

Hythe Synchro – Kent County Championships Success

Hythe Aqua Synchronised Swimming Club recently competed at the Kent County Championships, held in Hoo, Rochester, and came home with plenty of success stories



Team



Group

The event, consisting of both a county competition and an open competition provided a tough competition for all of Hythe's swimmers, from the experienced, to the very novice, with one swimmer having only joined the club three weeks prior. All swimmers rose to the challenge though, with the club scooping medals and awards in every section they entered, against clubs from Kent, Oxfordshire, London and Hertfordshire.

In the individual section of the competition, the swimmers shone,

In the Novice section, 12&u, out of a large group of over 40 swimmers Ellie Sturgess scooped a bronze medal, with Georgia Smith coming 8th and Iona Porteous achieving 20th all in their first events for Hythe synchro and Porteous having only joined the club three weeks before. In the county event, Sturgess came 3rd, Smith 8th and Porteous 15th.

In Section 1 12years &Under, Emily Lennon took the silver medal, Allana Winstanley 4th (3rd in Kent), Brianne Begley, 6th (5th), and Lexie Foord 9th (8th)

In the 13&over age group, Ana Cassaniga-Simmons took the gold medal, and Kent Champion title, closely followed by teammates Chloe Lennon 4th overall (3rd in Kent) and Sadie Foord 7th (4th in Kent)

Section 2 12&U, Suzannah Turner scooped the gold medal, with teammate Sophie Brodie coming a close 2nd place.

in the 13&O category, Lucie Challinor came a credible 9th, but achieving 2nd in Kent.

Section 3 saw Hythe's more experienced swimmers competing, with Lara Porteous, Mia Ilic, Meghan Jenkins, and Chanelle Champion all battling for medal positions. The girls did not disappoint, with Ilic 4th (2nd Kent), Porteous 5th (3rd in Kent), Champion 9th (7th) and Jenkins 10th (8th) in a challenging group.

The girls then joined forces for the routine events, with Ellie Sturgess and Georgia Smith starting off proceedings with a Sweetie themed duet, with Lauren Jones as reserve due to injury. Having only been told days before the event that the combination were swimming, Georgia and Ellie swam their way to 5th place, but achieving silver medals in the county event.

In the section 5&u trio event, friends Allana Winstanley, Brianne Begley and Suzannah Turner performed a Rizzlekicks themed routine to achieve a 2nd place overall and 2nd in Kent.