

Midland Open Water Championships 2015 - Event Report.

Sunday July 5th saw Bosworth Water Park Trust invaded by age-group swimmers (and a few Masters) from the East and West Midlands plus some interlopers from the South West, for the Midland Open Water Championship. The programme consisted of 5k, 1.5k and 3k swims, with most of the Masters swimmers opting for the 3k and 1.5k events, which were age group classified.

Three Masters Swimmers from Gloucestershire participated the 3k events – Jessica Woodisse and Mark Partridge from Stroud Masters and Brian Armstrong from Gloucester Masters.

The start was delayed as top end of the lake was too overgrown with weeds to allow safe swimming, resulting in a hasty shortening of the lap to “500m” – although looking at the finishing times and the smooth conditions, each lap was probably quite a bit longer than 500m!

In the 3k swim, the large number of competitors and short distance to the first turn buoy plus the running of the men’s and women’s races in a single wave meant that the start was a little more “robust” than usual. However, this did not deter the Gloucestershire swimmers and Jessica (Women’s 40-49 age group) and Brian (Men’s 50-59 age group) won their categories, with Mark coming 3rd in the Men’s 50-59 age group.