**Arena League 2017 Division 2 Champions**

On a cold winter evening in Borehamwood, Hackney Aquatics came out victorius in the Arena League Division 2 Final, sealing their promotion as league champions.

For the first time ever, the Hackney team gained promotion in their highest ever league finish. Leading from start to finish, the team fought off some tough opposition and eventually won by 40 points, despite 2 late disqualifications.

Having led the league after the first 2 rounds, the team came into the final under no illusions that nothing but their best would be good enough. The swimmers delivered with many swimmers achieving personal best times. There was a total of 24 first place finishes and many more in the top 3.

Although the whole team was superb, a special mention must go to Thomas Archer and Mika Ogden who both pushed through injury to swim. A true relfection on their determination and dedication to the team. Reserve swimmer Sidelya Dincer eventually replaced Mika for the final relay for her first ever Arena League swim.

**Final Points Scores:**

Hackney Aquatics – 282

Bor of Broxbourne – 243

Aylesbury – 224

Putteridge – 210

Linslade – 173

Braintree – 131

Watford B - 129

A massive thank you also to everyone who volunteered to help out after we were chosen to host the event.