# Twenty-Seven More Medals To Finish 2024 Counties

**The final day of competition ended with our swimmers collecting another 26 age group medals and 6 further top three placings in the Senior and Junior championships. It brought our cumulative total for the 2024 campaign to 61 gold, 25 silver and 20 bronze medals, with over 200 top 8 placings.**

Alice Buckingham won four more individual gold medals in the 10/11-year Girls’ event bringing her personal collection to thirteen. Joining her in the 50m Backstroke final were Mary Battersby and Inaaya Sampong who finished in 7th and 8th place. Just missing out on the final were Ruth Biscoe (9th), Zuzanna Walazek (11th) and Tilly Scrivener (12th). Ruth and Inaaya swapped rankings in their 50m Freestyle final to finish 6th and 7th. Ruth also just missed out on the bronze for the 200m Backstroke. The corresponding boys’ age group saw Leonn Stark also just miss the final in his 100m Breaststroke where Luke Hancock finished the heats in 15th place. Daniel Guimaraes won silver in the 100m Freestyle with Leonn 14th fastest in the heats.

A Mixed 4 x 50m Medley relay of Ruth Biscoe, Alice Buckingham, Daniel Guimaraes and Leonn Stark saw our 10/11-year-old collect the team silver medals.

Maxim Collinson won our only individual medal of the day in the 12 years’ age group with a silver for his 100m Breaststroke. In the girls’ events Olivia Piaskowska was placed 4th in the 200m Backstroke, ahead of Alanna Njawaya (5th), Clara Newby (7th) and Katie Biscoe (10th). Violet Rhodes came 5th in the 50m Backstroke final and was placed 15th in the 50m Freestyle, just one ahead of Katie who was also 8th fastest in her 200m Breaststroke.

Tommy Fenwick picked up two more golds (100m Breaststroke and 100m Freestyle) after claiming second place in the 13 years’ 400m Freestyle. Jack Canham came 5th in that longer freestyle event. He and Elliot Bown just missed out on joining Tommy in a 100m final each respectively coming 9th in the Freestyle and Breaststroke. Ethan Huntley did however make the freestyle final finishing 6th. We were also well represented in the 13 year girls’ events where Lexie Sandiford came 3rd in the 50m Backstroke with Lucia Day 6th and Clara Leon 8th. Lucia attained the same placing in the 200m Backstroke with Lexie 4th. Gina Collinson was ranked 5th in her 200m Breaststroke whilst Clara Leon finished in 9th place, having finished 8th in the 50m Backstroke final. Lexie meanwhile won gold in the 50m Freestyle with Kaylyn Sampong 5th.

Clara and Lexie joined up with Tommy Fenwick and Ethan Huntley to grab the silver team medal for their 12/13-years’ Mixed Medley relay.

Our Mixed 14/15 years’ relay of Emily Calvert, Olly Fenwick, Amerie Njawaya and Emmanuel Kolobius finished outside of the medals finishing in 5th place. Nevertheless, each had won individual age group and Junior championship medals earlier in the day.

Amerie Njawaya was the second fastest Junior over 50m Freestyle following her victory in the 14-year girls’ race. Fifty per cent of that final featured Team Luton swimmers as Emily Calvert won the bronze medal with Ella Pruce 4th and Lily Jo Evans 7th, while Nicole Cashin was placed 12th in the heats. Nicole had earlier won bronze for her 2000m Breaststroke with Ella placed 9th. Ella and Lily Jo Evans just missed out on the final of the 50m Backstroke which saw Emily Calvert collect the silver medal with Amerie touching in 4th position. Elly proceeded to gain a further silver in her 200m Backstroke with Lily Jo Evans 5th, Ella Pruce 8th and Lauren Tough 15th.

George Saunders picked up two more individual medals in the 14 years’ 400m and 100m Freestyle whilst George Rhodes took home a silver from his 3rd place in the 50m Breaststroke, having finished 8th in the 400 Freestyle.

Olly Fenwick and Emmanuel Kolobius finished 2nd and 3rd in the 15 years’ 400m Freestyle, with Owain Roberts 5th. Olly’s and Emmanuel’s times ranked them as the 2nd and 3rd fastest Juniors. Emmanuel went one better over 100m Freestyle to be both the second fastest 15-year-old and Junior. Arnold Canares finished 8th in the 100m final with Olly Fenwick back in 11th in the heats. Owain was the fastest of our 15-year boys in the 100m Breaststroke, coming 5th in the final with heat placings of 9th, 14th and 15th for Olly, Emmanuel and Arnold.

Ava Howard claimed the 5th fastest time in her 15-year girls’ 200m Breaststroke whilst Meghan Davies finished in 12th and 14th place in her 17 years’ & over 50m Freestyle and 50m Backstroke events.

The 17 years’ & overs 400m and 100m Freestyle, together with both Senior Males championship titles went to Matt Wright. His time of 52.08 over the shorter distance was, subject to ratification, just 0.7 seconds outside the County record. It also brought up his tally of Senior County Championship titles to nine.