



## WELSH SUCCESS AT BRITISH FINALS

### HOWELL'S SCHOOL, LLANDAFF WIN TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL GOLD IN THE JUNIOR COMPETITION

The shooting range at Stoke Mandeville Stadium was abuzz with excitement on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January when **Amber Pearn** was crowned the British Shooting Schools Pistol National Junior Champion and the Howell's Team of **Amber Pearn, Abi Smart and Alberta Green**, all in Year 8, won the Junior team competition.

#### The Journey

Their journey to the National Finals started at the Welsh Championships held in Ysgol Bro Dinefwr, Ffairfach, Carmarthenshire on 31<sup>st</sup> October last year. The team of three won the Junior competition, which is for boys and girls in years 6, 7 and 8, with a score of 461 and earned a place at the National Team Final. In the individual competition Amber won the gold medal and Abi the bronze, qualifying both for the National Individual Final.



Across Great Britain, other shooting athletes competed during October and November at 5 regional competitions in England and at the Scottish Championships. From the 7 competitions, 24 athletes would qualify for the National Individual Final and 8 teams for the National Team Final. In total 281 individuals and 37 teams competed to win a place.

The team worked hard over Christmas and New Year training at the Welsh National Training range in the Sport Wales National Centre. They all met at the competition venue the day before for pre-event training and range familiarisation.

#### The Competition

The day of the competition dawned and the reporting time, 9am, did feel a little early for some of the athletes. The Howell's team had been allocated 10am as their start time. After reporting they lodged their pistols in the armoury and did a warmup routine and then waited for the start, watching, with a little trepidation, the first group of Junior athletes complete their 20 shots.

The competition is shot on targets that automatically score the shot and shows it on a screen in front of the athlete. This is great for spectators as they can see how well everyone is shooting. The 10am detail had the last of the individual competitors and at the end we knew

that Amber had qualified, in joint first place, for the individual final that would see the top 8 athletes compete in a 24-shot knock-out final to decide who would be Champion.

We had to wait to see which team would win as there was a further detail at 10.30. At the end of that detail the scores were posted on the board but there was no team ranking list. This left parents adding up and comparing scores and after the math had been done, they were fairly sure that Howell's had won the team competition, but would have to wait for the formal announcement.

### **The Individual Final**

The individual final for the top 8 athletes is run exactly the same as at the Olympics. They have 5 minutes to fire unlimited sighting shots, after which they turn to face the crowd and are individually presented by the announcer. After this the competition starts. After the first 5 shot series Amber was in the lead, but only by 0.2 points, after the second series this had switched and she was in 2<sup>nd</sup> place by 0.2 points. From this point on the athletes shoot 1 shot in a time limit of 50 seconds and after every 2 shots the athlete with the lowest total score is eliminated from the final. After 12 shots Amber had regained the lead by 0.3 points, this was looking to be a great final for the spectators. Amber remained in the lead, gradually increasing the difference all the way through, and after 24 shots she was 6.6 points ahead of the silver medallist. Amber had won gold with a score of 232.8, a fantastic score.

### **The Presentations**

It was time for the presentations and to find out if the parent's math had been correct. The British Shooting Schools Pistol Championships is organised by Gorgs Geikie who is an Olympian having represented GBR in pistol shooting at the 2012 London Games. The Individual Junior gold medal and trophy was presented by Margaret Thomas, also an Olympian having represented GBR in pistol shooting at the 1988 Seoul Games. As well as a great achievement for Amber to win the Junior National Championship it was also a great experience to meet 2 Olympians.

Now it was the presentation of the team medals and trophy. Yes, the math had been correct, the Howell's team of Amber, Abi and Alberta had won gold with a score of 487, 26 points more than they shot at the Welsh Championships, which goes to show that hard work and training does pay off!

Overall a fantastic day for Howell's, and all three girls have committed to sticking together and train for the qualification later this year to try to win a place in the 2021 National Final. They will move to the Intermediate class for pupils in years 9 and 10. We wish them the best of luck and look forward to hearing more.

