

## Summer success for Yeovil's swim stars

Yeovil District Swimming Club are celebrating two weeks of successful competition at The British Summer Championships and ASA National Championships in Sheffield.

The competitions, held in the Olympic-sized pool at the Ponds Forge International Centre, featured the country's best swimmers aged 13 and over and the Yeovil club had five swimmers competing.

Kayleigh Parker, Jessica Carroll and Harriet Watts of Sherborne Girls School performed well in the first week, reaching finals and earning fifth place through Parker in the 200m breaststroke.

The second week saw school-mate Olivia Flack racing in two backstroke events and Aaron Bartlett of Preston Academy competing in the 50m and 100m breaststroke.

Aaron Bartlett from Yeovil District Swimming Club with his gold medal



The club had to wait until the last race for medal success when Bartlett won gold in the male 16 years 50m final.

Having qualified for the final in the morning with the fastest time, expectations were high for the teenager and he held his lead to secure victory.

Club chairman Mary-Ann Marsh said: "This is a terrific achievement for Aaron and testament to the hard work of

all the volunteers who run the club.

"Aaron has been swimming with us since he was eight and this demonstrates the quality of our training. We are incredibly proud of him and all our swimmers who work so hard all year under the guidance of our wonderful coaching team."

Also celebrating national success in open water swimming are Samantha Walker (Kings School) and Elizabeth Allen (Sherborne Girls).

Both qualified by coming top in their county at an event in Weymouth. The national event at Rother Valley Park saw Walker swim an incredible 5k to finish 20th, while Allen was 26th in the 1.5km race.

Anyone interested in competitive swimming can visit [ydsc.co.uk](http://ydsc.co.uk) for more information on joining the club.