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## **YCBC Annual Report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

### **Introduction**

This report illustrates the performance of York City Baths Club during 2025. The following individuals have contributed to the content of this report:

- Dan Yates – Chairman
- Claire Rowson – Honorary Treasurer
- Jayne Sawyer – Honorary Secretary
- Tom Rhodes – Head Coach
- Chris Turner – Teaching Coordinator
- Emma Wills - Masters
- Kelly McSeveney- Volunteers Coordinator
- Christina Tremayne- Officials Coordinator

The report provides information to support the Club's Annual General Meeting, which this year will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March via Teams.

In addition to detailing the performance of the Club during 2025 the report highlights the Executive Committee focus areas for 2026.

### **Membership Matters**

The club currently has 589 active members across all our sections.

This includes 175 swimmers across our six competitive squads, which is a slight increase on the 174 last year. There are a further 42 members in our Masters section, again an increase on the previous year.

Within our Teaching section there are 272 members across all our groups which is similar to last year. We have a large waiting list in our teaching section and there is high demand for the upper-level groups (mainly Red hats).

We continue to attract new enquiries for all sections of the Club mainly from our website contact form. In addition, we continue to offer swimmers from other clubs the opportunity to add additional sessions or long course training to their weekly schedule, on a Pathway basis. This has proved popular and we attract swimmers from Thirsk, Scarborough and Harrogate in addition to other clubs in York.

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Whilst we recognise there has been a period of movement following the transition to new coaches, change will always happen. Overall club numbers remain significant and unaffected due to the number of new members we continue to attract.

In Masters, we continue to receive a regular flow of enquiries from those wishing to train with a group and with purpose.

A new system, Club Organiser, has been rolled out across the club, which has proved successful. Thanks to those involved in the process of implementing.

The annual YCBC Membership Fee for the period 1st March 2025 to the end of February 2026 will be set at the AGM, and payment for swimmers in our squads, and our Masters section, will be requested thereafter. (*This fee is incorporated into the monthly swim fee for those in our Swimming Lessons, and a separate payment is not required for swimmers in this section of the club*).

## **Financial Performance**

2025 has been another strong year with a good income from monthly fees and 2 successful galas over the year. Costs have remained relatively stable, although we have increased the coaching provision. Overall, the club has generated a surplus of around £8,000, along with an increase of around £21,000 in the value of the Protected Fund, resulting in an increase of around £29,000 on the balance sheet.

Monthly fee income has increased during 2025, mainly as a result of promotions within and into the training squads, as well as an increase in the number of masters swimmers. The strong membership numbers have also contributed to a good income from the membership fees.

Again, we have successfully run 2 galas this year, as well as the club championships. The National Qualifier gala in March was a huge success although entries were down from the previous year. The gala made a around £13,000. The gala in December was also very successful. Despite the number of withdrawals due to illness, we made around £9,500. The raffle and tombola stalls at the winter gala were very successful, with a total of around £650 being raised. Thank you to everyone who donated items towards this.

Further information regarding the financial performance of the Club during 2025 can be found in the Treasurer Statement and accompanying accounts.

The club continues to look strong for 2026, although with increasing costs, we made the decision to increase monthly fees by a small amount from January 2026. However, the club continues to look at ways to ensure investment back into the club for the benefit of the swimmers.

The current forecast is to break even over the year.

## **Swim England**

We successfully completed the Swim England Club Affiliation requirements in 2025 and will need to do so again in 2026. This maintains our insurances and allows us to both compete in licenced meets and to

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organise our open meets. It continues to be a particularly challenging process due to the Swim England expectations for use of the OMS and we are very grateful to our committee members for the effort required in achieving this.

We completed our work to establish the best legal structure to take the club forward and applied to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with the Charity Commission. Following completion of the necessary application including creation of a new constitution and objects in line with the model form provided by Swim England, YCBC was successfully approved. We continue to take the actions arising to establish this new entity.

We have in line with this developed a number of new policies including YCBC's Hardship Fund Policy to meet our commitments within the Swim England and Charity governance requirements.

## **Training & Competence**

The current total of YCBC Officials or those in training is currently 27

We have continued to try and attract new volunteers to complete the officials training including inviting a senior official from Yorkshire to visit the club. A successful route has been to encourage parents to undertake the Timekeeper training as this is much more accessible in terms of the online training and the qualification can be upgraded easily to J1T. This did yield some momentum, and several parents have got on board to train.

We had a good proportion of YCBC parents support in officiating roles at our December Winter Extravaganza 2025 and there were enough Officials overall to provide mentoring to J1Ts moving them closer to sign off. The support did see movement with a couple of Timekeeper's upgrading their training.

