

# Swimmers make a splash in county test

MORE than 50 young athletes from Yeovil District Swimming Club qualified for the Somerset Amateur Swimming Association County Championships held at Millfield School in Street.

And they made the most of it, as they dominated the podium to win a host of medals across four weekends of competition, split between long course (50m pool) and short course (25m) events.

Madelyn White (18), grand daughter of one of the club's previous head coaches, Derek White, was senior short course champion in 50m and 100m freestyle and 50m butterfly on the final day of the competition, having already claimed silver in 200m and 400m freestyle and 100m butterfly.

Other senior championship medals went to 16-year-old Aaron Bartlett (gold, bronze), Ben Card (aged 18, silver), Guy

Purbrick (17, silver, bronze), Keir Graham (18, silver, 2 bronzes) and Jade Burton (18, silver, bronze).

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The junior swimmers aged 15 and under took their fair share of Championship titles as well.

There were medals for Fay Graham (14, silver, bronze), Phoebe Kellman-Johns (14, three silvers), Jasmine Moore (14, gold, two silvers, bronze), Tatiana Tostevin (13, four silvers, bronze) and Alice Holloway (14, bronze).

In all the club won 15 gold medals, 19 silver and 20 bronze in the age group finals, with swimmers from ten years upwards competing in a variety of events.

Head coach Rebecca Richards and newly appointed assistant Aaron Rickhuss train young swimmers in pools in Yeovil and Sherborne seven days a week alongside the club's volunteer coaches.

They are known as the 'pink army' on social media due to their bright pink swim caps.

For more information about the club, visit the website at [www.ydsc.co.uk](http://www.ydsc.co.uk).



Some of the successful Yeovil District Swimmers at the county championships. From left, 50m senior breaststroke champion Aaron Bartlett, junior medalists Phoebe Kellman-Johns and Alice Holloway with a Millfield rival, juniors Tatiana Tostevin and Jasmine Moore celebrate their success and Ben Card, who won senior 1,500m silver