

Rebecca Adlington

Double Olympic gold medal winning swimmer

Becky is Great Britain's greatest ever swimmer and Olympic royalty. She became a household name following her two gold medal winning performances at the Beijing Games in August 2008, and has been the nation's darling ever since.

Her unique blend of charisma and charm allied to her dedication and professionalism in the pool has made her a global superstar, and a role model for female athletes around the world.

Becky's drive and thirst for success meant that she won a medal in each of the Olympic finals she swam. A four time Olympic medalist in the 400m and 800m Freestyle, she won two Gold medals in Beijing 2008 and two Bronze medals in London 2012.

Becky retired from elite swimming in 2013 and announced a vision for her legacy: Becky Adlington's SwimStars - a swimming initiative with the goal that every child in Britain will be able to swim 25 metres by the time they leave primary school. Her famous drive is now channeled into this vision, and given her track-record she is well placed to achieve her most challenging goal to date.

Following her success in Beijing, Rebecca was awarded an OBE from the Queen at Buckingham Palace and accepted the Laureus World Sports Awards 'Breakthrough of the Year Award' from Sebastian Coe.

However, despite her phenomenal achievements in the pool Becky remains extremely down to earth and unaffected by the fame her success has created.

Becky is an ambassador of the Encephalitis Society, a national charity and the only resource of its kind in the world supporting people affected by the illness.