

PHILIP ARMSTRONG



Philip Armstrong was born in Oldham in 1983. He learned to play chess at an early age, but didn't study the game seriously until joining Oldham Chess Club in 2003, where he is now the first team's captain. He also plays for the Greater Manchester open county team and has scored many individual tournament victories across the North-West over the past few years.

Phil won the Liverpool Open in 2006 and qualified for the main event of the British Chess Championships in 2007. In 2009 he won the annual Huddersfield Blitz Open, and retained the title by winning again in 2010.

Formerly a student nurse, Philip has changed career paths and now

dedicates his time to chess full-time. He is currently one of the coaches at Ashton Community Chess Club, and also teaches the game in primary schools in the Tameside area. Away from chess Philip enjoys watching sport on TV, and likes to play poker and badminton, as well as table tennis, in which he competes in the Oldham league.