

The Junior Judo National Championships were held at High Wycombe Judo Centre on 3rd October. 3 members from Whiteswood Lane Judo Club Gainsborough and 4 members from Sturton Judo Club went down over the weekend to take part.

Greg Burton U30kg got the clubs off to a fantastic start, showing a lot of improvement and taking note of the coaching we had been giving him, this reflected in his result bringing back the 4th place Bronze medal. Kieron Smythe was next to compete in the U35kg. Kieron being one of our more experienced players we had high hopes for him and he didn't disappoint showing some excellent judo and winning all his fights by maximum 10 points, he won the Gold medal. George Hyde U40kg had a tough group, but he showed some good judo and some great techniques but unfortunately just missed out on a medal position. The girls U52kg were next to compete, for Caitlin Bedford this was one of her first competitions, she showed a lot of improvement and won 4th place Bronze, however Emma Butler is one of our most experienced girls and this showed in all her fights, displaying a wide range of different techniques she won three out of four fights taking the Silver medal. Chris Gillyett U65kg displayed some good confident judo, but he was unlucky to pick up a knee injury which unfortunately took him out of the medals. Katie Vernon was the last to fight in the U57Kg, she showed some good judo and great techniques winning the 3rd place Bronze medal.

All the members that took part showed some fantastic judo and are showing great improvement, keep up the hard work!

Whiteswood Lane Judo club, runs on Monday nights at Gainsborough Leisure Centre from 6.30 – 8pm £2per session. Sturton Judo Club runs on Thursday nights at Sturton Village Hall, Beginners 6pm – 7pm Graded players and Adults 7pm – 8.30pm £1.50 per session. More info can be found on our website www.lincolnshirejudo.co.uk. Or contact Steve 01427 616442 or Nicola 07980484670