

# Future is bright for champion Charlie

## Gymnastics

**CHARLIE** Fellows is a new British champion.

The 12-year-old Sandbach Gym Club starlet won her age category at the British Schools Championships at Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

The youngster was part of the North West squad along with Sandbach team-mate Pagan Brown, 14, who was in the senior section.

Charlie, who attends Ruskin Sports College in Crewe, won the individual event and helped her junior team to third overall.

Pagan, who attends St Thomas More in Crewe, aided the senior outfit to a respectable sixth.

Their coaches Peter Aldous and Tracy Cooper said: "Charlie's success continues to motivate everybody involved within Sandbach gymnastics.

"She is a talented and very hard-working gymnast who has a very bright future ahead of her.

"She has her first British Championships in a couple of months and the schools competition should be encouraging for her as she competed against most of her competitors there.

"Pagan also did very well in what was her first ever national competition. She showed she can compete at that level."

They added: "We'd like to thank the girls' schools for their continued support."

Charlie is part of GB's World Class Start National Squad based at Loughborough and the National Sports Centre at Lillleshall.

She will soon link with fellow British and Romanian gymnasts for a special training camp.

The girls train around 25 hours per week at the Sandbach Gymnastics base at Millbuck Park.

The club, which was launched in Bradwall Road in 1991, caters for more than 400 children each week.

The centre offers gymnastics from beginner to international standard, for girls and boys aged four-16.

The club has been represented at international level in Belgium, Sweden, Holland, USA, Australia, Hungary, Romania and Italy.

Classes are on weekday evenings and Saturday mornings.

Anybody interested in joining a class or adult coaching opportunities can contact Tracy Cooper on 01270 767491 or visit [www.sandbach-gymnastics.com](http://www.sandbach-gymnastics.com).



**RIDING STARS:** Gymnasts Charlie Fellows (left) and Pagan Brown shone at the British Schools Championships.