

At the half way stage of the Leicestershire county swimming championships and age group competition Market Harborough swimming club members have already achieved one of the best overall performances in living memory. The talented team of twenty swimmers have so far won 10 Gold, 8 Silver and 1 Bronze medal and broken over 40 club records with three days of the competition still to go.

Leading the way, fresh from her success in Luxembourg, was Harborough sportswoman of the year, Candice Hall, who was crowned overall county champion in the 200m individual medley, 100m free, back and breast and 16yr 50m free and back. Close on the heels of Hall in the Harborough medals tally was 11yr old Ben Bekavac, who's performances stepped up to another level taking the top honours in the 100m back, free and the 50m back. Bekavac also took silver in the 50m free.

Jay Newman won gold in the 12yr 200m breaststroke to add to his increasing tally of county medals, which this year also includes silver in the 100m fly and both the 50m and 100m breaststroke.

In the youngest 9yr age group Nathan Allen made an instant impact in the championships winning silver in both the 50m and 200m breaststroke. Keeping with a very successful breaststroke theme Emily Kendall won silver in the 12yr 100m event and Ollie Tremlett, competing in his first championships, took a bronze in the 15yr 50m event.

There was also a combination of top six finishes, club records, personal bests and overall fantastic swims from other team members including Frankie Aldridge, Lauren Bekavac, Ellie Buxton, Samuel Chapman, Mark Kendall, Lexi Moakes, Charlie Poole, Mia Poole, Rebecca Samandi, Betty To, Harry Potter Taylor, Harry Waddington, Georgia Weller and Olivia Weller.