

Toni's fundraising bid goes swimmingly!

13 year old Toni Ellis from Rochdale Swimming Club competed in the Swim Northwest Open Water 2,000m Swim on Sunday 26th June at Salford Quays and she took the opportunity to raise money for Springhill Hospice.



Toni took to the chilly 16.5 degree water to complete 4x500m laps in the Quays, with a strong first 1,000m – and Toni then lifted the pace in the final 500m to claim the bronze medal in the Women's Open Age Group in a time of 39mins and 48 seconds.



Toni a pupil at Failinge Park High School had to train hard for the swim, regularly swimming over 3,000 meters in the pool with Rochdale Swimming Club. Head Coach, Mark Lord, said "Toni is a true inspiration to all the people she meets, she is always ready to push her boundaries and applies a positive attitude to everything she does".

Ian Jenkins, Fundraising Manager for Springhill Hospice, added, "We are very grateful to Toni for choosing to support the Hospice through this event. What a wonderful gesture and well done to a very determined young lady. I feel the Olympics in 2016 beckons!"

Toni's efforts raised over £300 in sponsorship.

