

Six members of Market Harborough swimming club were selected to compete for their counties at the ASA National County Team Championships held at the Ponds Forge pool in Sheffield. Lining up alongside around 900 swimmers, from all over Britain, were Sarah Bates, Harriet Bates, Candice Hall, Jay Newman and Charlie Poole who helped Leicestershire secure a terrific 14th place finish in division 1, which was won by Lancashire for the thirteenth consecutive year.

In the 12-13yr age group Jay Newman has firmly established himself as a force to be reckoned with nationally in the 100m breaststroke, his time of 1:14.72 was the fastest time swum by a 12yr old in Britain this year and not surprisingly smashed his own club record by more than 3 seconds. Charlie Poole continued his recent run of good form setting a new club record in the 100m back of 1:07.73. Harriet Bates set a new lifetime best time in the 100m fly, whilst sister Sarah was the busiest member of the team swimming in three events. Veteran of the team Candice Hall, swimming in the 16-17yr age group, relishes competing in these team events and responded accordingly by setting new club records in both the 50m and 100m back of 29.79 and 1:02.36 respectively.

Ewan Ronald representing Northamptonshire continued the theme of establishing new records. Competing in both the 16-17yr 100m fly and back events it was surprisingly in a rare outing in the back that Ewan set a time of 1:03.92 to break a record that had stood for over 10 years.