

Market Harborough swimming club got off to the best possible start at this year's Leicestershire county age groups and championships, winning a total of seven medals and breaking an incredible sixteen club records over the first weekend of competition held at Loughborough University pool.

Candice Hall (15 yr) not only won her age group category but was crowned county junior champion in both the 200m back stroke and individual medley events. In addition Hall took gold in the 100m breast stroke and silver in the 100m fly for her age group and added to her success by breaking the club long course records in the medley, fly and breast stroke. Also making an impact on the championship races for the first time was Harry Waddington who stepped up a level of performance finishing third in the 100m free, for his 17/o age category and then repeating the performance by taking bronze in the open championships, breaking the club record on each successive swim. Waddington narrowly missed out on medals in the 100m back and 200m free, finishing fourth in both events, but was compensated with a new club record in the free.

Kieran Flint (14 yr) swimming in his favourite 200m fly went one better than last year by taking the silver this time out. Also winning silver was Jay Newman (11 yr), for the second successive year, in the 200m breast stroke, both swimmers breaking the club record on their way to success.

Josh Wellicome (13yr) was Harborough's unluckiest swimmer, twice breaking the club record for the 100 free and back stroke events only to see Charlie Poole break them again within 5 minutes. Poole went on to claim a hat trick by also breaking the 200m fly record.

Mia Poole, making her debut at the age groups, was the clubs final record breaker in the 9yr 200m individual medley. Other debutants in the 9yr age group making an impact were Ben Wellicome who finished fourth and sixth in the 200m breast stroke and free respectively and Rebecca Samandi in the 200m back stroke.

Other Harborough swimmers competing and breaking their pb's included Lauren Bekavac, Alec Gibbs, Cristina Hall and Lara Haynes.