

It must be something in the water!!!

Swim team takes 2nd place at National Final.

Over the weekend of the 28th & 29th of November, eight Glossop Amateur Swimming Club swimmers travelled as part of the Stockport Metro swim team to Enfield, London to compete in the National Junior League Swimming Championship final. The Glossop ASC contingent consisted of Chloe Fletcher, Joseph Mitchell, Ellie Bagshaw, Toni Bruce, Luke Kearslake, Molly Tinker, Lily Hadfield and Charlotte Daniels.

The road to Enfield began earlier this year with the Stockport Metro team progressing through the initial seeding and competition rounds to win the area final held at Everton Park, Liverpool; this win allowed the team progression to the North of England final, again, held at Everton Park in October. Here the team faced very tough competition with teams having qualified from as far afield as Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Lincoln; defending 2008 National champions Southport Swimming Club had also qualified for this final. The Stockport team swam convincingly and finished a very close second to Southport, gaining them automatic qualification into the National Final at Enfield, where the top eight qualifying teams from across England were to compete for the title of Junior National Club Champion.

The National Final started in the best way possible for Stockport, with the girl's 4 x 25m Medley relay team, containing Glossop swimmer Chloe Fletcher, winning the first race, breaking the existing Championship record along the way. Further exceptionally strong Glossop swims followed and by the halfway stage of the competition the Stockport Metro team were in close contention, with holders Southport, for overall 1st place. However the final few races saw Southport just edge ahead to take the overall National Championship title with the Stockport Metro swimmers taking a very well deserved silver medal for second place overall.



Stockport Metro Swimming Club Junior League Swim Team 2009

Glossop ASC swimmers: **Back row:** Chloe Fletcher, Joseph Mitchell. **3rd row:** Ellie Bagshaw, Toni Bruce.
2nd row: Luke Kearslake, Molly Tinker. **Front row:** Lily Hadfield, Charlotte Daniels.