

Lion Swim 2017

Since before time began Morpeth Amateur Swimming club have supported Morpeth Lions in their annual charity swim by providing teams and 2017 was no exception. The club provided two strong teams made up of its younger swimmers from Minnows and Development with the helping hand from one more experienced, dependable AB squad swimmer. With other competitions taking place on the same day numbers were low, yet the MASC World Class team, made up of Declan Tate, Ellie Henderson and Danny Henderson, alongside MASC Champions team, made up of Freya Johnson, Maisie Sands, Emma Dewhirst and Sophie Watson proudly represented the club. Parents also supported the swimmers and could be heard enthusiastically cheering them on. In addition, there was the ever strong commitment from the clubs coaching team; Lindsey Henderson and Michael Glossop were there with the swimmers willing them to succeed with every stroke taken, enduring the heat while offering motivation, technical guidance, a strategy for the event, while maintain concentration and counting each length accurately.

The MASC swimmers completely outshone all other teams in the pool at that time. They were eager, committed, determined and passionate about the swim, never once faltering in their mindset, instead remaining strong to complete the 55minutes on continuous swimming as two teams in relay format. The swimmers were exhausted by the end of the swim as they had put everything they had into it yet used the opportunity to also showcase their strokes and competitive water skills that they have worked so hard to master.

With clear goals in mind, both teams achieved exceptional results. MASC Champions finished the swim with a whopping 106 lengths while MASC World Class completed a staggering 114 lengths, taking the lead position at the time for the number of lengths. Unfortunately this was beaten later on in the day by another team who broke the record; a team made up of MASC senior competitive swimmers, led by William Pallet, who independently put a team in to raise funds and awareness for research into a unique type of cancer, a cause close to Will's heart. The team broke the record doing an alarming 217 lengths in 50minutes. Well done to all three teams of such great achievements.

Not only did our two teams of bright stars do exceptionally well in the water, between them they managed to raise an remarkable £220.60, which is split between the Lions charity of choice and MASC. It was such an exceptional day enjoyed by all and the prospect of the club with talent like this within it is very exciting. We look forward to entering again next year and chasing that record.

Well done swimmers.