

National Swimming Championships – 29th March 2015 – Report

35 swimmers entered the 2015 National Swimming Championships despite many swimmers being in Glasgow for the Para-Swimming International Meet. A few swimmers actually travelled down from Glasgow to compete at the Nationals. 14 volunteers and 5 CP Sport staff worked extremely hard to ensure the day ran smoothly and Wendy Coles (East Midlands ASA) arranged all of the officials. Matt Walker, Cerebral Palsy Sport's Sporting Ambassador, accompanied by wife Rachel, also came down from Glasgow to present the medals. This year all medal winners were presented with their medals in front of a podium on poolside with the opportunity to have their photo taken with Matt.

The day saw numerous personal bests smashed as well as new times set for a number of swimmers who had never taken part in the event before. The Swimmer of the Year Trophy was awarded to James Brown, aged 12, who not only swam in Glasgow breaking personal bests by up to 10 seconds, but also broke personal bests at the Nationals after the long journey to Nottingham. The Andrew Stubbs Trophy was presented by Ali Talbot (CEO of CP Sport) to Maisie Burnand-Martin. Maisie, aged 14, has this year not only fundraised for CP Sport by giving up sweets, chocolate and crisps between January and March, but and also was selected for and swam in Glasgow before making the journey back to Nottingham for the Nationals.

During the day Cerebral Palsy Sport team members managed to speak to, and film, some of the swimmers and parents to put together some case studies, so look out for these going live on the Cerebral Palsy Sport website and social media.

Results from the event can be found on the Cerebral Palsy Sport website, as well on the British Swimming results pages.