Since last year 8 Parents have qualified in some capacity although some officials have moved on, so we are still in a similar position overall. We continue to look at avenues to increase the number of officials including continuing to work with senior officials in Yorkshire, considering incentives for YCBC officials at our galas and planning level 4 inter club galas to help parents of swimmers in squads of the early phase of the pathway to gain some experience.

We continued to recognise the need to increase our teaching capacity and to do this we have found new volunteers and continued to fund training courses. 8 new teachers have been trained through a combined level 1 and 2 swim teacher course with a further one level 1 swim teacher course in 2025.

## **Swimming Matters**

### **Teaching:**

2025: A Year in the Fast Lane

Where did 2025 even go? It's been a bit of a whirlwind, but honestly, what a year.

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First things first: a massive thank you to our volunteers. You are the engine room of our teaching section. Without you, we simply wouldn't be here. We're incredibly proud of the "dream team" of teachers and helpers we've built; they have a knack for pushing our swimmers to their best while making sure they actually enjoy the water.

## Growth & "Growing Pains"

We've seen some serious growth this year, with our roots now firmly planted at St Peter's and New Earswick. The teaching section is looking healthier than ever, and we're determined to keep that momentum going through 2026.

Of course, growth usually comes with a few "growing pains." We've hit some challenges along the way, and we want to say a huge thank you to the parents for your patience and support while we smoothed things out.

## Celebrating the Wins

Our race nights were a total standout. We saw some fantastic times and major achievements that led to well-deserved promotions into the training squads. We celebrated these milestones at our annual awards in January, and we're already looking forward to doing it all again!

## Passing the Torch

As our young volunteers head off to university or start full-time careers, we're constantly looking for fresh faces to keep the cycle going. We've had several parents step up this year—and honestly, seeing you progress right alongside your kids has been a highlight.

Fancy a go? We'd love to have you. If you're interested in getting your swimming teaching qualifications and supporting the club, let's chat!

Here's to another successful year. Thank you for being part of the journey.

## **Training:**

YCBC are delighted to be able to report on a record year for the swimming club.

- We won over 50 medals at the Yorkshire Championships (2025 and 2026)
- The most national qualifiers in one year (noting only 2% of all swimmers make it to Nationals!)
- Retained our H2GO title! 2 out of 2! And extended our lead
- Mainly train long course but we Increased our short course NER's medals to 34 from 20 the previous year.
- 67 New Club Records were set in 2025
- A New Junior NER record set in the 100IM; Multiple European and British Masters records

It has also been a year of change with a new YCBC Head Coach, Tom Rhodes and the addition of a Lead Age Group Coach, Beckie Kaufman, bringing fresh ideas to the club and which everyone has

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adapted well too. This alongside the retained service providers continues to enable fantastic progression for swimmers along our squad pathway. The introduction of Strength & Conditioning through the service of a specialist coach has been highly beneficial for swimmers and the club will continue to explore avenues to continue this going forward.

In the last report we highlighted an increase in the number of swimmers who were qualifying at each level (county, regional and national). This trend has continued throughout the last 12 months, and we have raised the bar again. The training squads are now at full capacity. There continues to be significant demand through external enquiries at all levels.

Our pool time in training has remained constant in the last year with some minor adjustments. The sessions across all squads are proving to be very popular and regularly we are seeing the training pool full and therefore we're happy that we are fully utilising the pool time well. The partnership with York St John University allowed the addition of a further strength & Conditioning training session to the programme, using their excellent facilities. It's fantastic that the club is in a position to be able to offer this enhancement to the programme.

The National Squad took part in another successful training camp- this time in Torremolinos, Spain. We would like to thank the volunteers who organised the camp and its funding and those who attended for their planning and hard work to deliver a memorable week for the swimmers.

The Club is in a strong position to move forward and continue its upward trajectory in 2026.

## **Performance Highlights**

### **Summer Nationals**

68% of the finals were swum in personal best times and 81% were conversions (finals race faster than the heat swim).

The YCBC swimmers brought home six medals in total, one silver from the Aquatics GB Championships and five medals from the Swim England Summer Meet.

### Aquatics GB Next Gen Summer Championships

8 Individual Qualifiers - Annabel Edwards, Raya Harrand, Megan Mills, Eve Parkin, Simon Robson, Stan Sawyer, Samantha Taylor, Alexander Tew

2 Relay Teams

4 x 100 Free Boys 14-16 Years (Stan Sawyer, Charles Tremayne, Zachary Fidan, Alexander Tew)

4 x 100 Medley Girls 14-16 Years (Eve Parkin, Annabel Edwards, Samantha Taylor, Emily McSeveny)

Heats

19 Swims

7 PBs (37%)

8 Finals

Stan Sawyer (50, 100, 200m Backstroke)

Annabel Edwards (100m Breaststroke)

Raya Harrand (50m Backstroke)

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Eve Parkin (200m Backstroke)  
Simon Robson (200m IM)  
Samantha Taylor (400m IM)

Finals - 8  
5 PBs (63%)  
6 Conversions (75%)  
1 Medal  
Stan Sawyer SILVER in 200m Backstroke

### Swim England National Open Water Championships

Isla Yates - 7.5KM (15th)  
Ellie Rowson - 7.5KM (16th)

### Swim England National Summer Meet

13 Qualified Swimmers - Callum Aitken, Annabel Edwards, Nathan Carrington, Zachary Fidan, Raya Harrand, Emmie Horwell, Eve Parkin, Simon Robson, Stan Sawyer, Samantha Taylor, Daniel Tew, Charles Tremayne, Ava Turner.