A full report about the National Final by British Shooting can be viewed by clicking [HERE](#)

### **Information about Shooting Sports**

If you would like to find out more about shooting sports, please look at the British Shooting and Welsh Shooting websites. [British Shooting](#) [Welsh Shooting](#) or email [info@WTSF.org.uk](mailto:info@WTSF.org.uk)

## TEAM RESULTS

First Name	Surname	School Name	M/F	Team	Score 1-10	Score 11-20	TOTAL	Team Total	Team Placing	Notes
Alberta	Green	Howell's School, Llandaff	Female	Junior Team	74	77	151	487	1st	National Champion
Amber	Pearn	Howell's School, Llandaff	Female	Junior Team	88	90	178			
Abi	Smart	Howell's School, Llandaff	Female	Junior Team	77	81	158			
Molly	Colwell	Leweston School	Female	Junior Team	77	87	164	473	2nd	
Amelia	Olifent	Leweston School	Female	Junior Team	85	70	155			
Millie	Wicks	Leweston School	Female	Junior Team	77	77	154			
Isaac	Baxter	St Thomas More Catholic High School	Male	Junior Team	73	72	145	466	3rd	
Cameron	Donlon	St Thomas More Catholic High School	Male	Junior Team	75	79	154			
Luke	O'Driscoll	St Thomas More Catholic High School	Male	Junior Team	79	88	167			
Rufus	Holden	Taunton School	Male	Junior Team	73	73	146	464	4th	
Emily	Miller	Taunton School	Female	Junior Team	86	77	163			
Zoe	Trebath	Taunton School	Female	Junior Team	85	70	155			
Jake	Woodward	Lockerbie Academy	Male	Junior Team	77	80	157	456	5th	
Kiera	Graham	Lockerbie Academy	Female	Junior Team	79	76	155			
Jack	Edgar	Lockerbie Academy	Male	Junior Team	75	69	144			
Evanna	Bruce	Leweston School	Female	Junior Team	73	75	148	430	6th	
Nikita	Miah	Leweston School	Female	Junior Team	75	72	147			
Isla	Jacobsen Cox	Leweston School	Female	Junior Team	61	74	135			
Issy	Coone	Ipswich High School	Female	Junior Team	89	76	165	420	7th	
Isabella	Parr	Ipswich High School	Female	Junior Team	63	62	125			
Tilly	Steel	Ipswich High School	Female	Junior Team	63	67	130			
Euan	Lewis	Lockerbie Academy	Male	Junior Team	68	72	140	378	8th	
Robert	Lane	Lockerbie Academy	Female	Junior Team	68	57	125			
Brodie	Lewis	Lockerbie Academy	Male	Junior Team	65	48	113			

