



BERKSHIRE AND SOUTH BUCKINGHAMSHIRE  
AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

**Performance Swimming Events Committee**

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Annual Report (April 2025)

Introduction

Please find the 2025 Annual Report of the Berkshire And South Buckinghamshire ASA Performance Swimming Events Committee.

The report is written to cover the 2024/2025 season, including:

1. The 2024 County Development meet
2. The 2025 County Championships
3. New County Swimming Records (since April 2024)
4. Developments in county swimming facilities

The Performance Swimming committee comprises the following members:

- James Glazebrook (Committee Chair),
- Stuart Fillingham,
- Rob Moore,
- Andy Mackay,
- Johnathan Mills,
- Sam Dyson,
- Peter Button

All members and have made an active and important contribution to the planning and execution of the events organised. As Performance Swimming Events Manager, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Committee and for their support and commitment to the County.

Development Meet

The Development Meet took place on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at Braywick pool. This is an annual meet aimed at swimmers 17 years old and under in the county who do not yet have licenced times that allow them to be considered for entry to the following County Championships. The events included in the meet programme were a repeat of the 2023 Development Meet. The main difference being the reintroduction of qualifying times as well as “no faster than” time in the meet conditions. This was based on the feedback from the 2023 competition when the event was 30% over subscribed.

Due to the new entry time restrictions, the entries were down on last year (375 swimmers and 1482 swims) making the meet more manageable within the pool space available. Total income was therefore below 2023 levels at £12,552 (down by £1,872). Costs of running the meet were also slightly lower at £4130 (down by £851).

Support for the meet across the clubs is strong and we plan to continue to run the Development Meet. Braywick pool is booked for 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025 for this purpose. The qualification times will continue to be aligned the County Championship's consideration times.

Our thanks also go to Maidenhead Marlins and Windsor Swimming Clubs who helped the committee with some of the planning of the meet and advised on the best way to use the facilities.

### County Championships

The 2025 County Championships took place on 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> January. The meet was held with a full programme of events including the Tandem relay introduced in 2024. This is the biggest event run by the county each year and went to plan with a very enjoyable 4 days of high level competition.

Entry numbers for the meet were up marginally on last year with 2,967 swims (up by 103), all qualifying entries were accepted. Entry fees were maintained at 2024 levels meaning the total meet income remained similar at £42,309, costs also remained level at £21,696.

Feedback from the coaches forum held after the championships was largely positive and highly appreciative of how the competition was organised and run. Improvements focussed on more efficient running of the warm-up sessions and building the atmosphere around the final heat of long distance events that do not have separate finals.

Although similar numbers qualified, the swims were better spread across the categories. Only 5 events with finals had fewer than 8 swimmers entering (all were Male/Open events), compared to 8 last year. As the session lengths are getting longer, the Tandem relay will be removed from the event list for 2026 to free up some time on Sunday. While the tandem relay was a popular event for many, and created a great atmosphere for the weekend finale, it was not well supported by some clubs who felt it was not a formally recognised event worthy of the County Championships. Otherwise, the structure for the 2026 Championships is planned to follow the same format as 2025.

The 2026 Championships are planned to be held at Wycombe Leisure Centre on 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> January.

## Performance Swimming Records

During the 2024/25 season (from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025) 15 new records were set by 3 of the county's athletes, 9 County Records and 6 Junior County Records

Gender	Course	Event	Swimmer / Club	Location	Date	Time
<b>Junior County Records</b>						
Female	SC	50m Fly	Annabelle Compton (Wycombe District)	Ponds Forge, Sheffield	05/12/2024	00:54.41
Female	SC	50m Free	Annabelle Compton (Wycombe District)	Ponds Forge, Sheffield	06/12/2024	00:25.24
Female	SC	50m Fly	Annabelle Compton (Wycombe District)	Ponds Forge, Sheffield	07/12/2024	00:27.82
Female	SC	100m IM	Annabelle Compton (Wycombe District)	Ponds Forge, Sheffield	07/12/2024	04:12.45
Female	SC	200m Breast	Annabelle Compton (Wycombe District)	Ponds Forge, Sheffield	08/12/2024	01:58.37
Female	LC	4x100m Medley	Charlotte Burfitt (Maidenhead)	Wycombe LC	12/01/2025	02:38.67
<b>County Records</b>						
Male/Open	LC	50m Breast	Noah Wheeler (Chalfont)	Wycombe LC	25/01/2025	00:29.36
Female	SC	100m Free	Annabelle Compton (Wycombe District)	Ponds Forge, Sheffield	05/12/2024	00:54.41
Female	SC	50m Free	Annabelle Compton (Wycombe District)	Ponds Forge, Sheffield	06/12/2024	00:25.24
Female	SC	50m Back	Annabelle Compton (Wycombe District)	Ponds Forge, Sheffield	07/12/2024	00:27.82
Female	SC	200m Free	Annabelle Compton (Wycombe District)	Ponds Forge, Sheffield	08/12/2024	01:58.37
Female	LC	50m Free	Annabelle Compton (Wycombe District)	Wycombe LC	12/01/2025	00:26.40
Female	LC	100m Free	Annabelle Compton (Wycombe District)	Wycombe LC	25/01/2025	00:57.29
Female	LC	50m Free	Annabelle Compton (Wycombe District)	Wycombe LC	26/01/2025	00:29.90
Female	LC	200m Free	Annabelle Compton (Wycombe District)	Wycombe LC	26/01/2025	02:02.57

## Performance Swimming facilities within the County

The Performance Swimming Events Committee takes a keen interest in the development of facilities available in the county which are suitable for the organisation of galas and competitions.

The county now has 6 pools suitable for holding Level 3 meets and above:

- Braywick Leisure Centre, Maidenhead (10 lanes, 25m)
- Bracknell Leisure Centre, Bracknell (6 lanes, 25m)
- Chilterns Lifestyle Centre, Amersham (8 lanes, 25m)
- Crosfields School, Reading (5 lanes, 25m)
- Rivermead Leisure Centre (8 lanes, 25m)
- Wycombe Leisure Centre (8 lanes, 50m)

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31<sup>st</sup> March 2025