

2024 Elite Athlete grant recipients



Kate French MBE – Modern Pentathlon

Kate won a gold medal in the Modern Pentathlon 2020 Tokyo Olympics. She also won gold at the World Cup Final and set a new women's world record in the fencing. In 2022 Kate continued her winning ways by securing a gold at the European Championships in the Team event. Kate will be aiming to retain her Olympic title in Paris this summer.



Piers Gilliver MBE – Wheelchair fencing

Piers won gold at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics in the Men's Cat A Epee. This was GB's first Paralympic fencing gold in 38 years. He also took a silver medal in the Team (Foil) event and a bronze in the Epee. Piers was a silver medalist at the Rio Paralympics in 2016 and is also the Cat A Epee double World and European Champion. Piers will be aiming to retain his Paralympic title in Paris this summer.

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Dan Bethell – Para badminton

Chippenham's Dan won a silver medal in the Men's singles SL3 at the rescheduled Tokyo 2020 Paralympics. He is a member of the GB Para Badminton Performance Squad and in 2022 he became World Number 1. In 2023 he competed in five Badminton World Federation Para Badminton World Circuit events, winning four golds and one silver. Dan is the only elite athlete to receive funding each year since 2014 and he was recently nominated for European Para Badminton player of the year. Dan will be aiming for gold at the Paris 2024 Paralympics this summer.



Tom Gale – Athletics: High Jump

High jumper Tom, from Trowbridge, was selected for Team GB for the rescheduled Tokyo 2020 Olympics. He was the youngest qualifier for the Finals of the Men's high jump. Tom is one of the UK's elite track and field athletes and will be aiming for the Paris 2024 Olympics this summer.



Morgan Fice-Noyes – Para rowing

Having only started rowing in 2020, Morgan is already a member of British Rowing Paralympic Academy squad. He won gold at the 2023 European Championships and World Championships and is aiming to compete at the LA 2028 Paralympics .



Ashlyn Bland – Skeleton

Ashlyn is competing at the European Circuit level, step before full international world level. Selected as part of GB Skeleton Talent team which is being developed to competing in the 2026 and 2030 Winter Olympics.



James Hulme – Modern Pentathlon

James was part of the GB Team who won a silver medal at the 2023 Junior World Championships and the bronze medal winning Team at the Junior European Championships in 2023. He is a member of Pentathlon GB's World Class Program.



Susie Cheetham – Triathlon

Susie is a long-distance triathlete from Bradford on Avon who was on the podium at Ironman Sweden (2023) placing 3rd. She has twice been in the top ten at the World Championships in Kona. She holds the course record at Ironman Hamburg.



Dorian Williams – Para swimming

Dorian is a para swimming who is a member of team GB Down syndrome Disability Swimming squad. At the 2023 British Championships he won a silver in the 200m Breaststroke and a bronze in the 200m freestyle Dorian has been selected for the World Championships in Turkey later this year.



Philippe Ehrnrooth – Flat water kayak

Philippe is from Devizes and is a member of the British Canoeing Junior Squad. At the 2023 Olympic Hopefuls he won gold in the Under 16 Men's K1 500 meters (Final B) and was 8th in the Under 16 Men's 1000 meters (Final A)



Stephanie Clutterbuck – Triathlon

Stephanie started her sporting career as rower but after injury switched to triathlon in 2019. She became 70.3 World Champion in her age group in 2023 and was the fastest amateur through the swim and bike at the World Championship. Having turned pro she has her sights rising through the elite ranks.



Carys Johnson – Lacross

Carys is from Malmesbury and is a member of the Under 20 England Lacrosse team who are the Under 20 European Champions. She is also a member of the Nottingham University 1st team who are the British University Champions. Carys is aiming for the Under 20 World Championships later this summer.



Katie Pocklington – Wild water kayak

Katie is the British Universities and Colleges Wild Water K1 sprint Champion and was 6th in the Senior Wild Water World Championships Women's K1 Team. She is a member of Team GB Wild Water Kayak squad.



Rue Fowler – Swimming

Rue is a swimmer from Trowbridge who is a member of the Team Bath Performance Swimming squad. At last year's British Championships, she achieved the qualifying times which lead to her selection for Team GB who competed at the European Junior Championships last summer. Rue will be racing at the British Championship in April which will serve as the Olympic trials.
