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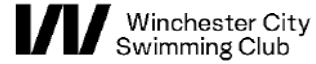
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### South East Regionals Long Course 26

2026 ushered in its fresh season with the South East Regional Long Course Championships at the now overly familiar K2 Centre, Crawley. Two days of racing as always, with Masters keen to get first 50m marks on the board for the year, the increasingly competitive British Masters Championships tightening its qualifying window to cater for demand, and setting its Phase.1 consideration times ever steeper. Perhaps didn't expect at this nascent stage of the calendar to be witnessing British and European Records, but Fleur Turner (50-54yrs) took an early advantage of her debut in the age bracket to claim the title of fastest European Fifty Year Old over 200m FC, her teammates not far behind with a British Record over the 4 x 100m Medley relay (Liam Small / Martin Bennell / Brendan Giltanane / Olly Espinasse – 160yrs+)...the Regional relays working alongside the only 1500m Long Course qualification opportunity for local Masters over the second date mid-March. Smaller contingents from City of Southampton, Portsmouth Northsea, Hart, and Isle of Wight made an impact on the medal table, but perhaps the most notable performances came from a neighbouring County swimmer...the indefatigable Jane Asher MBE, who at the venerable age of Ninety-Five, claimed an astonishing five World Records over the weekend, ranging all distances and a near full complement of strokes! Also of merit, these infamous Five took the veteran to over 100 records claimed in total...five more years, we'll be there Jane!



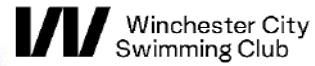
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### Royal Navy Masters Meet 2026

Another Masters event that has seen quite the swell in popularity over the years, for the first time the Royal Navy expanded its annual programme to cover more events (including a welcome 800m qualifying chance...for those that enjoy it!) and claim Millfield School Pool for an entire weekend. Serving as an opportunity to pit Sea, against Land, against Air, the Armed Forces brought out their best to battle over both individual and relay events, whilst welcoming many Masters outfits from across the South, with ample Hampshire representation as is now commonplace! Basingstoke Bluefins gunned for yet another Continental record, falling just short, but snipping a further few hundreds of seconds off their own British Record efforts over the 4 x 50 Medley Relay (200yrs+), Fleur Turner (50-54yrs) going one step further and claiming yet another European Record over the 800m FC. Sizable contingents from Portsmouth Northsea, City of Southampton and a sprinkling of South Down Trojans saw plentiful bounty returned...and a smooth sail operation from our hosts as always.





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### Hampshire Masters 2026 Day.1

Back for another year, the third straight in fact...the opening day of Hampshire Masters County Championships began with the formidable 800m and 400m Freestyle events, together with 400m Individual Medley. In comparison to our inaugural event where just shy of thirty swimmers competed, 2026 saw both Basingstoke Bluefins and South Down Trojans field near thirty Masters apiece! Incredible turnout given the switch up in shorter 25m races (welcome to 'Skins' in June!) Fleur Turner once again the toast of the region with her 400m IM European Record Top Club for the year will be a tight one!

### Hart Masters Open Meet 2026

Hart Masters continued to capitalise on the success of their first Masters Meet, running their own comprehensive event programme for the third year in a row and welcoming a wealth of swimming talent the same weekend as Hampshire Masters Day.1...and for those that committed to both, bravo! Wonderful swims from the travelling teams, and yet again, Fleur Turner had the Euro-vision, claiming the 200m Freestyle Short Course crown to accompany her Long Course efforts from Regionals earlier in the year. Believe that leaves just the 400m to go!



## Records and Websites

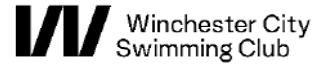
Two quick points...a reminder that if you have broken a County Record, please ensure that you declare it via the City of Southampton Masters email – [csscmasters@gmail.com](mailto:csscmasters@gmail.com) - together with your **Name, Club, Event and Venue**. I try to keep both Long and Short Course records up-to-date, but having looked through, am pretty sure several have gone, and with so many alternative competitions taking place it's not possible to track without your input! Remember, it does need to be a verified Masters Competition to make the claim...time trials and Age-Group events do **not** count.

Neatly to second point...our County website. A bit poorly of late I know, especially given issues with access and volunteers post COVID. I do have access to the web platform now, but in truth, the County requires a **new volunteer** to manage **all its disciplines online** (beyond social media)...please put yourself forward if you can help!



[www.hampshireswimming.org](http://www.hampshireswimming.org)





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### Updates to Masters Competitions for 2026



#### Hampshire Masters Championships 2026:

- Day.2 (200m/100m/50m/Relays) : 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026 – Venue : Hart LC.
- Entries now **OPEN**. Closing date : 15<sup>th</sup> June 2026
- Debut 'Skins' event – entries drawn from Mens/Womens 100m IM (see entry pack terms/conditions).

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#### South East Masters Short Course Championships / Inter-Counties 2026:

- SER Short Course Masters – K2 Centre, Crawley.
- 26<sup>th</sup> September 2026. Entries opening shortly.
- Inter-Counties 2026 set to be 15<sup>th</sup> November – The Spectrum Centre, Guilford (tbc).

[www.southeastswimming.org/masters](http://www.southeastswimming.org/masters)



#### British Masters Long Course Championships 2026

- 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> June 2026 – Aberdeen Sports Park.
- Phases 1 and 2 now **CLOSED**. Possible last minute slots / waiting lists.
- Please check [www.scottishswimming.com](http://www.scottishswimming.com) for more details.

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LEN European Masters Championships 2026  
Samorin – Bratislava  
18<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> August 2026  
GOOD LUCK!



### Quick word of warning!



All information shared within the Hampshire Masters newsletter is best endeavours at time of publication further to working groups from Hampshire, Swim England South East and British Swimming. However, things are always subject to change...especially with regard to Masters and availability of training / competition pool time.

As before, please **CHECK WITH ORGANISERS** before committing to any entry of a meet.



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### Useful links

- Hampshire ASA.....[www.hampshireswimming.org](http://www.hampshireswimming.org)
- Swim England South East.....[www.southeastswimming.org](http://www.southeastswimming.org)
- Swim England Masters Hub.....[www.swimming.org/masters](http://www.swimming.org/masters)
- British Swimming.....[www.swimming.org](http://www.swimming.org)
- LEN (European Swimming).....[www.1.len.eu](http://www.1.len.eu)
- FINA (World Swimming).....[www.fina.org](http://www.fina.org)

### County Champions

- 2025.....Basingstoke Bluefins
- 2024.....Basingstoke Bluefins
- 2023.....Basingstoke Bluefins
- 2022.....Basingstoke Bluefins
- 2021.....Basingstoke Bluefins
- 2020.....*Not held*
- 2019.....Basingstoke Bluefins
- 2018.....City of Southampton
- 2017.....Basingstoke Bluefins
- 2016.....Basingstoke Bluefins
- 2015.....Basingstoke Bluefins
- 2014.....Basingstoke Bluefins
- 2012.....Basingstoke Bluefins
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- 2010.....Basingstoke Bluefins
- 2009.....Winchester Penguins
- 2008.....Hart SC
- 2007.....Winchester Penguins
- 2006.....Hart SC
- 2005.....Hart SC
- 2004.....Hart SC
- 2003.....Havant and Waterlooville
- 2002.....West Wight SC
- 2001.....Havant and Waterlooville
- 2000.....Isle of Wight Masters

Who will be our inaugural 'Skins' County Champions?



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