

Liskeard British Heart Foundation Swimathon Presentation

On Saturday 21 January 2017, the Liskeard branch of the British Heart Foundation held a presentation event, to present certificates to all the participants of its 2016 Annual Swimathon, and make awards for special performances.



It was held in a packed coffee shop at Lux Park Leisure Centre. The presentations were made by the Mayor of Liskeard, Councillor Jane Pascoe. The Mayor congratulated everybody for taking part and raising such a terrific total. She said, as Mayor of the town, it made her incredibly proud of what the people in it achieved. She also empathised with all the swimmers, understanding how hard it was to swim lengths against the clock, as she herself had taken part for several years. She urged everybody to keep swimming as it was a really healthy activity, and told everybody to tell their friends about the event and bring them along to take part next time.

The Allsorts reclaimed the shield for the second time, as the team swimming the most lengths, after losing it last year to a rival team. They immediately set about plans to get their name on it for a third time, and set themselves a target to swim even more lengths at the next event in November 2017.



There were very loud cheers when St Cleer School was announced as the school raising the most money, and St Cleer School swimmer Alfie Steed received a Supporter's Award for the second year running.



The Mayor was rendered speechless when she realised the trophy for the individual team raising the most money was going to her own team from Liskeard Town Council, and accepted this with her fellow swimmers the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Christina Whitty and her consort Paul. She vowed to take the trophy to the next council meeting and challenge more councillors to swim!



The Liskeard Scouts were represented in force, and carried off awards for the youngest swimmer, 8-year-old Ben Whell and a Supporter's Award for Isaac Cole. They too made plans to enter more teams at the next event.



The Chairman of the BHF, Keith Richards thanked Lux Park Leisure Centre for again allowing the use of their facilities for the event. He also thanked all the local businesses who had generously advertised in the programme adding to the total raised, and urged everybody to support them.