The initial results of analysis of samples taken from 23 UK Bathing Waters in July 2024 are now in.

SAS NAG lido note (niddactiongroup.org)

This National Survey was led by Surfers Against Sewage, Watershed and The University of York, and NAG volunteers took part collecting samples at The Lido at the end of July 2024

Analysis of the samples will include the concentrations of nutrient chemistry, pharmaceuticals, E.coli and genetic information about the origin of pollutants.

Considering pharmaceuticals, personal care products, herbicides and fungicides, The Lido at Knaresborough had traces of 42 of the 91 chemicals searched for (the second highest in the 23 locations tested, second only to the Thames), with the overall concentration of the chemicals found being the fifth highest!

There is no information at present about the practical implications of this finding, and we need to look at more detailed results before drawing any conclusions.

More information and interpretation when this is available