

OWASC Chairs' Report

2026

The past year has seen many successes at OWASC, with our athletes attending numerous grade days in Reading (detailed below). Across the year, OWASC achieved an impressive 95% pass rate. Many congratulations to all, and enormous thanks to our coaches for all their hard work in preparing our athletes for grading.

Our athletes also competed in several competitions, culminating in numerous gold, silver and bronze medals (all results listed below). Congratulations to all the swimmers who represented OWASC at the Kent Competition, Rugby Colour Competition, and the South East Regional Figure Competition. Well done to Megan who joined the competitors ranging from age 18–80+ at the British Masters Championships in Sheffield. Megan performed her Technical Solo in the 18–24 years section, achieving a clean swim to come 12th.

Well done to Meredith who qualified for and took part in the 13–15 years figures at the National Age Group Championships in Gloucester in March. This was the first time an OWASC athlete has qualified for the event since 2023. There were 162 athletes in Meredith's section and Meredith did well to come 104th and with no penalties. (There were 36 penalties awarded in this section)

Four of our 12U athletes qualified to represent the Oxfordshire and North Bucks Region at a County Development Day in Reading with athletes from Berkshire and South Bucks. The day provided demanding pool and land sessions that were designed to emulate Regional Squad training sessions and to give the athletes pointers for their own training.

We would like to extend a huge thanks to all team managers and volunteers who helped make it possible for us to attend events throughout 2025. If anyone is interested in helping out at future events by becoming a team manager or judge, please do let us know.

During 2025, Coach Louise was again selected as a coach for the South East Regional Squad working alongside ex-GB athlete Katie Clark. Louise travelled with the squad to a training camp in Spain prior to them competing in the Regional Games. Coach Steve refereed the British Masters Championships and has been asked to do so again during 2026. Coach Mandy continues in the roles of Artistic Swimming Licencing Officer and Artistic Swimming Secretary for Oxford and North Bucks.

Unfortunately, we had eleven swimmers leave throughout the year. It was decided not to run new starter courses during 2025 due to staffing levels and to prioritise the coaching levels for existing Club members. Adult sessions were stopped in September for the same reason. The coaches are keen to arrange new starter sessions, and potentially restart adult sessions, in the near future, once work commitments can be confirmed.

In January 2026, OWASC held a Winter Showcase. It was a lovely opportunity for everyone to gel their hair, wear headdresses and perform their routines for family and friends. We were pleased to welcome Oxfordshire and North Bucks President, Gary Blissett, to watch the performances.

Two in-person land sessions were held over the summer holidays at Ferry pool, providing the athletes with a valuable opportunity to develop their land skills and work on their splits for gradings.

For Children in Need, OWASC athletes were again invited to wear their socks in the pool which raised £27.

We would like to close by personally thanking Mandy, Steve, Kathryn, Louise and Katie, our poolside helpers, and our whole committee for the commitment and time they dedicate to OWASC. Without each of you, none of this would be possible. We are looking forward to an exciting year of artistic swimming ahead!

Charlotte Thomas and Catriona Turnbull (Co-Chairs, OWASC)

Grades Achieved in 2025-2026

Figure 1: Elizabeth, Emily, Evie, Fleur, Kassie, Lin, Rosa, Rosie, Rebecca.

Figure 2: Abby, Kassie, Lin, Rubyann (silver), Sasha.

Figure 3: Abby, Rubyann, Sasha

Figure 4: Dara, Meredith

Figure 5: Isabella (Silver), Megan (Silver), Isabel

Routine 1: Rosa (Silver)

Routine 2: Elizabeth, Emily (Silver), Evie, Fleur, Lin, Kassie, Rebecca

Routine 3: Abby, Kassie (Silver), Rubyann, Sasha

Routine 5: Isabella (Silver), Megan (Silver).

2025 -2026 Competition Results

Kent County Invitational Competition

Grade 0

12 & under: 1st Cassandra, 2nd Rebecca, 5th Lin, 12th Rosa

13–18 years: 9th Rosie

Grade 1: 13–18 years: 2nd Abby, 3rd Sasha, 4th Rubyann

Grade 3: 13–18 years: 3rd Meredith

British Masters Championships

Technical Solo: 18–24 years: 12th Megan

South East Regional Figure Competition

Grade 1

11–12 years: 3rd Kassie

16–18 years: 1st Rubyann, 2nd Abby

Grade 2: 16–18 years: 1st Sasha

Grade 3: 15 & over: 2nd Kamilla

Rugby Colour Competition

Grade 0

11–12 years: 1st Rosa, 3rd Fleur

13–15 years: 1st Elizabeth, 2nd Rosie, 3rd Evie, 5th Emily

Grade 1

11–12 years: 2nd Kassie

16–19 years: 1st Rubyann, 2nd Abby

Grade 2

16–19 years: 1st Sasha

Grade 3

13–15 years: 1st Meredith

16–19 years: 1st Kamilla

National Age Group Championships

13–15 years: 104th Meredith

Regional County Development Camp

Fleur, Kassie, Lin, Rebecca (qualified, but couldn't attend)

