

Arena LEN European Masters Swimming Championships 2016 25-29 May, London Aquatics Centre

48 Yorkshire and North East Lincolnshire swimmers competed in the Championships which were held in the new London Aquatics Centre. This was an extremely attractive venue resulting in a large number of entries from around 10,000 swimmers. For most of the swimmers, just getting to the start of their swim was an achievement in itself but our top Yorkshire swimmers achieved some excellent performances. Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals were awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each age group and the top 8 swimmers in each age group were awarded Diplomas.

Karen Graham, 50/54 yrs age group, of East Leeds won a Gold Medal in the 200m Freestyle and Bronze in the 800m Freestyle. Karen broke her own British Records in both of these events. In the men's events Alistair Crawford, 30/34 yrs, won Silver in the 50m Butterfly (also breaking his own British Record), Bronze in the 50m Freestyle and was 7th in the 100m Freestyle. Alistair also set a new GB Record for 50m Freestyle in the first leg of the 4x50m Freestyle Team Event when helping East Leeds to 6th place in the 120-159 yrs age group. This broke a record set by Mike Fibbens in 2000 in Munich. Emma Wills, 35/39 yrs, of York City Baths Club won Silver in the 800m Freestyle, Silver in the 400m Freestyle and Bronze in the 200m Backstroke.

The following swimmers finished in the top 8 in their age groups, thus receiving medals or diplomas. Philip Pratt, 35/39 yrs, of East Leeds won Bronze in the 50m Backstroke and Bronze in the 100m Backstroke. Colin Sage, 80/84 yrs, of Hull Masters, won Bronze in the 100m Freestyle, was 7th in the 100m Backstroke and 8th in the 50m Backstroke. Kyran Parker, 45/49, of East Leeds won Bronze in the 800m Freestyle and was 4th in the 400m Freestyle. Philippa Rickard, 45/49 yrs, of East Leeds was 4th in the 800m Freestyle, 5th in the 50m Butterfly and 6th in the 100m Butterfly. Hilary Crick, 65/69 yrs, of East Leeds, was 4th in the 200m Individual Medley and Sally Shields, 60/64 yrs, Borough of Kirklees, was 4th in the 50m Breaststroke. Betty Grayson, 80/84 yrs, of Hull Masters, was 6th in the 50m Freestyle and 6th in the 50m Backstroke.

The East Leeds Team of Philip Pratt, Alistair Crawford, Philippa Rickard and Karen Graham won Gold in the 4x50m Mixed Medley, 160-199 yrs age group and set a new British Record. The East Leeds Team of Philip Pratt, Alistair Crawford, Richard Jagger and Chris Knee were 4th in the 4x50m Men's Medley, 120-159 yrs age group. The East Leeds Team of Alistair Crawford, Philip Pratt, James Warren and Chris Knee were 6th in the 4x50m Men's Freestyle, 120-159 yrs age group.

Detailed results for individuals and teams achieving Top 8 positions are given in the tables below.

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Results for Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire Medal and Diploma Winners

Competitor	Club	Age Group	Event	Time	Award/ Position
Men's Individual Events					
Alistair Crawford	East Leeds	30/34	50m Fly	25.18 GBR	Silver
			50m Free	23.78	Bronze
			100m Free	53.42	Diploma 7th
Philip Pratt	East Leeds	35/39	50m Back	28.41	Bronze
			100m Back	1:02.42	Bronze
Kyran Parker	East Leeds	45/49	800m Free	9:47.77	Bronze
			400m Free	4:39.60	Diploma 4th
Colin Sage	Hull Masters	80/84	100m Free	1:31.05	Bronze
			100m Back	1:56.30	Diploma 7th
			50m Back	49.41	Diploma 8th
Women's Individual Events					
Karen Graham	East Leeds	50/54	200m Free	2:19.45 GBR	Gold
			800m Free	9:47.77 GBR	Bronze
Emma Wills	York City BC	35/39	800m Free	9:46.05	Silver
			400m Free	4:48.17	Silver
			200m Back	2:35.02	Bronze
Philippa Rickard	East Leeds	45/49	800m Free	10:27.73	Diploma 4th
			50m Fly	31.20	Diploma 5th
			100m Fly	1:12.10	Diploma 6th
Hilary Crick	East Leeds	65/69	200m IM	3:53.10	Diploma 4th
Sally Shields	Borough of Kirklees	60/64	50m Breast	42.45	Diploma 4th
Betty Grayson	Hull Masters	80/84	50m Free	1:05.44	Diploma 6th
			50m Back	1:11.09	Diploma 6th

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Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire Teams, Medal and Diploma Winners			
Event	Team	Time	Award
4x50m Mixed Medley	East Leeds	1:57.46 GBR	Gold
160-199 Yrs Age Group	Philip Pratt		
	Alistair Crawford		
	Philippa Rickard		
	Karen Graham		
4x50m Men's Medley	East Leeds	1:48.33	Diploma 4th
120-159 Yrs Age Group	Richard Jagger		
	Chris Knee		
	James Warren		
	Alistair Crawford		
4x50m Men's Freestyle	East Leeds	1:38.22	Diploma 6th
120+ Yrs Age Group	Alistair Crawford	23.68 GB Record on 1 st Leg	
	Philip Pratt		
	James Warren		
	Chris Knee		