

Chard and District Swimming Junior's participated in the first round of the Southern Junior League writes **Steph Hallam**. The Gala was held at Horfield Leisure Centre, Bristol, there was a high standard of swimming from all 8 teams involved, with Chard being the smallest. All thirty seven Chard Swimmers competed well, producing a huge number of Personal Bests and showing a huge amount of determination and enthusiasm.

Elisha Hawkins; 10 was successful in winning her 50m Butterfly. With **Leo Kindred; 9** achieving (2nd) position in the 25m Breaststroke, whilst 9 year old relay team: **Liam Mathieson, Henry Taswell, Jamie Hannaford** and Ben **Greenslade**, also obtained a second place. **Jamie Pullinger; 11** grasped a 2nd place in 50m Butterfly and a third position in the 50m Backstroke alongside **Adam Reid ; 9** and **Oliver Bilbie ; 11**.

Determination from both the 10 years girls and 9 years girls medley relay teams earned them bronze position. The 10 years girls consisted of **Ella Harvey, Tamsin Edge, Elisha Hawkins and Carrie Lewis**. And the 9 year girls were **Abigail Bonning, Aline Arnold, Bea Brett and Isobel Liddiard**.

Bronze speed badges were obtained by 9 year olds ; **Liam Mathieson and Ryan Adair** , who were delighted to receive them.

Congratulations go to all swimmers!

The Junior League forms part of the competitive development of young swimmers, the club always welcomes keen swimmers that would like the opportunity to compete in a friendly atmospheric gala particularly those of seven and eight years.

Results:

Swindon Dolphins; 296

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Bradford on Avon; 285

Severnside; 235

Soundwell; 212

Chard and District Swimming Club; 208

Jurassic; 154

North Dorset; 61

Full Squad includes:

Ryan Adair, Oliver Bilbie, Barnaby Down, Lewis Evans, Ben Greenslade, Jamie Hannaford , Jake Harvey, Charlie Kendall, Jay and Leo Kindred, Ashley and Jamie Lillington, Liam Mathieson, Jamie Pullinger, Adam Reid, ain Ross, Joe Spurway, Karl still, Henry Taswell, Aline Arnold, Abigail Bonning, Bea Brett, Chloe Bryant, Daniella and Tamsin Edge, Elsie and Marsha Emery,

Melissa Hanson, Ella Harvey, Elisha Hawkins, Carrie Lewis, Isabel Liddiard, Susan Ross , Mollie Simpson, Florence Swan, Harriet Uren and Lauren Van den Barselaar.