

Midland 2010 Open Water Championships

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In more challenging conditions than the norm, Boldmere swimmers Lucy Gale and Charlie Payne competed in the Midland Open water Championships over at Bosworth Water, Leicestershire last Sunday. Although a bright sunny day, they both faced a brisk wind blowing across the course making some sections extremely difficult.

Stepping up from her usual 2 mile event, 15 year old Lucy made her debut in an Open Age Ladies 5000 metre race, finishing in 9th place overall, with a very creditable time of 72:07.04 - the first junior home from the Midland Region.

Charlie - making his open water debut - produced an impressive swim in the Men's 1500m event. Coach Dave Marsh, who accompanied both swimmers at the Championships, commented that it was a very steep learning curve for Charlie – aged only 12 years. In spite of his immaturity, competing in the 12 to 16 years age group, Charlie demonstrated his great potential by finishing 16th in a field of 36 swimmers in an excellent time of 18:45.05. Well done to both from all at Boldmere.