

Streets' mighty medal haul at Millfield

A large contingent of Street and District swimmers took to the water as Millfield hosted their Spring Super Series meet over the weekend. Beginning on Friday night, the distance events took place and Erica Varney picked up the clubs first medal of the weekend with a superb 800m bronze medal.

Team mate Jessica Edwards agonisingly just missed out with a 4th place finish and Joanna Black was 6th. Luke Maunder picked up a Bronze medal in the senior 1500 metre race.

Kayleigh Parker showed her move to the club is paying dividends as she took Golds in both the 200m medley and 200m breaststroke with a silver in the 100m butterfly. Maisie Banwell confirmed her place as one of the regions' best young butterfly swimmers as she won silver in the 200m, and bronze in both the 100m & 50m. Tegan Lawton also hit new PBs in the 50m 'fly and 100m Breaststroke to continue her fine form, and just finishing ahead of team mate Ruby Varney. Ruby came 5th in the 50 'fly, a feat matched by big sister Erica in the 400m freestyle.

Yasmin Mahey showed her continued improvement with PBs in the 50m breaststroke, 100m freestyle and 50m 'fly. Not to be outdone Katie Waters went under 40 seconds for the first time in the 50m breaststroke, a huge PB for a sprint event, finishing just ahead of team mate Lily Williams.

Jessica Hudson posted PBs in the 50m backstroke and 100m and 400m freestyle, and Jessica Edwards completed a good weekend with a strong PB in the 200m medley. Georgia Hill came 4th in a new PB for the 100 breaststroke, and had 5th place finishes in the 200m and 50m races showing her strength in this stroke. Niamh Robinson hit a PB and top 10 spot in the 100m breaststroke, whilst in the same age group Kayla Pike hit top form across all three backstroke distances picking up PBs in all and a top 6 finish to round off a fine weekend for her.

Joanna Black had PBs in 100m and 200m backstroke, and 100m freestyle, finishing just ahead of Tori Evans who was just off her best time. Emma White hit a big PB in the 50m backstroke, whilst Eve Chagger-Goode also got a PB in the 200m breaststroke.

For the boys Sam Bonds showed his form across a range of strokes and distances, bagging a host of top 8 finishes and PBs in backstroke (5th in 200m), freestyle (PBs in 50m, 100m, 200m), butterfly (100m PB), putting him in a great position heading to the Regional finals. He was just ahead of Sean Robinson in the 200m freestyle, and 100m and 200m back, whilst Robinson picked up a PB in the 50m free and a bronze medal in the 400m freestyle. Herbie Hallett matched the bronze in the 400m free but also took a bronze in the 200m freestyle, and came 4th in a new PB in the 50m backstroke and a massive PB in the 100m breaststroke rounding off a fine weekend for him.

Not to be outshone, Adam Chillingworth picked up double gold in the 100m and 200m breaststroke, with Marcus Gardiner picking up silver, whilst Thomas Edgar was just off his PB in the 100m breaststroke. Ollie Willies blasted to gold in the 50m freestyle and Liam Williams picked up a bronze in the same event. Also in this sprint freestyle PBs fell to Ethan Difford, James White (dipping under 30 seconds for the first time), Jake Fouracres, Archie Howard and Robert White. Robert also won a fine bronze medal in the 50m 'fly, alongside a PB in the 50m backstroke. Albert Tidball-Zapp and Jake Fouracres also had PBs in this event, with Albert also picking up a strong 6th place in the 200m backstroke. 6th place was where Charlie Hill came in a new PB for the 200m breaststroke, a position matched by new member Rob Hall in the gruelling 400m individual medley.

A club spokesperson said, “This was really top level meet, with some great performances across all the strokes and distances from Street swimmers. This is really the start of the long course season and so it is really encouraging to see so many personal bests already. The medals are the icing on the cake.” Street and District swimmers will be back in action in a couple of weeks as they compete at the Derwentio Open meet at Ponds Forge in Sheffield, and the City of Wells Open Meet at Millfield.

