Swim England North East

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

RECENT EVENTS/ACHIEVEMENTS

SWIM ENGLAND COMBO CUP 2026!

SWIM ENGLAND MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026!

UPCOMING EVENTS

North East Regional Summer Camp - Queen Ethelburgas

North East Regional Squad Trial

MONTHLY WRITE UP:

July is always a landmark month for the artistic swimming community, filled with excitement, competition and celebration. The highlight of the month came over the weekend of 4th and 5th July, when two of the most anticipated events of the year, the Combo Cup and Masters Championships took centre stage at Ponds Forge International Sports Centre in Sheffield.

Held back-to-back, these events brought together the largest number of participants on the annual calendar, creating a fantastic weekend of competition and celebration. Athletes, coaches, officials and supporters came together to enjoy an inspiring showcase of talent, dedication and skill.

We were particularly proud to see all five North East regional clubs represented on the national stage. Their commitment, teamwork and passion shone through in every performance, highlighting the continued growth and strength of artistic swimming across the region. From developing swimmers taking part in their first national competition to experienced Masters athletes showcasing their skill and confidence, the breadth of participation was truly inspiring.

More than just a weekend of competition, the events were a wonderful celebration of the community spirit that makes artistic swimming so special. The support, encouragement and camaraderie throughout the weekend made it a memorable occasion for everyone involved.

Swim England Combo Cup:

The Swim England Artistic Swimming Combo Cup 2026 was held on 4 July 2026 at Ponds Forge, Sheffield. The competition contained 92 combo entries and 868 swimmers across the various age groups/divisions. The competition covered 10 competition sections, including 12U, 15U, 13–15, 13–19 and 15–19 age categories, with Division 1 and Division 2 sections.

Leeds had four team entries across the competition, involving 41 swimmers. Their strongest performance was in the 13–15 Division 2, where the team achieved a 135.5667 routine score. The routine included particularly strong scores for Transitions (50.7000). Their 12U Division 2 team also produced a very strong 127.4583, with 33.8583 from Elements. Leeds also recorded a 121.9517 in the 13–19 Division 1 and 111.5867 in the 15–19 Division 2.

Borough of Kirklees had one entry, in the 15U Division 1, with a team of 9 swimmers. They achieved a 113.2983 routine score. The strongest component scores were Choreography & Music – 31.9500! Giving the team a standout eyecatching performance earning them the SILVER medal.

Bradford had four team entries, with 35 swimmers across the event. Their strongest overall routine score was 120.1800 in the 13–19 Division 2. This included an especially strong Transitions score of 52.0000! Bradford also produced scores of 108.1917 in the 15U Division 1, 104.1500 in the 13–15 Division 1 and 94.3217 in the 12U Division 1.

Gateshead entered two teams, with 18 swimmers. Their highest routine score was 104.7500 in the 13–19 Division 2. The team produced 44.2000 for Transitions, with 27.6000 for Performance and 27.2000 for Choreography & Music.

South Yorkshire Swans had two entries, involving 16 swimmers. Their strongest performance came in the 13–19 Division 2, where they achieved a 97.9233 routine score!

North East Club Final Rankings!

City of Leeds: 🥇🥇🥈 6th
City of Bradford: 🥈🥈 4th, 5th
Borough of Kirklees: 🥈
South Yorkshire Swans: 4th, 15th
Gateshead Artistic Swimming: 22nd, 13th



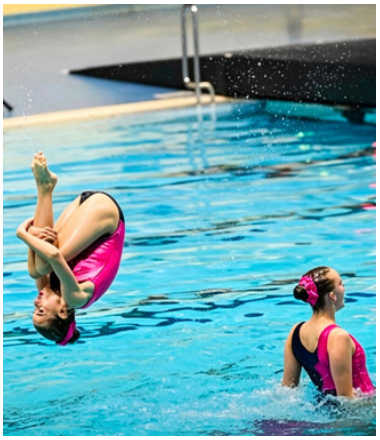







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City of Leeds:

City of Leeds entered 4 combos into this years National Combo Cup Event! It was also an extremely close race for the combo cup until the very end of the day which some outstanding swims and very high scores across the board!