Heats  
29 Swims  
10 PBs (32%)  
8 Finals  
Simon Robson (100m Backstroke, 100m Breaststroke)  
Stan Sawyer (50m and 100m Butterfly)  
Zachary Fidan (200m Backstroke)  
Eve Parkin (100m Backstroke)  
Charles Tremayne (50m Freestyle)  
Ava Turner (100m Backstroke)

Finals - 8  
6 PBs (75%)  
7 Conversions (88%)  
5 Medals (3 Silver / 2 Bronze)  
Stan Sawyer - SILVER in 50m and 100m Butterfly  
Simon Robson - SILVER in 100m Breaststroke  
Eve Parkin - BRONZE in 100m Backstroke  
Charles Tremayne - BRONZE in 50m Freestyle

Finally, earlier in the year at the Aquatics GB Championships in London in April, Raya Harrand placed equal 1st in the Junior Final of the 50m Backstroke in a Personal best time of 29.52.

### **County- Yorkshire Winter Championships (September 2025)**

Pbs – 187  
32 Medals  
(Stan Sawyer – 7 Gold (50,100 bk, free and fly 200 IM))

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Simon Robson - Silver 200 IM

Jess Heaton - Silver 50 Fly, Bronze 100 Fly

Sam Taylor - 4 Gold (400 IM, 50 + 100 Fly, 100 Bk) Bronze 200 IM

Annabel Edwards - Gold 50 Br, Silver 100 Br, Bronze 100 BK

Morgan Burns - 2 Gold (200 IM, 100 Br) 5 Silver (50 fr,bk + br, 100 fr + 400 IM)

Olivia Allen – silver 50 BK, Bronze 100 Bk

Charlie Rogers – Gold 50 fly, Silver 50 Bk, Bronze 100 Bk

Charlie Hodgkins - Silver 50 Br

Max Simpson – Bronze 100 Free)

## **Regional- SENER Winter Championships (Short Course November 2025)**

Pbs 62

34 Medals

(Morgan Burns – 3 Silver ( 100 Br, 100 Bk and 50Br) 6 Bronze ( 50 Fr, 100 Fr, IM, 200 Fr, IM, 400 Fr)

Annabel Edwards - Gold 50 Br, silver 100 Br

Olivia allen – 3 Gold (50 Bk, 100 Fr, 100 IM) Silver (200 IM) Bronze (100 IM)

Jess Heaton – 3 Bronze (50,100 fly, 100 Fr)

Sam Taylor – Gold (100 IM) Silver (50 Fly), Bronze (100 Fly)

Charlie Hodgkins – bronze 50Br

Charlie Rodgers – Gold 50 fly

Stan Sawyer – 2 Gold (100 IM, 50 BK) 3 Silver (100,200 Bk, 100 Fr)

Simon Robson – 2 Gold (100 IM, Br) 3 Silver (200 Br, IM, 400 IM))

## **Swim England Winter Championships (December 2025)**

6 Qualifiers

All swam season bests at the meet

Swims 19

A Final 1

B Final 3

Junior Final 5

## **County - Yorkshire Championships (February 2026)**

250 pbs

119 finals

69 heat to final progressions

52 medals, (49 individual 3 team)

14 gold

19 silver

18 bronze

16 different medallists

Trend continued of increased numbers attending

## **H2Go Team Competition (September 2025)**

Overall Winner

Relay Points Winner

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## **Masters:**

During 2025 the masters section has seen an increase in numbers regularly attending the sessions with many being busy, with many members training for fitness but still with a regular few competing in competitions.

During 2025 the competitions that were attended by the masters swimmers were successful with many achieving PB swims, gaining medals and breaking records.

In January Steve Brewer competed in Carlisle and came away with a silver medal.

In February Grace Litchfield, Laura Chidgey and Emma Wills travelled to Blackpool for North West Masters all gaining medals in all of their swims.

In March there were two competitions that were attended by York swimmers. Emma Wills travelled to Swansea for the Welsh Masters (long course) she had a successful swim and broke the European record (45-49) in the 800 free. At the end of March Shane Hamilton competed in the Billingham Masters Meet with some great swims including a PB in the 50 fly.

