

Hot on the heels of his stunning performances at the Suffolk County Championships, WSSC's Myles Turner had cause for further celebration as he was crowned the top male/open category swimmer at the Suffolk County Masters Championships, held on Sunday 16 February at Bury St Edmunds Leisure Centre. There were team celebrations too as hosts WSSC were named top Suffolk club for the second year in a row.



Myles Turner accepting his Suffolk County Masters Championships Trophy from Honorary President of Swim England Suffolk, Caroline Cofield

Myles Turner (25-29 years), took the gold medal for his age group in each of his ten events, setting the fastest time across all age groups in all but three. Craig Ellard (40-44 years), who only returned to swimming last year when his young sons joined the Club, claimed an impressive four gold medals from four races in his age class. Andrew Kimpton (30-34) was on fine form, winning two gold medals and two silvers in his category, a feat matched by 18-year-old Thomas Allen competing in the 16-24 years group. Harry Smart posted the fastest time of the day in the 50m butterfly race, taking the gold medal in that event as well as in the 100m backstroke, with a silver and bronze to complete his collection on the day.

Alistair Peagram (45-49 years) claimed gold in the 50m backstroke and 50m butterfly events, with a silver in the 100m IM. Breaststroke specialist Maya Harris (30-34) struck gold in both of her events – the 50m and 100m breaststroke, with training mate Julie Hughes (35-39 years) also winning a brace of gold medals, this time in the 50m butterfly and 50m freestyle.

Samuel Everett (16-24 years) set the fastest time of the day by over four seconds to take gold in the 100m breaststroke, with silver medals in the 50m breaststroke, 100m IM and 100m butterfly and bronze in the 50m butterfly. Tom Sarah (30-34 years) made his one entry of the day count, claiming gold in the 200m freestyle in a time only bettered by Myles Turner in the age category below.

WSSC coach Glen Turnbull (45-49 years) won a trio of silvers in the 50m backstroke, 50m breaststroke and 200m breaststroke, with Thomas Williams and recent swimming returnee Ella Hale (both 16-24 years) claiming a silver and three bronzes and a silver and two bronze medals respectively. Samuel Wortley (16-24 years) and John McKenny (50-54 years) round out this list of medal winners with a silver apiece in their sole race of the day.



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West Suffolk Swimming Club, Top Suffolk Team

Caroline Cofield with WSSC swimmers (from l-r)
Thomas Williams, Harry Smart, Samuel
Wortley, Myles Turner, Maya Harris, Craig
Ellard, Glen Turnbull, Alistair Peagram, Samuel
Everett and Thomas Allen