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British Masters Championships 26

For those that made the long trek up to the East coast of Scotland from our heatwave climes of Hampshire and the South of England, much to celebrate! The Silver City of Aberdeen saw the familiar names of both Basingstoke Bluefins and South Down Trojans mine the mineral one step up on several occasions...and throw in a few British, European and World Records for good measure! The Bluefin quartet of Spencer Turner/Fleur Turner/Martin Bennell/Lizzie Godfrey surged to top of the World over their 4 x 200m FC Mixed Team (200yrs+), just ahead of adding yet another British and European Record over the 4 x 50m Medley (200yrs+). Both Turners brought home an astonishing Six British individual titles between them, Bennell also seizing a handful over the favoured Butterfly and Breaststroke events, and Bryn Hughes coming away with a triple crown over Breaststroke distances. On the Trojans side, Jo Corben in typical form across the Backstroke events, but a Gold earning quartet alongside Sorrell Kenny / Steph Baron / Nuala Muir-Cochrane for the ladies 4 x 200m FC became the standout. Dotted around the podium was Gail Henry of Portsmouth Northsea nabbing a Bronze over 100m Backstroke, and a few veterans from both the Army and Royal Navy contingents (too many to mention...but some sterling performances across relay events too I believe) A trip south of the border to Sunderland beckons for 2027, a bit of a first for England!



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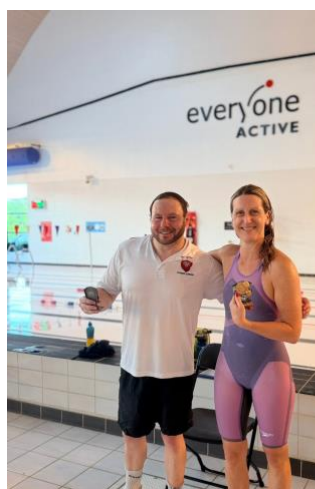


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After a very successful first day of County Masters competition in Basingstoke, it was fine as thread for the 2026 Top Club award...Basingstoke Bluefins the long-standing champions and seemingly indomitable each year once final points are tallied, but post the 400m and 800m racing, the margins between the Fins and close rivals South Downs Trojan made for a thrilling set up come the second weekend at Hart Leisure Centre. Always a bit of a numbers game, Trojan welcomed record numbers into their scarlet strip, and quickly began accumulating podium points across all age divisions, whilst the Bluefins maintained their pedigree over the 4 x 50m relays – winning all but one of the Six quartet trophies over 72yrs/120yrs/200yrs. Despite a few unfortunate disqualifications...South Down Trojan took the Aggregator Cup for the first time by a trim three and a half points – a fantastic achievement for an outfit that has only come into existence over these past four years. Basingstoke Bluefins remained clear winners over the Top Man/Woman titles – Spencer and Fleur Turner racking up the points. A note also to our inaugural Skins winners, Martin Bennell and Lizzie Godfrey...together with some tidying to do on such an event next year and a more detailed explanation of the rules!

Hampshire Masters 26 – Day.2





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South East Regions Open Water 26

Returning for its third year, the South East Regions Open Water Competition saw the best and most elemental-resistant Masters descend on Mercers Park in Redhill come end of the sunny June period. The morning played out some highly impressive age group swims, far more serious than the weathered athletes to come given it presented the chance to qualify for Nationals (see paragraph over!), but some fierce Masters racing over the 2km and 3km distances – Hampshire taking titles in the former from City of Southampton's James MacTavish (40-44yrs) and podium placings for Portsmouth Northsea's Helen Andrews (60-64yrs) / Gemma Dobson (40-44yrs) and South Downs Trojan's Chloe Spencer (30-34yrs) / Jane Turner (55-59yrs).



British Masters Open Water 26

Falling swiftly off the back of most Regional fronted competitions, British Masters National Open Water headed back to Rother Valley Country Park in Sheffield. Once again, several Hampshire, Channel Island and Armed Forces names in contention...a highlight being City of Southampton's Fiona Carroll (30-34yrs) taking double Gold over the 5km and 1km distances despite ongoing injury, a Silver over the 3km to complete the trio. Wildern Waves' Claire Louise-Myers also making the trip and claiming two Top Ten finishes. A hearty well done to all!



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 – cscmasters@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!



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Updates to Masters Competitions for 26-27



South East Masters Short / Long Course Championships 26-27:

- SER Short Course Masters, K2 Centre, Crawley - 26th September 26.
Entries now open – closing 15th September 26.
- SER Long Course Masters – K2 Centre, Crawley- 16th-17th January 27.

www.southeastswimming.org/masters



British Masters Long Course Championships 2027:

- 11th-13th June 2027 – Sunderland Aquatics Centre.
- Please check www.swimming.org/masters for more details.

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Hampshire Masters Championships 2027:

- Day.1 (400m FC / IM, 800m FC) – set for 10th April 27, Basingstoke Aquadrome, Basingstoke.
- Day.2 (50m/100m/200m/Relays) – set for September 27 (weekend / venue tbc).

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SER Inter-County Masters 2026
15th November 26 – The Spectrum Centre,
Guildford (tbc).
PLEASE KEEP DATE AVAILABLE IF REQUIRED.



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
Swim England South East.....	www.southeastswimming.org
Swim England Masters Hub.....	www.swimming.org/masters
British Swimming.....	www.swimming.org
LEN (European Swimming).....	www.1.len.eu
FINA (World Swimming).....	www.fina.org

County Champions

2026.....	South Downs Trojan
2025.....	Basingstoke Bluefins
2024.....	Basingstoke Bluefins
2023.....	Basingstoke Bluefins
2022.....	Basingstoke Bluefins
2021.....	Basingstoke Bluefins
2020.....	<i>Not held</i>
2019.....	Basingstoke Bluefins
2018.....	City of Southampton
2017.....	Basingstoke Bluefins
2016.....	Basingstoke Bluefins
2015.....	Basingstoke Bluefins
2014.....	Basingstoke Bluefins
2012.....	Basingstoke Bluefins
2011.....	Basingstoke Bluefins
2010.....	Basingstoke Bluefins
2009.....	Winchester Penguins
2008.....	Hart SC
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2005.....	Hart SC
2004.....	Hart SC
2003.....	Havant and Waterlooville
2002.....	West Wight SC
2001.....	Havant and Waterlooville
2000.....	Isle of Wight Masters

Inaugural Skins winners...or just the ones that understood the rules! 😊



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