturday 13th September

Aquatic Centre, John Charles Centre for Sport, Leeds, LS11 5DJ

Artistic Swimming Level 1 Judge Course

Sunday 21st September 09:00-17:00

£15.00 per person

The Bridge Inn, Wetherby.

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