In April the Yorkshire Masters were held in Beverley, this was the most attended meet for YCBC masters with six swimmers competing. This was a meet that was more difficult to win medals as the times were age adjusted but four swimmers were able to come away with medals, Emma Wills, Laura Chidgey, Jo Farrow and Julie Kettlewell. There were also PB swims from Grace Litchfield and season best swims from Steve Brewer.

The British Masters Championships were held in June and for the first time held at the Olympic pool in London. This is one of the main meets for masters swimmers within the country so is very popular with World class performances. Jo Farrow and Emma Wills both made the journey to London and both had some amazing performances. Emma broke the European Record (45-49) in the 400 IM, and Jo narrowly missed out on medals coming 4th and 5th in her races but her 200 free was a PB.

Both Emma and Jo travelled to Singapore to compete in the World Aquatics Masters Championships, they both had an amazing experience in and out of the pool. This was Jo's first international masters competition but this didn't stop her from three amazing swims in the 100, 200 and 400 free. In the 100 free she just missed her Pb by 0.4 of a second placing her 21st, the 200 free saw her taking 1.2 seconds off her PB placing her 20th and her final swim in 400 free saw her take a massive 7 seconds off her PB and placing her 11th. Emma competed in the 200, 400 and 800 free all were gold medal winning performances in the 45-49 age group in the 800 she managed to win by just over 13 seconds, the 200 free was an unexpected British Record and again the 400 free was another British record. These were some great performances for the York swimmers on an international stage.

In October just one swimmer Emma Wills competed at the Swim England Masters Championship (25m), she was just swimming the 400IM but that swim resulted in a European Record.

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In November the Masters Inter Counties were held and Tristan Hymers was picked to swim for Yorkshire competing in the 50 breast. His PB performance helped the team to win the Northern section of the competition and Yorkshire came an impressive 3rd in the national competition.

The final competition of the year for the masters was the South Yorkshire Masters held at Ponds Forge. This was attended by Tristan Hymers and Shane Hamilton both coming away with medals and PB swims.

The Masters section is continuing to grow and produce some outstanding swimmers.

## **Fundraising & Publicity**

The Club has again seen amazing support from parents, families and members in helping raise vital funds. The two galas in total contributed around £23,000 and we are thankful to those parents who raised additional funds through organising raffles and tombola's at the events. Several thousands were raised by the National Squad to support the Swim Camp including through various corporate fundraising, Sponsors and local bake sales.

Publicity has been very positive throughout the year with the York Press and YO1 Radio regularly publicising our achievements and highlighting the benefits of learning to swim with our club. Josh made the final of the YO1 Radio Sports awards and additionally, Look North visited to film Nathan Carrington following his qualification for Team GB at the Deaflympics in Tokyo!!

Ste, YCBC's Publicity Coordinator continues to find fantastic angles to publicise the club and we're hopeful of another TV appearance soon.

## **New Opportunities**

There were two particular areas the club was able to support this year due to financial stability enabling us to add to our swimming provision.

The partnership with York St John University went from strength to strength as the joint approach to a Master's by Research meant that a Strength & Conditioning coach could provide services to the club. It enabled the research to take place within the club and covered benefits of forms of land training for starts and turns. It also meant YCBC had access to the specialist S&C training and measurement facilities at the university, increasing the time available to swimmers during the week. We are looking forward to seeing the formal results of the research and hoping to expand the partnership further through a PhD option.

The second area has been the purchase of new timing equipment for the club, which has not only helped with our teaching section race nights but also our internal time trials and 200m events at the club championships. The electronic timing suite is linked to the start system, reducing manual capture and providing automatic recording.

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## **Focus for 2026**

The Club has navigated all the challenges that emerged in 2025 including a significant pool closure at St Peter's during summer and the successful transition to a new Head Coach: we're stronger for it. A number of new committee members have come forward along with new volunteers throughout the various functions needed for YCBC to operate. This brings a fresh approach, new ideas and ultimately more swimmers learning and enjoying their time in the pool!

As we go forward into 2026 the club will continue to focus on: People; Performance; Charity; Systems. All of these areas are vital as the club functions at full member capacity meaning more effort is required to operate day to day, month to month and year to year. We'll keep good contacts with our partners, pool providers and pathway and local clubs to continually explore our options for growth.

It is particularly important that the Club continues to find new volunteers for the committee and to replace officials as swimmers move on following completion of the club pathway. Please come forward if you are willing to volunteer your time to make YCBC an ongoing success or encourage someone you know!

I would like to conclude by thanking my fellow executive officers and committee members for all their support over the last 12 months. We have achieved a record year for YCBC and created even more opportunities for our young swimmers to develop not only in the pool but in life skills: determination, commitment, resilience, friendship and teamwork!

Many Thanks,

Dan Yates  
**YCBC Chairman**

For and on behalf of YCBC Executive Committee

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