

JACK PETCHEY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS APRIL 2024

Amy Hanson (PERFORMANCE PLUS)

Amy recently joined the club from another local team. This was a big move for her, but she has settled in really well and became a great asset to the squad.

Amy has qualified for her first ever British Championships and British Nationals, as well as helping to push other swimmers in the squad to better their own performances.

Amy is an encouraging and lively presence at meets, which helps to improve the atmosphere at competitions for herself and her teammates.

Caitlin Anderson (COUNTY AGE)

Caitlin has continued to show strong development this season, particularly excelling in her Butterfly events. Her performance at the 2025 County Championships highlighted her progress, where she delivered a composed and technically sound swim.

Caitlin's work ethic, race execution, and steady improvements are a clear reflection of her dedication to training and competitive growth, well done Caitlin.

Evie MacNeil (COUNTY AGE)

Evie has shown great progress this season, combining consistent effort in training with strong performances in competition. Her focus and enthusiasm continued at the Millfield Camp, where she worked hard to improve her stroke technique and showed a positive mindset throughout.

Evie has a confident and positive attitude, making her a great influence on the squad. Her determination shines through in both training and competitions, as she always gives her best. She is truly a valuable and motivating member of the team.

Gael Lessard (PERFORMANCE PLUS)

Gael has been a longstanding member of Hackney Aquatics Club, moving through all the squads and into our top Performance Plus squad. Gael has competed at all levels, including as part of a relay team at the 2023 British Nationals.

Aside from his performance in the pool, Gael is an excellent teammate. His work ethic in training is second to none and he is always there to encourage those around him during tough sessions and races.

Gael will also be swimming the English Channel to raise money for charity in Juen as part of a relay team with other members of his squad.

Phoenix Fuller (REGIONAL PLUS)

Phoenix has been a consistently positive presence within the squad throughout the season. His upbeat attitude and unwavering enthusiasm have had a noticeable impact – creating an encouraging environment for everyone around him.

Over the course of the season, Phoenix has shown remarkable improvement in his performance, which was recently displayed in his 4x200 and 4x100 regional relays where he Pbd in both relays for his team.

Phoenix has displayed a strong ability for self-evaluation after his races which allowed him to understand his future growth as a swimmer as well as driving him to fight that bit harder in his next race.

Phoenix is simply a very polite individual. He will always say his please and thank you to his coach and ensure to leave every session with a smile after saying his goodbyes.

Will Barker (PERFORMANCE)

Will has been awarded this Jack Petchey Award for being an amazing role model to all the swimmers around him. His constant positive attitude always shines through, when training through periods of improvement and adversity. Will manages to stay focused even when those around him can be less committed. The year ahead holds big things for Will and his swimming.