

Skipton swimmers were out in force on Saturday at The Paw Swimwear Yorkshire Swimming Association Age Group/Open Sprints Championships 2015 at Ponds Forge International Sports Centre in Sheffield. Eleven girls and sixteen boys took part with some fantastic swims throughout the day. Top honours have to go to 12 year old Hannah Raistrick who had a phenomenal championship reaching finals in all four strokes 50m backstroke, butterfly, breaststroke and freestyle. Hannah qualified for the final of the butterfly in 2nd place in a time of 32.03 however in the final she blasted home in a time of 31.54 to take the Yorkshire title. Not content with one title Hannah repeated events in the breaststroke qualifying 4th fastest for the final in a time of 38.71 but again powered to the finish in first place to produce a Yorkshire double in a time of 37.62. Going for the hat trick Hannah reached the final of the freestyle this time finishing in the silver medal position with a fantastic time of 29.58. In the backstroke Hannah qualified for the final in a time of 34.23 and finished in 6th place. Twelve year old Joel Phillip also have a successful day reaching finals in all four strokes finishing 6th in the breaststroke, freestyle and butterfly and 7th in the backstroke. Hermione Rowe (9) came away with a bronze medal in the 9 years freestyle event in an impressive time of 34.67 and also finished 6th in the breaststroke with a time of 46.60. First time qualifiers Madison Turner, Rohan Smith, Harry Rowe and Alfie Weston all swam well in their events. In total Skipton had nine swimmers reach the top 10 in their events which included Ella Bardgett (10) who finished 8th in the freestyle and 7th in the backstroke, Luke Midgley 5th in breaststroke final, Daniel Burrows (12) 7th in the backstroke and James Field (14) finished 8th in the freestyle final. Edward Sharpe (11) also reached finals of the freestyle and butterfly events along with Lauren Hanson (15) in the breaststroke. Abi Field (11) and Tom Barrett (13) were reserve finalists for their events. Next Sunday is the Yorkshire Teams Championships which is due to take place at The John Charles Centre for Sport in Leeds.

Pictured right is
Hannah Raistrick
Yorkshire
Champion girls
12 years 50m
Butterfly and
Breastroke

