

## Tilly leads Box Hill bonanza

TILLY HOUSTON led a superb Box Hill parade across southern Britain.

The 10-year-old took the Littlehampton Open meet by storm as she won medals in all her nine events – including four golds in event best times.

These came in the 200m backstroke in 2:54.45, 50m freestyle (33.88), 100m free (1:14.14) and 200m free (2:41.36).

Elsewhere, Viki Knight, 14, travelled to Swansea for the Welsh National Age Group Championships and finished in the top 10 with eight lifetime best performances.

The teenager's highlight came in the 100m free when she chipped more than four seconds off her previous standard.

At Reading, 12-year-old Oliver Leonard suffered the agony of missing out on a national qualifying time by 0.3sec as he swept up gold in the 50m free.

Leonard later went on to win another gold gong in the 100m free plus a pair of bronze medals in the 200m IM and 200m breast.

The talented Read-Cayton sisters took to the pool in Bournemouth and came home with five medals between them.

Gaby, 12, won the 50m back to added to silver in the 100m and bronze in the 200m IM. Her younger sibling Taby raced



*What a collection: Tilly Houston shows off her medal haul after a brilliant performance at the Littlehampton Open.*

to gold in the 50m back and then scooped a 50m fly silver.

Box Hill failed to collect any medals at the Crawley meet but there were several good swims, notably from Leonard, Jenny Ball, 13, Celia Byatt, 12 and 11-year-old Katy Rushmer, which gave them more valuable experience in a 50m pool.

They are all currently preparing for the district championships.

While the club's top swimmers were all in competitive action, a host of wannabe champions were enthusiastically learning the ropes at Box Hill's newly-formed swim academy.

It started last Saturday at the Priory School and anyone interested in enrolling a child should call coach Conrad Cawley on 01483 232627 or visit: [boxhillswimteam.com](http://boxhillswimteam.com).