**Cheshire County Championships 2014**

Winsford ASC completed a very successful two week run at the Cheshire County Championships recently.

The biggest team to date qualified to compete and the swimmers did themselves, as well as coaches, Dave Pettengell and Dan Goodwin proud. They brought home an impressive amount of medals as well as clocking up numerous North West Regional qualifying times and personal best times. (Results below – excluding Ashley Hogg as separate report)

In addition to the mammoth success of Ashley Hogg (separate report), it was great to see 9 year olds Harrison Aspinall and Kyle Hawkins compete for the first time and come back with medals and Top Boy awards.

These Championships also saw a victorious 10 year old, Jay Cushen collect 11 gold and one silver medal, 13 year old Alisha Hawkins finish within a second of gaining a National qualifying time in the 800m freestyle event and 16 year old Oliver Rose swim out of his skin to bring home medals from the Age Group, Junior and Open categories.

Medals were awarded to the top six boys and girls who amassed the most points in their age groups. Winsford ASC did exceptionally well, gaining 8 of these awards. (Results below)

The relays and ‘skins’ events proved to be extremely competitive and made fantastic viewing for an eager and very supportive crowd.

In the 4x50m Freestyle and 4 x 50m Medley relays, Winsford did not disappoint. Silver medals were won in the Mens Age Groups 10/12, 15/16 and Open and Womens Age Group 13/14. The Mens Age Group 10/12 and Womens 13/14 brought home bronze medals.

There were far too many memorable performances to mention, but the Club’s success served as a great testament to Head Coach, Dave Pettengell. This was his final County Championships for Winsford ASC as he is set to retire at the end of the season.

Cameron Jones 15 1st 100m Backstroke & 3rd overall Junior, 2nd 50m & 200m

Backstroke

Abbey Brown 11 3rd 400m Freestyle

Eleanor O’Grady 14 3rd 400m & 800m Freestyle 4th Top Girl

Isobella Burton 13 2nd 50m Backstroke

Olivia Capper 13 3rd 50m Backstroke 5th Top Girl

Jay Cushen 10 1st 50m & 200m Backstroke, 1st 50m, 200m & 400m Freestyle,

1st 50m & 200m Breaststroke, 2nd 50m Butterfly & 1st in 200m

Butterfly

1st 100m, 200m & 400m Individual Medley 1st Top Boy

Adam Blackshaw 13 1st 200m Butterfly, 2nd in 100m Butterfly & 3rd in 50m Butterfly

Jordan Gaskell 14 2nd 200m Butterfly

Jamie Young 14 3rd 200m Butterfly

Lydia Rose 13 2nd 50m Breaststroke

Alisha Hawkins 13 3rd 800m Freestyle 4th Top Girl

Rebecca Alderman 16 2nd 800m Freestyle

Harrison Aspinall 9 1st 200m Breaststroke, 2nd 50m Breaststroke, 3rd 200m Freestyle

2nd Top Boy

Kyle Hawkins 9 2nd 200m Breaststroke, 200m Individual Medley, 3rd 50m

Breaststroke 4th Top Boy

Brandon Sharkey 15 3rd 100m Freestyle

Oliver Rose 16 1st 200m Breaststroke in Age Group & 3rd overall Junior, 1st 200m

Individual Medley Age Group, 2nd 50m Breaststroke Age Group &

3rd overall Junior, 2nd 100m Breaststroke Age Group & 2nd overall

In Junior and Open categories.

Ethan Wright 11 6th Top Boy

Charlotte Howman 10 6th Top Girl