## QUALIFICATION RESULTS

First Name	Surname	School	Gender	Individual	Team	Score 6-10	Score 16-20	TOTAL	Rank	Qual. Individual Placing	Notes (Top 8 Ind. Final)
Katie	Markworth	Newport Girls High School	Female	Junior		90	88	178	1	1	National Finalist / Inner 10 Countback: 2
Amber	Pearn	Howell's School, Llandaff	Female	Junior	Junior Team	88	90	178	1	1	National Finalist / Inner 10 Countback: 1
Isabella	Caldwell	Withington Girls School	Female	Junior		84	91	175	3	3	National Finalist
Raissa	Vickery	St Albans High School for Girls	Female	Junior		83	87	170	4	4	National Finalist
Elizabeth	Gallie	Walton-On-The-Hill Primary School	Female	Junior		86	83	169	5	5	National Finalist
Ben	Bucknall	Sir Joseph Williamson Mathematical School	Male	Junior		84	84	168	6	6	National Finalist
Luke	O'Driscoll	St Thomas More Catholic High School	Male		Junior Team	79	88	167	7		
Madeleine	Edgington	Bohunt School	Female	Junior		85	80	165	8	7	National Finalist / Inner 10 Countback: 3
James	West	Gordon's School	Male	Junior		84	81	165	8	8	National Finalist / Inner 10 Countback: 3
Issy	Coone	Ipswich High School	Female		Junior Team	89	76	165	8		Inner 10 Countback: 1
Molly	Colwell	Leweston School	Female	Junior	Junior Team	77	87	164	11	9	
Emily	Miller	Taunton School	Female		Junior Team	86	77	163	12		
Grace	Hughes	Sandhurst School	Female	Junior		81	81	162	13	10	
Kara	Mitchell	Westlands School	Female	Junior		80	81	161	14	11	
Daisy	Sexton	Langley Prep School at Taverham Hall	Female	Junior		82	79	161	14	11	
Jessica	Lewis	Knayton CofE Primary Academy	Female	Junior		85	76	161	14	11	
Thea	Spiller	Ysgol Hafan Y Mor	Female	Junior		85	75	160	17	14	
Hannah	Evans	Shavington Academy	Female	Junior		77	81	158	18	15	
Abi	Smart	Howell's School, Llandaff	Female	Junior	Junior Team	77	81	158	18	15	
Jake	Woodward	Lockerbie Academy	Male	Junior	Junior Team	77	80	157	20	17	
Abi	Agami	John Kyrle High School	Female	Junior		82	74	156	21	28	
Kiera	Graham	Lockerbie Academy	Female	Junior	Junior Team	79	76	155	22	19	
Amelia	Olifent	Leweston School	Female		Junior Team	85	70	155	22		
Zoe	Trembath	Taunton School	Female		Junior Team	85	70	155	22		
Millie	Wicks	Leweston School	Female		Junior Team	77	77	154	25		
Cameron	Donlon	St Thomas More Catholic High School	Male		Junior Team	75	79	154	25		
Henry	Tulloch	Royal Grammar School, Newcastle	Male	Junior		82	70	152	27	20	
Alberta	Green	Howell's School, Llandaff	Female		Junior Team	74	77	151	28		
Simon	Shepherdson	Driffield School and Sixth Form	Male	Junior		76	74	150	29	21	
Hazel	King	Eastwood High School	Female	Junior		71	77	148	30	22	
Evanna	Bruce	Leweston School	Female		Junior Team	73	75	148	30		
Nikita	Miah	Leweston School	Female	Junior	Junior Team	75	72	147	32	23	
Rufus	Holden	Taunton School	Male		Junior Team	73	73	146	33		
Isaac	Baxter	St Thomas More Catholic High School	Male		Junior Team	73	72	145	34		
Jack	Edgar	Lockerbie Academy	Male		Junior Team	75	69	144	35		
Euan	Lewis	Lockerbie Academy	Male		Junior Team	68	72	140	36		
Isla	Jacobsen Cox	Leweston School	Female		Junior Team	61	74	135	37		-2 points Rule: 6.11.15
Tilly	Steel	Ipswich High School	Female		Junior Team	63	67	130	38		
Ailsa	King	Neilston Primary School	Female	Junior		62	64	126	39	24	
Isabella	Parr	Ipswich High School	Female		Junior Team	63	62	125	40		
Robert	Lane	Lockerbie Academy	Male		Junior Team	68	57	125	40		
Brodie	Lewis	Lockerbie Academy	Female		Junior Team	65	48	113	42		
Nakita	Wright	Clarendon Academy	Female	Junior (D)		69	41	110	43	1	Disability Champion

## **INDIVIDUAL RESULTS**

<b>JUNIOR</b>													
<b>Name</b>		<b>School</b>	<b>1. - 5.</b>	<b>6. - 10.</b>	<b>11. - 12.</b>	<b>13. - 14.</b>	<b>15. - 16.</b>	<b>17. - 18</b>	<b>19. - 20</b>	<b>21. - 22.</b>	<b>23. - 24</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Placing</b>
<b>Amber</b>	<b>Pearn</b>	Howell's School, Llandaff	48.6	45.9	18.1	19.1	20.0	20.8	20.4	20.4	19.5	<b>232.8</b>	<b>1</b>
Katie	Meakworth	Newport Girls High School	48.4	46.3	17.6	18.5	17.7	20.6	19.3	19.5	18.3	<b>226.2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Raissa</b>	<b>Vickery</b>	St Albans High School for Girls	41.4	47.3	17.0	19.1	18.3	17.8	18.7	16.5		<b>196.1</b>	<b>3</b>
Ben	Bucknall	Sir Joseph Williamson Mathematical School	45.4	40.3	19.2	16.7	19.4	18.9	16.2			<b>176.1</b>	<b>4</b>
James	West	Gordon's School	45.7	45.2	16.3	14.2	18.9	18.0				<b>158.3</b>	<b>5</b>
Elizabeth	Gallie	Walton-On-The-Hill Primary School	34.0	47.2	18.8	19.6	18.6					<b>138.2</b>	<b>6</b>
Madeline	Edgington	Bohunt school	40.9	38.9	17.5	18.7						<b>116.0</b>	<b>7</b>
Isabella	Caldwell	Withington Girls School	42.6	36.4	17.9							<b>96.9</b>	<b>8</b>