

Kent Masters Championships 2022

A team from Hythe Aqua Masters Section contested the annual Kent Masters Sprint Championships which were held at the Medway Pool in mid-July. In common with some of the other Kent clubs the entries had been significantly reduced by illness and holidays and Hythe were unable to field any relay teams. This seriously lowered their final position in the overall Team Championship after the good start they had made in the distance events competition in mid May.



Tom Richardson and Nick Crew competed for Hythe in the 60 – 64 year age group where in the Backstroke events Tom came 2nd in the 50m and 3rd in the 100. In the Freestyle events Nick came 6th in the 50m and 5th in the 100m. Considering that Tom is still not completely recovered from his shoulder injury, this was a commendable performance.

In the 80 – 84 year age group, David Staveley came away with firsts in all of his six events including a new Kent Record in the 50 metre backstroke. He also set Event Best Performances in the 100m Individual Medley and 100m Backstroke events. His remaining gold medals were later in the programme in the 50m Freestyle and the 50 and 100 metre Breaststroke.

Despite these good individual performances Hythe dropped a couple of places in the overall Team Championships but still came second out of all the East Kent clubs.