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Some of the members of the Witney team — Conor Taylor, Tanja Wolf, Kate Herbert, Harry Blackford, Jack Kendall, Tom McLean, and Naomi Moore

Pounds from pool fight malaria

HUNDREDS of life-saving mosquito nets will be sent to malaria-infected areas around the world — thanks to the efforts of Witney swimmers, writes *Rosalind Miles*.

Witney and District Swimming Club raised £1,052, which will buy 370 mosquito nets during the global initiative World Swim for Malaria.

A total of 20 club members, aged 11 to 16, swam 32 lengths each at Carterton Leisure Centre, which provided use of the pool free of charge.

Karen Taylor, a club committee member, whose 11-year-old son, Conor, took part, said: "It's a fantastic achievement for the children.

"They have been told by the organisers it will actually mean 17 lives saved, which is very humbling.

"We are very pleased and proud. It's a lot of money for 20 swimmers to raise. The global initiative has raised one million dollars so far."

All the swimmers who took part were given certificates.