



Budworth Handicap

9th May 2015

**Distance:** 1550 m

**Stroke:** Freestyle

Name	Estimated Time	Actual Time	Difference	Position
Robert Saile	29:30	29:33	0:03	1st
Chris Carter	36:50	36:39	-0:11	2nd
Christian Wade	25:25	25:52	0:27	3rd
Ellie Knight	33:20	33:59	0:39	4th
Steven Grist (guest)	21:42	22:32	0:50	5th
Kevin Saunders	30:15	28:35	-1:40	6th
Richard Taylor	25:00	23:10	-1:50	7th
Julie Trevor	30:00	32:34	2:34	8th
Henry Lowther	35:10	37:57	2:47	9th
Conor Lynch	30:30	27:31	-2:59	10th
Steve Elliot	28:30	25:11	-3:19	11th
Robert Waterhouse	28:15	31:37	3:22	12th
Amanda Reid	41:20	45:36	4:16	13th
Karen Hodgkins	39:30	45:36	6:06	14th

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David Cornwell	26:40	35:04	8:24	15th
Eileen Sharman	40:00	20:00	-20:00	16th(ret)

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The early-season Budworth Handicap – a “warm-up” for our Budworth Championships event at the end of the month, got off to a rather chilly start with a nippy 11 degrees water temperature and choppy conditions making it a really tough test for the swimmers.

Sixteen swimmers entered in total, with fifteen of them finishing the 6 laps which totalled about a mile (or 1550 metres according to GPS !)

Guest member for the day Steven Grist showed everyone the way with an excellent swim of 22:32, and two of our junior members – Conor Lynch and Ellie Knight both demonstrated excellent determination to finish with times of 27:31 and 33:59 respectively, Ellie swimming the whole mile on breaststroke. Ellie’s Grandad, Henry Lowther, might have finished a few minutes behind his grand-daughter, but had there been a ‘least affected by the cold’ prize, he’d have won it by a country mile !

In the race for the handicap trophy, last year’s winner, Karen Hodgkins, was unable to repeat her customary high power of prediction and finished in 14<sup>th</sup> place. Christian Wade swam really well to finish in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with an excellent time of 25:52. Chris Carter was incredibly close to his prediction – just 11 seconds out, but Robert Saile underlined his fine improvement with an excellent swimming time of 29:33 – just 3 seconds out from his prediction, and good enough to win the Handicap trophy.

Congratulations to all our swimmers on their marvellous effort in such difficult conditions, and many thanks to our canoeists and helpers, and to Budworth Sailing Club for their excellent hospitality.