13-19 Division 1 - Their Star Wars themes routine was the first event for the club on the day! They finished in SECOND PLACE securing the silver medal and the first medal of the day for the club! Kicking off their race to the combo cup with a huge amount of points!

12&U Division 2 - Their Steps! themed routine scored an outstanding 127.4583 with only 6.00 synchronisaion errors finishing in FIRST PLACE and WINNING THE FIRST GOLD OF THE DAY FOR City of Leeds!

13-15 Division 2 - The Youth Squad were up next in an extremely competitive category! Their routine scored 135.5667 gaining the 5 bonus points for having the least amount of synchronisation errors finishing in FIRST PLACE, and WINNING THE SECOND GOLD MEDAL OF THE DAY!

15-19 Division 2 - The Prince combo were up last in a huge category! They finished with a brilliant score of 111.5867 finishing in 6th place!

City of Leeds had some outstanding performances all round and did the club and region extremely proud!!









Borough of Kirklees:

Borough of Kirklees were in a new age category this year after their national 12&U division 1 title in 2025! This year their team was entered into the 15&U Division 1 category which their new Monsters Inc. themed team!

Iris Whitehouse, Lily Sterling, Phoebe Shearon, Mieka Fuller, Emily Guest, Molly Gwynne, Akira Hanson, Iman Hulou-Jordan, Olivia Deacon & Heidi Jagger represented the club with pride and secured the SILVER MEDAL in this event out of 23 teams with a total routine score os 113.2983! An outstanding achievement for BOK.... what will they do next year???



Gateshead Artistic Swimming Club:

Gateshead has two entries into this years National Combo Cup! The first team of the day to swim was their 15&U Division 1 team, who placed 22nd with a score of 74.8750!

Later on in the day was the 13-19 Division 2 team who places 13th with a score of 104.75! Amazing job to all the swimmers who competed, with some of them competeing at their first ever combo cup!





City of Bradford:

City of Bradford entered 4 combos into this years National Combo Cup Event!

13-19 Division 1 Sapphires Team - 2nd Place with a score of 104.1500
12&U Division 1 Rubies Team - 2nd Place with a score of 94.3217
13-19 Division 2 Diamonds team - 4th place with a huge score of 120.1800
15&U Division 1 Pearls Team - 5th Place with a score of 108.1917

City of Bradford had some great performances throughout the day and finished overall in 4th place for the Combo Cup Trophy!









South Yorkshire Swans:

South Yorkshire Swans entered 2 combos into this years National Combo Cup Event!

12&U Division 1 Team -
Placed 4th with a score of 80.0800

13-19 Division 2 Team -
places 15th with a score of 97.9233





Swim England Masters Championships 2026:

There was plenty to celebrate at the 2026 Swim England National Masters Championships, held at Ponds Forge, Sheffield, with strong performances from clubs across our region.

City of Bradford SC enjoyed a particularly successful championships, collecting a number of podium finishes across duet, team and free combination events. Highlights included 2nd place for Emma Knight and Charlotte Hughes in the 40–49 Tech Duet, alongside 1st-place finishes for Bradford's 18–24 and 25–34 Tech Teams. Their 18–24 and 25–39 Free Combination teams also secured excellent 2nd-place finishes.

City of Leeds Synchronised SC also enjoyed a fantastic weekend. Kirsten Mcewan took 1st place in the 25–29 Tech Solo, while Jeanne Ansley won the 80+ category. Leeds also picked up podium places in the 18–24 Tech Duet and Team events.

There was further success for Gateshead Artistic Swimming Club, with Sophie Robinson taking gold in the 18–24 Tech Solo with 63.7305, while Anna Clemmetsen secured an impressive 3rd place. Kara Blenkinsop also finished inside the top ten.

A huge congratulations to everyone who competed and represented their clubs — some fantastic results and a brilliant showcase of the strength of artistic swimming across the North East and Yorkshire!









Upcoming Events:

Queen Ethelburga's North East Regional Summer Camp
Saturday

Level 1 - Assistant 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 - September

North West Grade Day - Saturday 26th September

North East Grade Day - Sunday 18th October
Aquatic Centre, John Charles Centre for Sport, Leeds, LS11 5DJ