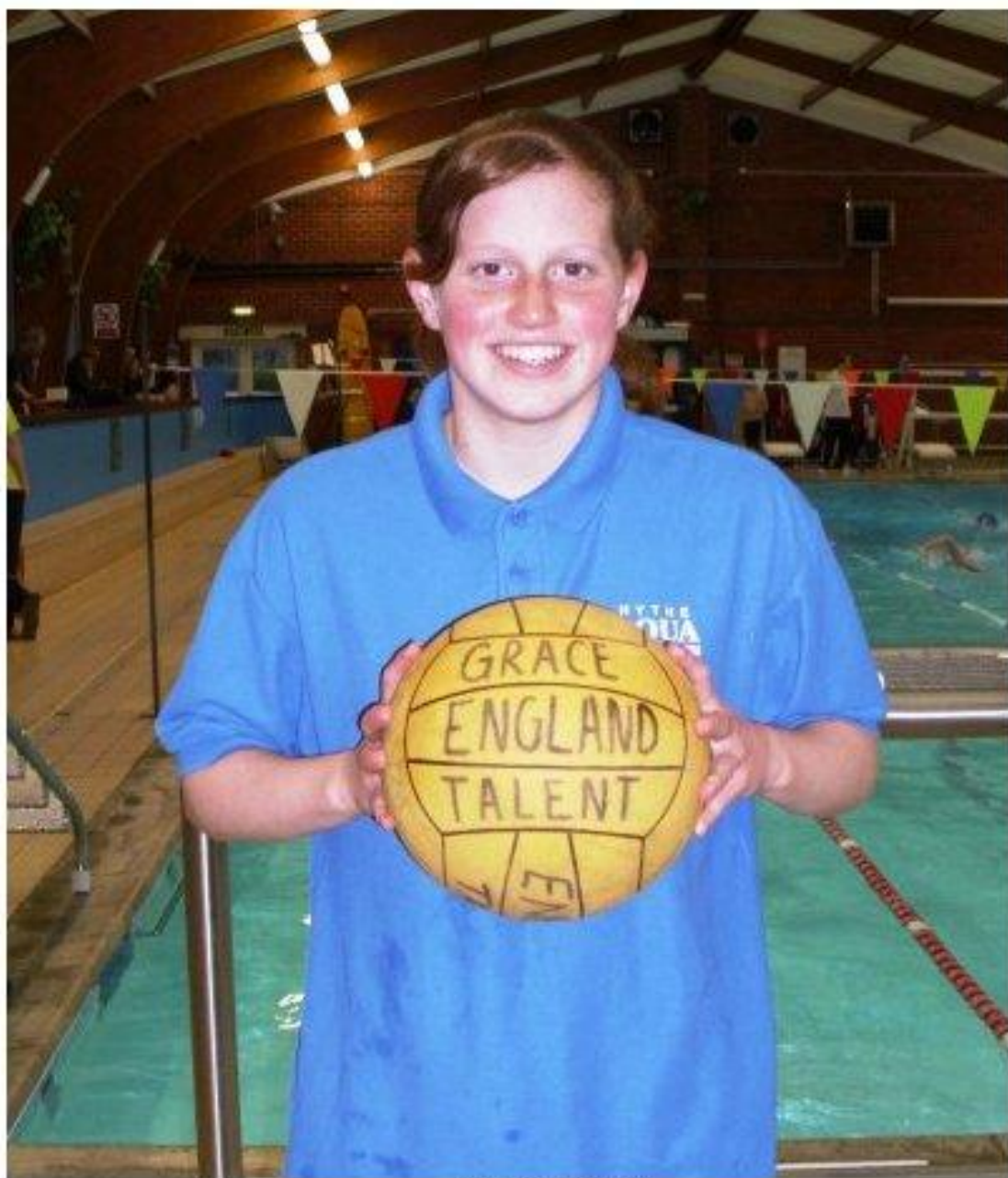


## Hythe Aqua Player Grace Walker Joins England Talent Squad



Grace Walker

Hythe Aqua competitive swimmer and water polo player Grace Walker represented SE England at the Amateur Swimming Association Inter-regional girls Water Polo Competition in Walsall recently which resulted in Grace being asked to attend trials at Cardiff for the England Talent Squad for girls born in 1998. After a selection process she was confirmed as a squad member. This is the first step to representing Great Britain in International competition with the target to make the team for the Junior European Championships in two years time. Grace travels to Cardiff every month to train with the Junior GB squad as well as maintaining her current training schedule along with her school work at the Marsh Academy.

Grace is a valued member of Hythe Aqua Swimming and Water Polo sections and part of the successful Kent and SE Region teams that have recently raised the profile of girls water polo, a sport previously dominated by northern clubs. Grace began playing Water Polo when she was 9 and now at 13 is rapidly establishing herself as an excellent goalkeeper,

Water Polo is a fast and exciting sport that requires strong swimming skills and for the first time in years GB will have teams in the Olympics. Many competitive swimmers are part of the sport. Anyone interested in trying Water Polo can contact the club through the club website